

The ethics of empowering patients as partners in healthcare-associated infection prevention.

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Engaging patients in [health care–acquired infection](#) (HAI) prevention, such as asking providers about [hand hygiene](#) compliance, has shown promise. This commentary recommends providing patients with information about infection risks and hospital policies as additional areas to involve patients in reducing HAIs.