Declines in Hospital-Acquired Conditions

National efforts to reduce hospital-acquired conditions such as adverse drug events and injuries from falls helped prevent 20,700 deaths and saved $7.7 billion between 2014 and 2017.

- Adverse Drug Events: -28%
- Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI): -5%
- CLABSI*: -6%
- Clostridioides difficile Infections: -37%
- Falls: -5%
- Obstetric Adverse Events: -3%
- Pressure Ulcers: 6%
- Surgical Site Infections: 8%
- Ventilator-Associated Pneumonias: -13%
- Venous Thromboembolisms: -17%
- All Other HACs: -14%
- Totals: -13%

*CAUTI - Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
+CLABSI - Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections
**The percent change numbers are compared to the 2014 measured baseline for HACs.

Source: AHRQ National Scorecard on Hospital-Acquired Conditions Final Results for 2014-2017