

# Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs)

HAIs are infections that clients can get in a healthcare setting.

## Risk

Increased risk of germs and germ spread in all healthcare settings,

## What

What are the most common HAIs?

- ★ Catheter- associated urinary tract infections
- ★ Surgical site infections
- ★ Bloodstream infections
- ★ Pneumonia
- ★ Antibiotic-resistant germs may make treatment difficult

## Why

Why do we need to be concerned about HAIs?

- ★ Germs and the infections that they cause can travel between facilities
- ★ Healthcare clients die from HAIs
- ★ HAIs can be prevented

## Steps you can take

### Hand Hygiene:

Proper hand hygiene reduces the spread of potentially deadly germs to patients

### Report any signs of infection:

- ★ redness
- ★ pain
- ★ drainage at the incision site or the tube site
- ★ fever

### Learn more about infection control:

- ★ know best practices
- ★ know your facility's policies and procedures
- ★ scan the QR code for more resources

### Stay up to date on your vaccinations:

Vaccination prevents illness and avoids complications from vaccine preventable illnesses.

