



## Patients Safer as Hospital-Acquired Conditions Decline

From 2010–2014, 17 percent of hospital-acquired conditions (HACs) such as adverse drug events, healthcare-associated infections, and pressure ulcers have been prevented in hospital patients. Reducing these HACs has saved an estimated 87,000 lives and nearly \$20 billion in health care costs, according to the AHRQ report “Saving Lives & Saving Money: Hospital-Acquired Conditions Update.”

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**REDUCTION  
IN HACs**

**2.1  
MILLION**

**INSTANCES OF  
HACs AVOIDED**

**87,000**

**LIVES SAVED**

**\$19.8  
BILLION**

**IN COSTS AVERTED**