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2016 Report Overview

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In 2004, the Missouri legislature passed Senate Bill 1279, establishing the "Missouri Nosocomial Infection Reporting Act of 2004". The law requires hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) to report specific categories of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) to the Department of Health and Senior

Services (DHSS). This report summarizes data for the January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015 time frame for central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) and surgical site infections (SSIs). Statewide rates from calendar year 2011 were used throughout the report as a baseline for comparison. All significance tests were run at 95% confidence levels.

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CLABSIs are reported by hospitals for the six intensive care unit (ICU) types listed to the right. SSIs are reported by facility, instead of ICU type. Hospitals report SSIs associated with abdominal hysterectomy, hip repair, and coronary artery bypass graft surgery. ASCs report SSIs associated with hernia repair and breast surgery.

Deporting to the Public

The DHSS has developed a public website to report healthcare-associated infection rates to the public. The site provides the most current four quarters of data for viewing. At the time this report was prepared, SSI and CLABSI data for January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015 were available on that website (http://health.mo.gov/data/hai/drive_noso.php). Historical data is housed at a separate web address (https://mhirs.dhss.mo.gov/haihistory/default.aspx) and shows data for calendar years 2006-2015.

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Reporting Hospital ICUs

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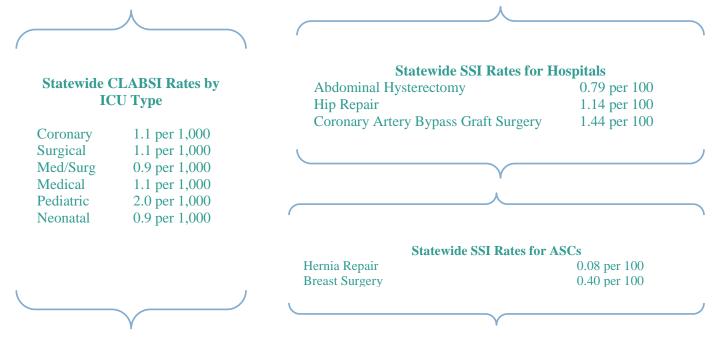




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Hospitals submit central line data for each ICU that meets DHSS reporting requirements. In all, 92 ICUs from 58 hospitals reported CLABSI data for calendar year 2015. Statewide infection rates for CLABSI were lowest in medical/surgical and neonatal ICUs (0.9/1,000 central line-days). Pediatric ICUs had the highest statewide CLABSI rate for calendar year 2015, with a value of 2.0/1,000 central line-days.

Forty-nine hospitals and 18 ASCs reported SSI data during the same time period. The lowest SSI rate for hospitals overall was abdominal hysterectomies (0.79/100 surgeries). The highest SSI rate for hospitals was coronary artery bypass graft surgery (1.44/100). Very low SSI rates were reported by ASCs for both hernia repair and breast surgery.



autions

Infection rates are affected by a facility's level of resources and commitment to infection control, the severity of the illnesses treated, and the care with which it collects and reports data. A consumer who is choosing a facility for healthcare should consider the advice of their physician, the experience of facility staff, and all the other factors that are unique to his or her situation, in addition to the infection data reported on the DHSS website.

"...patients who were older, had been in the hospital longer at the time of the survey, were in a large hospital, had a central catheter in place, were receiving mechanical ventilator support, or were in a critical care unit had an increased risk of healthcare-associated infection."¹ -Magill, S.S., et al.



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Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), also known as nosocomial infections, are infections that occur while patients are in a healthcare setting. Because of the seriousness of their conditions, patients treated in intensive care units (ICUs) have an especially high risk of HAIs. HAIs can severely aggravate an illness, lengthen hospitals stays, and spread to other individuals. HAIs continue to be a major public health problem in the United States and worldwide. "Guidance on Public Reporting of Healthcare-Associated Infections…" published by the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) in 2005², reported that in hospitals alone, HAIs accounted for an estimated 2 million infections, 90,000 deaths, and \$4.5 billion in excess healthcare costs annually. A 2010 study reported that adverse events cost Medicare an estimated \$324 million in October 2008.³ Roughly 1 in every 25 U.S. hospital patients will acquire at least one healthcare-associated infection.¹

