

# Healthcare-Associated Infections

Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are preventable by following good infection prevention and control practices and the careful use of antimicrobials—steps all future healthcare professionals should learn.

Help your students get the latest information by consulting the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services (Iowa HHS) experts.

## Learning Topics

The Iowa HHS HAI team provides free guest presentations to help students learn about the risks of HAIs and how to prevent them.

Presentations of up to 60 minutes are available and are based on students' focus and interests, including:

- The history of HAI prevention efforts
- The chain of infection
- State and federal reporting requirements
- Technical assistance available
- Antimicrobial resistance and stewardship
- Surveillance
- Containment strategies

Requests for guest lectures on other infection prevention and control-related subjects are also welcome.



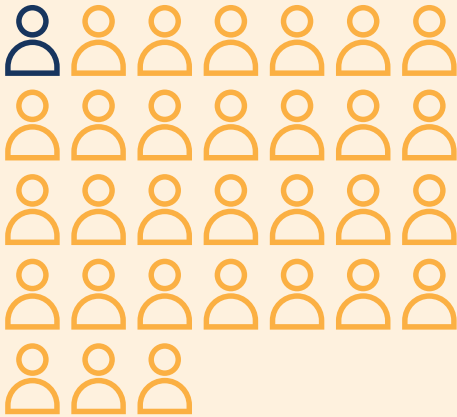
## About Healthcare-Associated Infections

HAIs can happen when someone gets medical treatment for something else in places like hospitals, surgery centers, dialysis centers, urgent care clinics and long-term care facilities. These infections lead to tens of thousands of deaths and cost the U.S. healthcare system billions annually.

## We're Here to Help

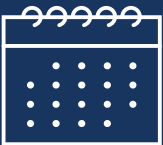
The Iowa HHS HAI team comprises nurse clinicians, epidemiologists and antimicrobial resistance/stewardship experts.

The HAI team proudly supports Iowa HHS's mission to protect and improve the health of Iowans.



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About one in 31 hospital patients has ***at least one healthcare-associated infection on any given day.***



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