

## 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."

17%

REDUCTION IN HACs

2.1 MILLION

INSTANCES OF HACs AVOIDED

87,000

**LIVES SAVED** 

\$19.8 BILLION

**IN COSTS AVERTED** 

Source: http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/pfp/interimhacrate2014.html

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