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Procedures and HAIs are reported to the DHSS according to 19 CSR 10-33.050, which became effective July 30, 2005. The reporting rule was promulgated under the authority of the revised statute that mandates data reporting by hospitals and ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) (Section 192.667, RSMo). The data that are collected follow the recommendations of the infection control advisory panel established by law. The makeup of this panel, also stipulated by law, includes a statistician, a microbiologist, and representatives of consumers, physicians, infection control professionals, and regulators.

Those infections and procedures of a more serious nature and those that occur in a variety of hospitals and ASCs were considered for mandatory reporting. Hospitals and ASCs differ in what they report. Hospitals are required to report central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) and surgical site infections (SSIs). The SSIs reported are those associated with procedures for abdominal hysterectomy, hip repair, and coronary artery bypass surgery. ASCs report only SSI data, and are limited to reporting infections associated with procedures for hernia repair and breast surgery. To provide denominators for the infection rates, hospitals and ASCs report every surgery performed in these selected procedure categories, whether or not the surgery resulted in an infection. Because patients in intensive care units are particularly at risk for HAIs, hospital reporting of CLABSIs is done for six specific intensive care units: medical, surgical, medical/surgical, coronary, neonatal, and pediatric. SSIs are reported by facility rather than by ICU type.

To ensure that the data being collected are reliable, the DHSS established reporting requirements for facilities. Following the lead of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), DHSS required that only the hospital ICUs that had at least 50 central line-days in the prior year must report during the current year. Both hospitals and ASCs must report SSIs if they performed at least 20 of the specified surgeries in the prior year. Reporting is done through the Missouri Healthcare-Associated Reporting System (MHIRS), a web-based system developed by DHSS staff and the Information Technology Support Division of the Office of Administration. MHIRS allows facilities to enter HAI data directly into a DHSS database.

Registration for reporting by hospitals and ASCs occurs annually. Facilities report the number of central linedays per ICU, the number of relevant surgeries, and the number of ventilator patients that they had during the previous year. This information determines which facilities will be required to report the selected indicators to the DHSS.



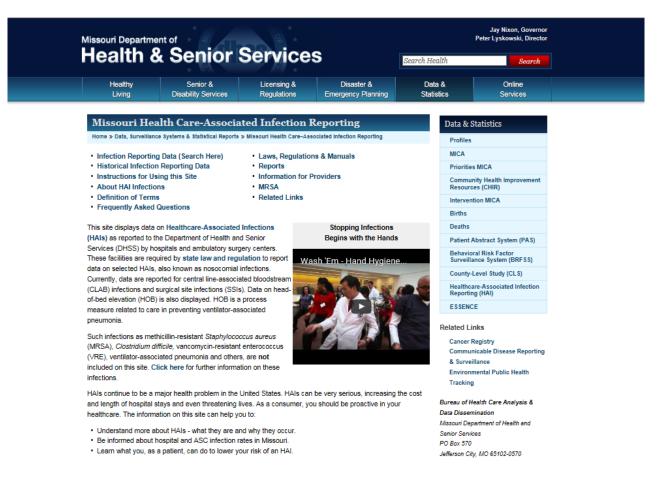
ational Health Safety Network (NHSN)

In 2012, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) began requiring that certain qualifying hospitals submit certain reports to them through NHSN, a national HAI tracking system maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Beginning in September 2012, DHSS developed a way to download infection data for facilities which participate in the CMS program and submit data to NHSN. DHSS developed a method by which department staff could query the NHSN system and download that data for inclusion in the MHIRS data tables for the quarterly public reports. This option allows facilities to only report infection data once instead of reporting separately to both NHSN and DHSS. The NHSN data downloaded into MHIRS include information for both CLABSIs and SSIs. Currently, all inpatient hospitals have the option of meeting state reporting requirements by reporting through NHSN.

