



 **Hospital Acquired Infections**

Preventing hospital-associated infections (HAIs) is a safety priority for Wentworth-Douglass. Preventing infections reduces complications, shorten hospitalizations and ensure the highest quality of care provided to our patients. HAIs are caused by viral, bacterial, and fungal pathogens; the most common types are bloodstream infection (BSI), pneumonia (eg, ventilator-associated pneumonia [VAP]), urinary tract infection (UTI), and surgical site infection (SSI).

WHAT DOES WDH DO TO PREVENT HAIS? We use evidence-based infection prevention and control guidelines that are proven to reduce and prevent infections. Hand hygiene is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection. Preventing infections saves lives.

HOSPITAL ACQUIRED INFECTIONS	# OF INFECTIONS Q3 2017:	EXPECTED # OF INFECTIONS	RATIO/SIR
Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CA-UTI)	3	0.78	3.83
Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CL-BSI)	1	0.934	1.07
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> ("C-diff")	6	8.42	0.71

*SIR values are only calculated if the number exp \geq 1.