

Cost of health care-associated infections in the United States.

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[Healthcare-associated infections](#) (HAIs) result in poorer patient outcomes and increased [costs](#). The 2016 national data set of five common HAIs (surgical site infections, catheter- and line-associated bloodstream infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, ventilator-associated pneumonia, and *Clostridioides difficile*) was analyzed to create an estimated national cost. [Clostridioides difficile](#) was the most frequently reported; *Clostridioides difficile* and [surgical site infections](#) accounted for 79% of costs.