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Hospital-acquired infections have received a great deal of attention from state and national leaders, and it's no wonder. These infections are the fourth leading cause of death nationally, and kill more people each year than AIDS, breast cancer, and auto accidents combined.

With antibiotic resistant bacteria on the rise, it has become even more important to prevent these infections altogether.

Relatively few hospitals across the nation have found a way to prevent this class of infections, and among them is Teton Valley Hospital. While health care facilities nationally have a hospital-acquired infection rate of around 4 to 5 percent, Teton Valley Hospital has maintained an infection rate of under 1 percent for the last three years.

Over the last six months, the infection rate has held at zero.

The county hospital has prevented infections by diligent hand hygiene, maintaining a clean facility, and taking precautions to prevent infections from spreading from one patient to another.

“The hospital’s nurses, physicians, and housekeepers have embraced the highest standards in infection control, and this benefit is passed on to our patients,” says Dr. Rob Wolfe, the hospital’s Chief of Staff.

Hospital-acquired infections are all clinically evident infections that are acquired while in the hospital, and can include pneumonia, urinary tract infections, and skin infections.

Teton Valley Hospital works with Pathology Associates from Idaho Falls to estimate its hospital-acquired infection rate twice each year.
