



6. Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections: Closing the Quality Gap: Revisiting the State of the Science (Evidence Report/Technology Assessment Number 208)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) define a healthcare-associated infection (HAI) as: [A] localized or systemic condition resulting from an adverse reaction to the presence of an infectious agent(s) or its toxin(s). There must be no evidence that the infection was present or incubating at the time of admission to the acute care setting. The CDC estimates that in 2002 there were 1.7 million HAI and 99,000 HAI-associated deaths in hospitals. The four largest categories of HAI, responsible for more than 80 percent of all reported HAI, are central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI, 14), ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP, 15), surgical site infections (SSI, 22), and catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI, 32). In a CDC report, national costs of HAI were estimated, based on 2002 infection rates and adjusted to 2007 dollars using the Consumer Price Index for inpatient hospital services. Estimates of the total annual direct medical costs of HAI for U.S. hospitals ranged from \$35.7 billion to \$45 billion. The prevention and reduction of HAI is a top priority for the...



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