

Diagnostic stewardship to improve patient outcomes and healthcare-associated infection (HAI) metrics.

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[Healthcare-associated infections](#) (HAIs) remain a [common](#) complication during inpatient care. This article summarizes diagnostic stewardship strategies to reduce the occurrence of HAIs and contrasts a patient-centered approach to diagnostic stewardship (focused on improving patient care) with a metric-centered approach (focused on reducing HAI rates through changes in diagnostic testing).