

Infection control measure performance in long-term care hospitals and their relationship to Joint Commission accreditation.

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Organizations such as the [Joint Commission](#) provide resources and guidance to help hospitals reduce [healthcare associated infections](#) (HAIs). Using CMS data from 2017 to 2021, this analysis compared the incidence of HAIs in Joint Commission-accredited versus non-accredited long-term care hospitals (LTCHs). The researchers found that accredited LTCHs had lower rates of central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) and catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) compared to non-accredited hospitals; no differences were observed for *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI).