Healthcare Organization Commitment

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APSS

Have you reviewed the Patient Safety Movement Foundation's Actionable Patient Safety Solutions (APSS)?
Yes

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 2C - Surgical site infections (SSI)
Commitment Name
Reducing SSIs

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent?
3

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Commitment Details

Commitment Summary
As part of MemorialCare’s Bold Goal to reduce HAIs, SSI reduction is a focus for us. While we look at SIR rates, we also do pure counts of numerator data to look at this from a patient/person perspective. Colorectal surgery SIR has improved from above Threshold to Threshold, and Abdominal Hysterectomy is at Benchmark for CMS SIR rates. Raw #s for the baseline period were 39 annually and are now down to 29 for ortho, cardiac, C-section, colorectal and hysterectomy totals. Goal to reduce by further 25% or from 29 to 22 patients per year.

Action Plan
Continued focus from Colorectal Best Practice Team (BPT) sharing protocols and with letters to physicians on compliance to key elements. Fostering carbohydrate loading as part of ERAS approach system-wide. Assessing other best practices with OR and Anesthesia BPTs.

Impact Details

Lives Saved

Tell us about your baseline level of harm:
29

Next, make a prediction (goal) from your baseline above for 1 year from today. We’ll give you the opportunity to update us next year on the actuals:
22

Lives Saved:
7

Methodology for Determining Lives Saved:
As noted, using actual # of infections to reduce impact of denominator / rate impact - skews plus small #s impact.