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Figure 1 shows the main page of the public reporting site. This page introduces users to the site with a brief overview of the data collected and links to features useful to those researching HAIs in Missouri. From this main page, a user can query infection reporting data by region, look at grouped comparisons of facilities, or view a facility profile. Additional information, such as definitions, frequently asked questions, and links to manuals, laws, and regulations associated with infection reporting in Missouri are also accessible from this main page.

Figure 1. Missouri Healthcare-Associated Infection Reporting

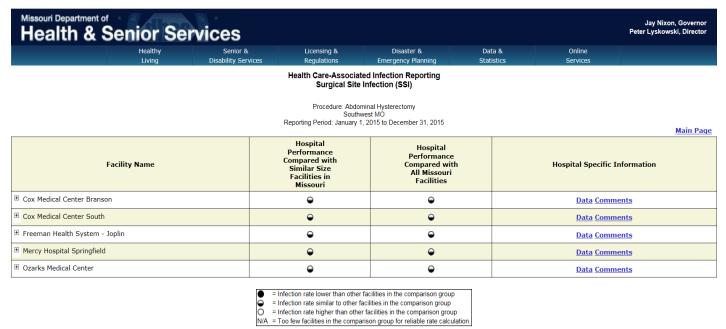




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Figure 2 shows the type of data that is available to users wishing to compare infection data of facilities within the same region. Significance tests, based on 95% confidence intervals, determine whether a facility has infection rates that are significantly higher, significantly lower, or not significantly different than other facilities of similar size (categories include under 100 staffed beds, 100-299 staffed beds, and 300+ staffed beds). The same tests are run to compare individual facilities to statewide infection rates. Users can view more specific data, including HAI counts and rates, for each facility and unedited comments submitted by facility administrators by clicking on the hyperlinks included on this page.

Figure 2. Abdominal Hysterectomy Comparison, Southwest Region



Note: The above comparisions are based on significance tests.

Users also have the option to view a facility profile. As shown in Figure 3, this allows users to view CLABSI and SSI data determined by annual reporting requirements. If users choose an ASC Profile they can view data for each procedure type that the facility is required to report.

"Poor outcomes among patients with nosocomial infections have been linked to higher rates of polymicrobial/multiple sites of infection, higher APACHE II scores, acute respiratory distress syndrome, and co-illnesses."⁴ -Dabar, G., et al.



Figure 3. Mercy Hospital Springfield Hospital Profile

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		Surgical Site	Infections (SSI)				
Surgery Type		Hospital Performance Compared with Similar Size Hospitals in Missouri		Hospit Performa Compared All Misso Hospita	nce with ouri	Hospital-Specific Information	
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DRONARY ARTERY BYPASS SURGERY	•		Ŷ		Data Comments		
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The Profiles page displays significance columns for two comparison groups. Clicking on the 'Data' hyperlink (circled in red above) allows users to view the specific number of infections, denominator data (total number of procedures), and infection rate for the defined reporting period (as shown in Figure 4).

Figure 4. SSI Rates for Abdominal Hysterectomy, Mercy Hospital Springfield

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Health Care-Associated Infection Reporting Surgical Site Infection (SSI)						
Mercy Hospital Springfield Procedure: Abdominal Hysterectomy Southwest MO Reporting Period January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015						
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Note: When the infection rate for a hospital is higher/lower than a comparison group rate, the difference may not be statistically significant. Return to previous page to view performance of the hospital.

"...trauma patients with sepsis had a 6-fold higher risk of mortality, whereas patients with other HAIs had a nearly 1.5-2-fold higher mortality compared with patients without an HAI. Furthermore, patients with HAIs had...inpatient costs that were approximately 2-fold higher than patients without HAIs."⁵-Glance, L.G., et al.



Data Summary

entral Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs) Some hospitals have only one or two ICUs required to report to the DHSS, while some may have all six ICU types. As such, the total number of reporting ICUs exceeds the total number of hospitals that report. A total of 92 ICUs from 58 hospitals reported CLABSI data for the January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015 time period. A total of 194 CLABSIs were reported from an aggregate 180,637 central line-days (CLDs). This represents an increase in infections from 2014. (There were 132 infections that year.) Combined with the decrease in central line-days (from 191,637), this resulted in an overall increase in CLABSI rates statewide in 2015.

