Declines in Hospital-Acquired Conditions

National efforts to reduce hospital-acquired conditions such as adverse drug events and injuries from falls helped prevent 20,500 deaths and saved $7.7 billion between 2014 and 2017.

Adverse Drug Events -28%
CAUTI* -5%
CLABSI+ -6%
Clostridioides difficile Infections -37%
Falls -5%
Obstetric Adverse Events -5%
Pressure Ulcers 6%
Surgical Site Infections 0%
Ventilator-Associated Pneumonias -13%
Venous Thromboembolisms -17%
All Other HACs -12%
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 Updated Baseline Rates and Preliminary Results 2014-2017