



Innovative Model Decreases Hospital-Acquired Infections by 90 Percent and Helps Save Saint Anthony Half A Million Dollars

Best Practice Awarded through State Hospital Association Program

CHICAGO, February 1, 2018 – Saint Anthony Hospital has been awarded for its commitment to patient safety and quality with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association (IHA) Innovation Challenge: Partners in Progress Award from IHA’s Institute for Innovations in Care and Quality. The hospital’s award-winning quality improvement project contributed to a 90-percent decrease in hospital-acquired infection rates in patients and an estimated cost savings of almost half a million dollars.

"At Saint Anthony Hospital, we strive to innovate and constantly seek new ways to tackle common problems in the health care industry," said Alfredo Mena Lora, MD, Medical Director for Infection Control at Saint Anthony Hospital. "For example, Catheters are an important part of medical care, but overuse can lead to infections and complications. We implemented a new daily process to assess the need for catheters and promote removal, and the results were phenomenal. We are excited to share this best practice with hospitals across Illinois."

The hospital’s innovative model was reviewed by an expert panel of statewide and nationally recognized health care quality judges who noted the significant improvement and impact on reducing patient harm with the implementation of this best practice model. The hospital is one of only three award recipients this year.

"Saint Anthony Hospital goes above and beyond in its commitment to our community, continuously working to improve systems, aligned with a strategic plan focused on patient outcomes," said Guy A. Medaglia, Saint Anthony Hospital President and CEO. "We are pleased to be recognized for our dedication to provide the highest quality care, and this award truly reflects our organization’s path to achieve excellence in health care."

This quality innovation project is just one of the many ways Saint Anthony is working to improve processes and enhance care for patients. Recently, this commitment was recognized by the Illinois Performance Excellence (ILPEX) Recognition Program with Saint Anthony Hospital being awarded its second consecutive Bronze Award for Commitment to Excellence, as well as becoming the first hospital in Illinois awarded the Perinatal Care Certification by The Joint Commission.

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