Figure 5 shows the number of ICUs reporting to MHIRS in 2015 by type. The medical/surgical ICU type has three times as many facilities reporting as the next largest ICU type.

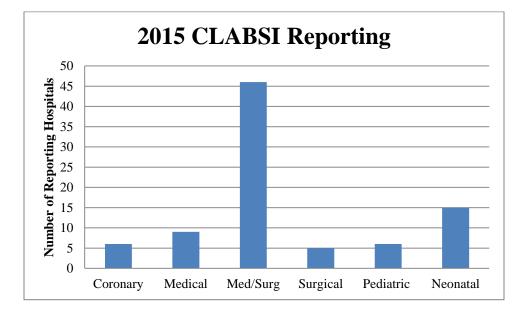


Figure 5. 2015 CLABSI Reporting

Figure 6 compares CLABSI rates for 2015 and the baseline year of 2011. The percentage differences between the 2015 rate and the baseline ranged from a 38% decrease in pediatric ICUs to a sharp 83% increase in CLABSI rates for surgical ICUs.

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Missouri Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs)						
ІСИ Туре	Missouri Baseline Rate	2015 Infection Rate	Perentage Difference			
Coronary	0.9	1.1	+10%			
Medical	1.3	1.1	-15%			
Medical/Surgical	0.7	0.9	+29%			
Surgical	0.6	1.1	+83%			
Pediatric	3.2	2.0	-38%			
Neonatal	1.1	0.9	-18%			
Rates are reported per 1,000 central	line-days.					

Figure 6. 2015 CLABSI Comparison to Missouri Baseline

Figures 7 and 8 reflect CLABSI rates for ICUs that primarily serve adults and children, respectively. Figure 7 displays infection rates for the last five years for coronary, medical, medical/surgical and surgical ICUs. Rates for all ICU types increased in 2015. The greatest increase was seen in surgical ICUs, where statewide rates jumped by 175% from 2014. Rate increases in other ICU types were more modest, but still a possible cause for concern. Rates for coronary, medical, and medical/surgical ICU types stayed relatively stable statewide for 2013-2015, with only the coronary ICU type registering a CLABSI rate higher than the 2011 baseline. Figure 8 presents CLABSI rates for pediatric and neonatal ICUs. Trends for ICU types treating Missouri's youth were similar to those seen in adult ICUs, and in the case of pediatric ICUs, perhaps more striking. The pediatric ICU rate in 2015 was more than double the 2014 rate (2.0 compared to 0.9 per 1,000 central line-days). While pediatric ICU rates have not been as consistent as neonatal rates during the 5-year comparison period graphed here, the 2014-2015 rate increase is concerning since this ended a three year streak of rates decreasing. However, no ICU type had a 2015 statewide CLABSI rate that was significantly different from the 2011 baseline.



