

## **The business case for quality: economic analysis of the Michigan Keystone Patient Safety Program in ICUs.**

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One of the seminal achievements in the patient safety field, the Keystone ICU project accomplished impressive [short-term](#) and [long-term](#) reductions in [health care–associated infections](#) in Michigan ICUs by implementing [checklists](#) and improving [safety culture](#). This follow-up study also demonstrates the cost-effectiveness of the program, as the money saved by preventing infections greatly outweighed the cost of the intervention itself. Substantiating the [business case](#) for quality in this fashion will further stimulate wide dissemination of proven safety interventions.