

Our Journey to Zero Hospital-Onset Infections: *Clostridium difficile*

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**The journey of a
thousand miles
begins with a single
step.**

- Lao Tzu



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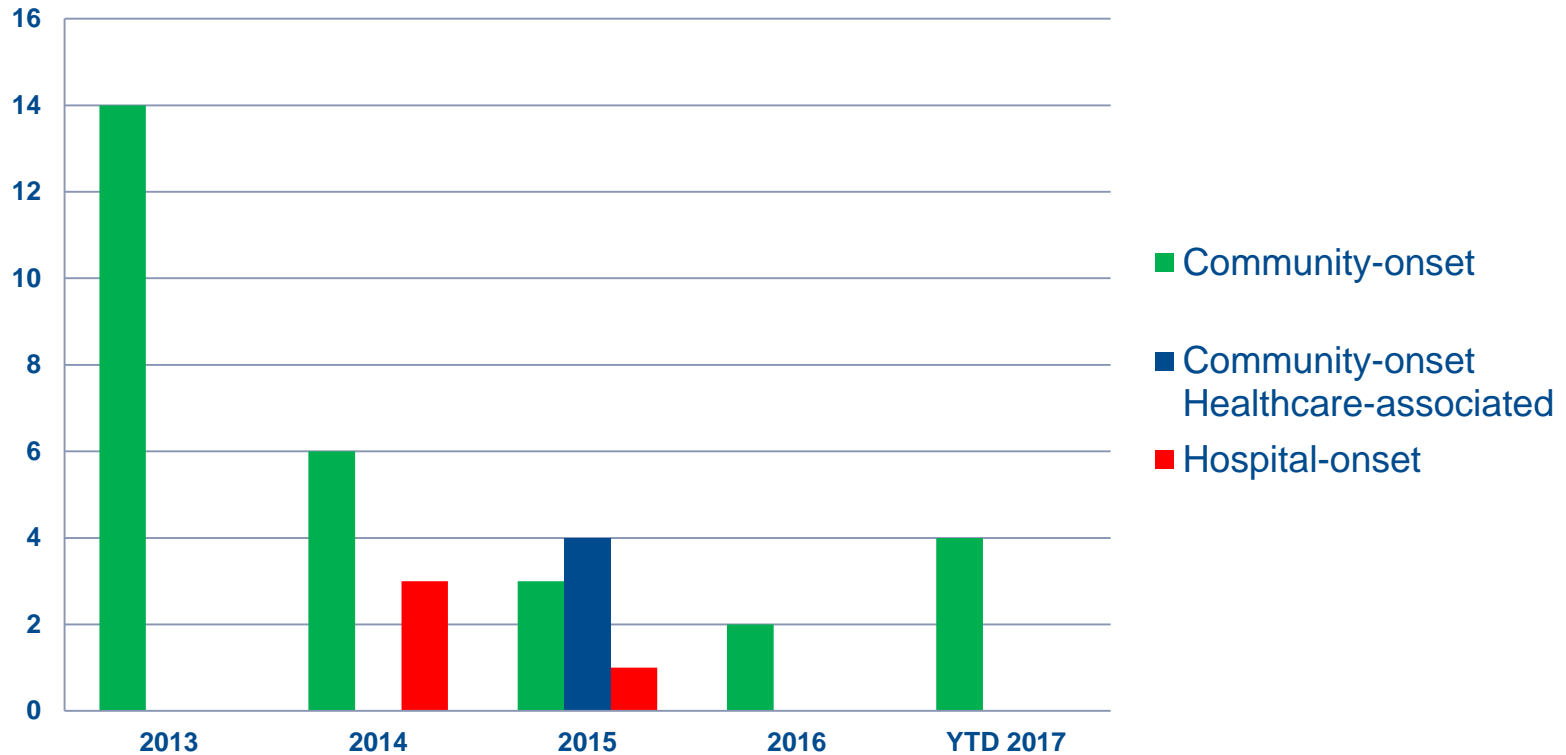


Case Study



Data Collection

HFG: Overall Number of C.diff Cases



Improvement Opportunities



- Infection Control Surveillance Form
- Disposable equipment
- Portable linen hampers
- Signs for alcohol-gel dispensers
- Stool Culture Reflexes



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ZERO Hospital-Onset Cases in over 935 days!



Obstacles

- Colleague and physician engagement
- Noncompliance with isolation precautions
- Colleague Turnover
- Kill-times/ appropriate cleaning product
- Appropriate isolation signage
- Appropriate initiation of isolation



Additional Action Items

- Infection Control Surveillance Form
- Stool Culture Reflexes
 - HSHS SID project
- Yearly isolation education
- Collaborating with EVS
- Probiotics
- Hand Hygiene Refresher Sessions
- Isolation documentation facility-wide



Team Approach



Hospital Sisters
HEALTH SYSTEM



- Data comparisons
- Networking with other hospitals
- Educational Opportunities
- Shared resources

Continuous Quality Improvement



- Meetings
- Includes physicians, nursing, pharmacy, quality and administration
- Data is shared
- Cases are reviewed
- Education

Questions?