Figure 7. Missouri Adult CLABSI Rates, 2011-2015

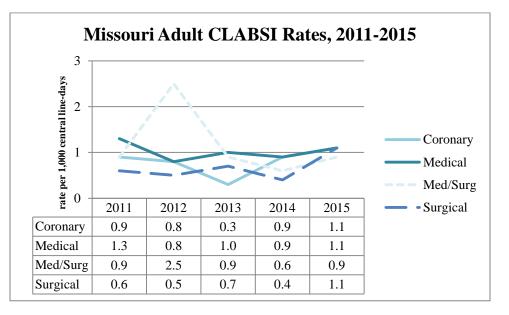


Figure 8. Missouri Child CLABSI Rates, 2011-2015

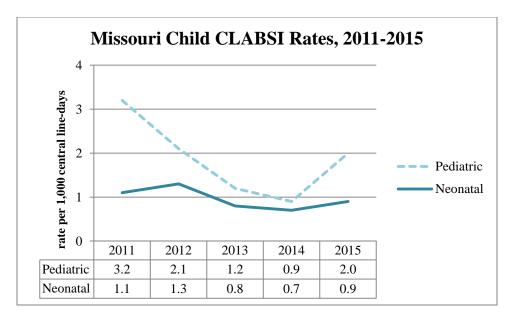


Figure 9 shows the total number of central line-days by ICU type. Medical/surgical ICUs had the highest total frequency (68,050 days), which was nearly double the second highest total, for neonatal ICUs (36,402 days). Coronary ICUs had the lowest total number of days at 11,574. Figure 10 shows the breakdown of the 194 CLABSIs reported in 2015 by ICU type. The largest percentage (35%) came from medical/surgical ICUs. This is to be expected due to the fact that this ICU type also reported the largest number of central line-days. Pediatric ICUs had the second highest percentage of infections, at 21%. The coronary ICU type had the lowest percentage of infections, accounting for only 7% of the aggregate in 2015. Surgical ICUs accounted for only 5% of the total infections in 2014, however in 2015 that share doubled to 10%. This jump corresponds with the large CLABSI rate increase for the surgical ICU type 2014-2015.



Figure 9. 2015 CLDs by ICU Type

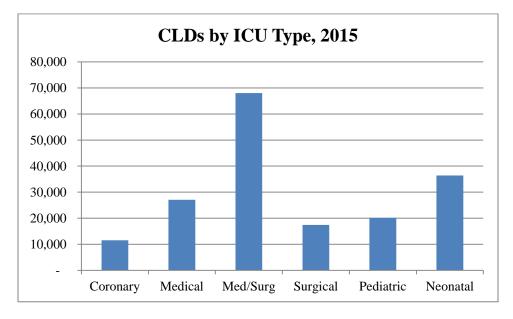
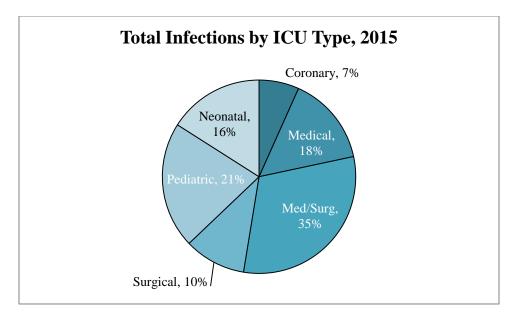


Figure 10. 2015 Total Infections by ICU Type, 2015



"The risk of CLABSI in ICU patients is high. Reasons for this include the frequent insertion of multiple catheters, the use of specific types of catheters that are almost exclusively inserted in ICU patients and associated with substantial risk (eg, arterial catheters), and the fact that catheters are frequently placed in emergency circumstances, repeatedly accessed each day, and often needed for extended periods."⁶ -Marschall. J.. et al.



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Abdominal Hysterectomy

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urgical Site Infections (SSIs)

The SSIs reported by hospitals are those associated with procedures for abdominal hysterectomy, hip repair and coronary artery bypass surgery (with both chest and donor site incisions). Ambulatory surgery centers (ASCs) report only SSI data, and are limited to reporting infections associated with procedures for hernia repair and breast surgery. To provide denominators for the infection rates, hospitals and ASCs report every one of the selected procedures regardless of whether the procedure results in an infection. Both hospitals and ASCs must report SSIs if they performed at least 20 of the specified surgeries in the prior year. All data reported in this section comes from

records submitted for the 2015 calendar year.

Figure 11. 2015 Reporting Hospitals by Surgery Type

Hospital SSI reporting by the numbers:

- 51/130 Missouri acute care hospitals met SSI reporting requirements.
 - 30 report on abdominal hysterectomies.
 - 48 report hip repair procedures.
 - 31 report coronary artery bypass surgeries.

Figure 12. 2015 SSI Comparison to Missouri Baseline (Hospitals)

Hip Repair

2015 Reporting Hospitals by Surgery Type

2015 SSI Comparison to Missouri Baseline (Hospitals)						
Surgery Type	Missouri Baseline Rate	2015 Infection Rate	Percentage Difference			
Abdominal Hysterectomy	1.21	0.79	-35%			
Hip Repair	1.49	1.14	-23%			
Coronary Artery Bypass Graft	1.83	1.44	-21%			
Rates are reported per 100 procedure	es and are adjusted based on risk group.					

Coronary Artery Bypass Graft



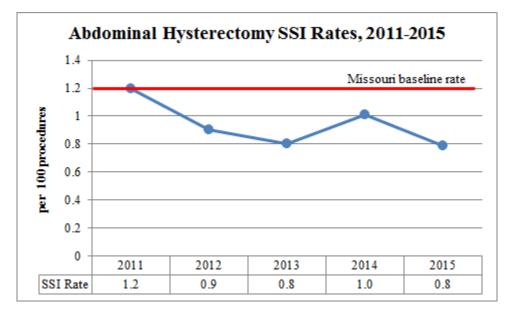
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Statewide surgical site infection rates (for hospitals) in 2015 showed more encouraging trends than CLABSI rates. Each procedure type rate saw a greater than 20% percentage decrease from the baseline rate. Abdominal hysterectomies saw the greatest decrease (-35%). Even coronary artery bypass procedures, which showed the least amount of improvement of the three surgeries, decreased an admirable 21% between 2011 and 2015. None of these three procedure types had rate reductions that were statistically significantly different from the 2011 Missouri baseline (Figure 12).

When comparing individual hospital infection rates to overall state HAI rates for abdominal hysterectomies, only one hospital had an infection rate that was significantly higher than the 2015 overall state rate (0.79/100 surgeries). No hospitals had an infection rate that was meaningfully lower than the state rate for this surgery type.

The Missouri baseline infection rate for abdominal hysterectomy procedures was 1.21 (per 100 procedures). Statewide rates for 2015 were 35% lower than this baseline figure. The infection rate decreased in 2015 to the lowest rate since 2011 (Figure 13).

Figure 13. Abdominal Hysterectomy SSI Rates, 2011-2015

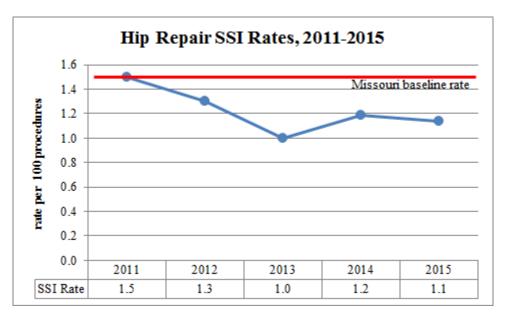


No Missouri hospitals had surgical site infection rates that were significantly higher or lower than the state rate for hip repair, or hip prosthesis. This is an improvement from 2014 when four hospitals had rates that were meaningfully higher than average.

Hip repair procedures generated a Missouri baseline infection rate of 1.49 (per 100 procedures). Statewide 2015 rates were 23% lower than this baseline figure, though the difference was not significant. Like abdominal hysterectomies, rates decreased slightly in 2015 for hip repairs (Figure 14). Overall, the hip repair rate in 2015 was near the five year low seen in 2013.



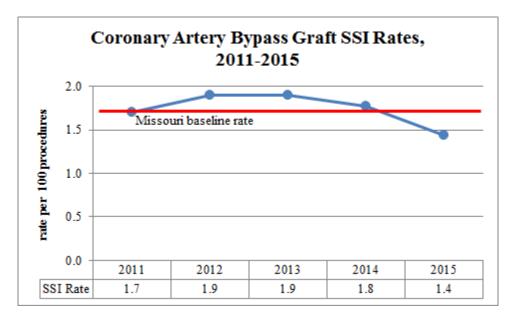
Figure 14. Hip Repair SSI Rates, 2011-2015



There were no significant differences when comparing 2015 CBGB rates for individual hospitals to the overall state rate.

The Missouri baseline infection rate for CBGB was 1.83 (per 100 procedures). Statewide rates for 2015 were 21% lower than the baseline figure. Rates for this surgery type have decreased the last two years after rates plateaued in 2012-2013 at 1.9 (Figure 15).

Figure 15. Coronary Artery Bypass Graft SSI Rates, 2011-2015





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Infection rates for ASCs are usually lower than hospitals. ASCs tend to perform less serious surgeries and have generally healthier patient populations than inpatient facilities.⁷ The relatively brief stays in the ambulatory setting reduces a patient's risk for infection; it also lessens the possibility of detecting post-surgical infections. A typical patient does not stay very long in an ASC (less than 24 hours) so an infection may not be discovered until days after the surgery. In this situation, the patient is more likely to seek care in an emergency room or a physician's office, and the ASC may never become aware of the infection.



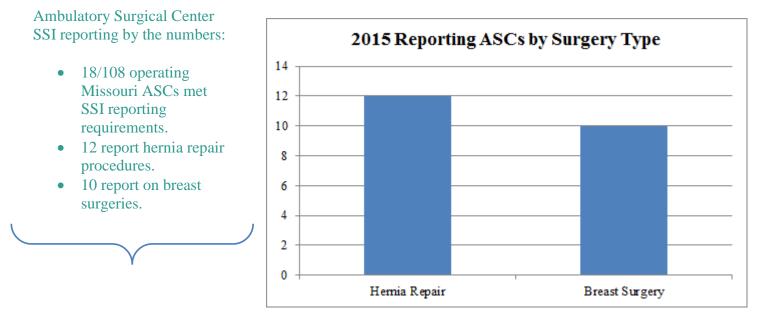


Figure 16. 2015 Reporting ASCs by Surgery Type

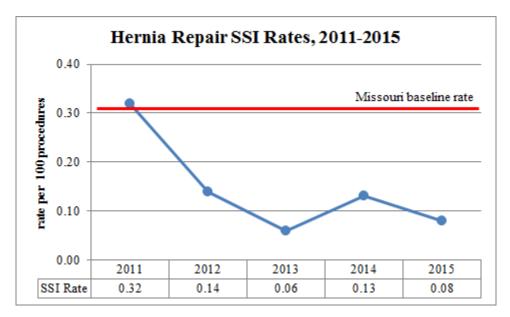
Figure 17. 2015 SSI Comparison to Missouri Baseline (ASCs)

2015 SSI Comparison to Missouri Baseline (ASCs)						
Surgery	Missouri Baseline Rate	2015 Infection Rate				
Hernia Repair	0.32	0.08	-75%			
			1			
Breast Surgery	0.18	0.40	+122%			
Rates are reported per 100 procedur	res and are adjusted based on risk group.					



The hernia repair infection rate was 0.08 (per 100 procedures) in 2015. This represented a 75% decrease compared to the baseline rate of 0.32. Rates for hernia repair in ambulatory surgery centers decreased from the 2014 statewide infection rate, though didn't quite reach the 5-year low rate seen in 2013 (Figure 18).





The low frequency of infections associated with hernia repair surgery could partially explain fluctuations in rates from year-to-year. Since Missouri began collecting data on this type of surgery in 2006, there have been only 27 healthcare-associated infections related to this procedure that occurred in facilities which met public reporting requirements. To put these frequencies into perspective, in 2011 (the year with the most reported infections), fifteen facilities reported 1,883 hernia repair surgeries (which resulted in six HAIs). A comparable number of procedures (1,757 from 16 facilities) were reported in 2013, with only one HAI associated with hernia repair procedures (Figure 19). Note that frequencies will also fluctuate based on how many facilities meet MHIRS reporting requirements each calendar year, as evidenced by the fact that in 2015 there was only one reported infection (the same numerator value as 2013). But because fewer facilities met reporting requirements in 2015 (resulting in a lower denominator value), the 2015 statewide rate was higher than the 2013 statewide rate for this specific procedure type.



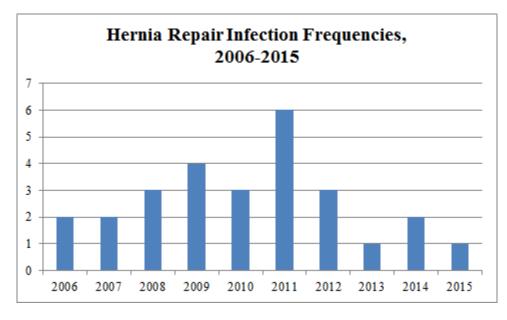
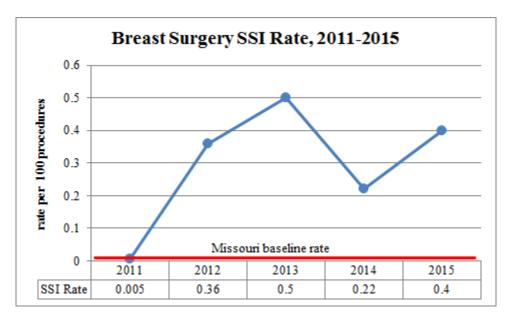


Figure 19. Hernia Repair Infection Frequencies, 2006-2015

The 2015 breast surgery infection rate was 0.40 (per 100 procedures). This represents a large increase from the baseline rate of 0.18, though the increase was not statistically significant (Figure 20).

Figure 20. Breast Surgery SSI Rates, 2011-2015



Similar to hernia repair surgeries, the relative rareness of HAIs in conjunction with breast surgeries can cause SSI rates to fluctuate wildly from year-to-year. For the past ten calendar years, Missouri reporting ASCs have averaged only 8.1 SSIs a year for this procedure (again, this represents only the infections from facilities meeting public reporting requirements). In 2006, seven facilities reported 986 breast surgeries—a relatively low number compared to the 3,230 surgeries reported by 12 facilities in 2013. Only four times in the past ten years



have reported infections for breast surgeries reached double digits. With 12 infections in 2015, this was tied for the second highest total since 2006 (figure 21).

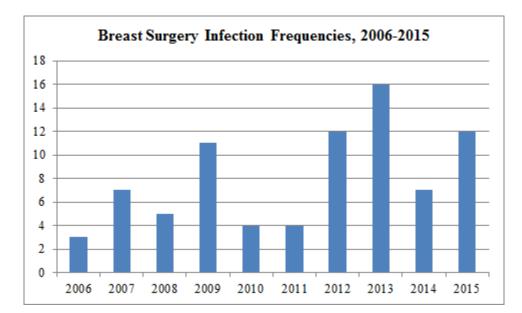


Figure 21. Breast Surgery Infection Frequencies, 2006-2015

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The infection rates reported by the DHSS are affected by a facility's level of resources and commitment to infection control, the severity of illnesses treated, and the care with which it collects and reports data. Beyond checking for obvious errors, the DHSS is not able to verify the data that the facilities submit each month, and it is likely that some facilities do a more accurate job of reporting than others. On the other hand, it is to each facility's advantage to accurately diagnose and monitor all infections. We believe most, if not all, facilities are guided by this philosophy.

A further consideration is that hospitals and ASCs vary in the types of patients they treat. A facility that treats severely ill patients will be at a higher risk for HAIs. In order to mitigate this effect, CLABSIs are reported separately for each type of ICU and as a rate per 1,000 central-line days. On the public website, SSI comparisons are adjusted for the severity level of the surgery and the condition of the patient and reported as a rate per 100 surgeries. While those adjustments help make the data between facilities more comparable, users of the data should understand that these adjustments are imperfect, and the rates on Missouri's website (and in this report) should not be the sole basis for choosing a healthcare facility. A consumer who is trying to select a facility for healthcare should also consider the experience of the staff, the advice of their physician, and all other factors that are unique to his or her situation.

"In 2010 an estimated 16 million operative procedures were performed in acute care hospitals in the United States and an American prevalence study found that SSIs were the most common healthcare-associated infection, accounting for 31% of all HAIs among hospitalized patients."⁸- Werra, C, et al.



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