

# About Healthcare-associated Infections

## 2025 Hospital Report Card

Healthcare-associated Infections (HAI) are infections that people can get while receiving services at a healthcare facility. Hospitals can reduce the risk of HAIs by taking steps developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR) is a statistic used in these reports to track healthcare-associated infection prevention progress over time. The SIR is adjusted to account for factors that might cause infection rates to be higher or lower, such as hospital size, the type of patients a hospital serves, surgery types and patient characteristics.

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### Known Healthcare-associated Infections:

Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) - a serious infection that occurs when germs (usually bacteria or viruses) enter the bloodstream through the central line. CLABSI result in thousands of deaths each year and billions of dollars in added costs to the U.S. healthcare system, yet these infections are preventable.

Clostridioides difficile (C. Diff) - a bacterium that causes diarrhea and colitis (an inflammation of the colon). C. Diff causes almost half a million illnesses in the United States each year.

Surgical Site Infections (SSI) - an infection that occurs after surgery in the part of the body where the surgery took place. It can be a superficial infection or more serious and can involve tissues under the skin, organs, or implanted material.

### More on Infection Reporting

- CMS Hospital Compare Healthcare-associated Infections  
<https://www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/Data/Healthcare-Associated-Infections.html>
- CMS Hospital Compare Measures and Current Data Collection Periods  
<https://www.medicare.gov/HospitalCompare/data/Data-Updated.html#MG14>



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- CDC – Tracking Infections in Acute Care Hospitals/Facilities  
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/acute-care-hospital/index.html>
- QualityNet – Healthcare-associated Infection page
- <http://qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetTier2&cid=1228760487021>

# Hospital Report Card: Quality Ratings Health Care-Associated Infections

## December 2025

Hospital Report Cards can be used to review and compare information about community and psychiatric hospitals in terms of quality of care (outcomes, patient satisfaction, and more), costs for common services, healthcare-associated infection ratios, nurse staffing levels, patient safety, and hospitals' financial information.

### Data Notes



- Due to the pandemic, hospitals were exempted from or given extensions for data submission to various federal agencies. Because of this, the data below may not reflect the accurate number of infections reported, which will also affect how SIR was calculated.
- Reporting Period for CLABSI, CAUTI, SSI: colon surgery, SSI: hysterectomy, MRSA, and C. diff are 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2024. Data source CMS.
- Reporting Period for SSI: Knees and SSI: Hips surgery are 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024. Data source: NHSN, via VPQHC.
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## Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | Central Line Days | Predicted Number of Infections | SIR                 |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 3                          | 271               | 0.157                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 0                          | 1493              | 1.006                          | 0                   |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 464               | 0.127                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | 0                          | 290               | 0.078                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital | 0                          | 310               | 0.086                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital                  | 0                          | 814               | 0.222                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| North Country Hospital                 | 0                          | 176               | 0.048                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | 0 <sup>3</sup>             | 124 <sup>3</sup>  | 0.034 <sup>3</sup>             | n/a <sup>3,13</sup> |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 0                          | 860               | 0.498                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Porter Hospital                        | 0                          | 319               | 0.086                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 1                          | 2015              | 1.37                           | 0.73                |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 0                          | 807               | 0.649                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 208               | 0.057                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 17                         | 19469             | 20.383                         | 0.834               |

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## Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | Urinary Catheter Days | Predicted Number of Infections | SIR               |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 0                          | 1015                  | 0.497                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 2                          | 2402                  | 1.63                           | 1.227             |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 802                   | 0.523                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>      | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>      | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital                  | 1                          | 1448                  | 0.946                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| North Country Hospital                 | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>      | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | 0 <sup>3</sup>             | 599 <sup>3</sup>      | 1.463 <sup>3</sup>             | 0 <sup>3</sup>    |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 2                          | 2008                  | 0.985                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Porter Hospital                        | 0                          | 721                   | 0.472                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 0                          | 3490                  | 2.382                          | 0                 |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 2                          | 1538                  | 1.145                          | 1.747             |
| Springfield Hospital                   | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>      | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 28                         | 18822                 | 25.972                         | 1.078             |

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## Surgical Site Infection from Colon Surgery (SSI – Colon Surgery)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | No. of Procedures | Predicted Number of Infections | SIR               |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 0                          | 5                 | 0.122                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 1                          | 25                | 0.564                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 5                 | 0.111                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>  | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>  | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital                  | 0                          | 7                 | 0.187                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| North Country Hospital                 | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>  | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>  | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>  |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 0                          | 39                | 1.038                          | 0                 |
| Porter Hospital                        | 0                          | 4                 | 0.092                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 0                          | 40                | 1.036                          | 0                 |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 0                          | 20                | 0.466                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 2                 | 0.047                          | n/a <sup>13</sup> |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 14                         | 341               | 8.184                          | 1.711             |

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- For Gifford Medical Center, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, North Country Hospital, and Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital results are not available for this reporting period.
- Northwestern Medical Center, Rutland Regional Medical Center, and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **no different** than the national benchmark.

## **Surgical Site Infection from Abdominal Hysterectomy (SSI – Abdominal Hysterectomy)**

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | No. of Procedures | Predicted Number of Infections | SIR                 |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 0                          | 6                 | 0.036                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 0                          | 6                 | 0.04                           | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 15                | 0.116                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | 0 <sup>3</sup>             | 3 <sup>3</sup>    | 0.024 <sup>3</sup>             | n/a <sup>3,13</sup> |
| Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>  | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>    |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital                  | n/a <sup>5</sup>           | n/a <sup>5</sup>  | n/a <sup>5</sup>               | n/a <sup>5</sup>    |
| North Country Hospital                 | 0                          | 19                | 0.138                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | n/a <sup>12</sup>          | n/a <sup>12</sup> | n/a <sup>12</sup>              | n/a <sup>12</sup>   |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 0                          | 8                 | 0.073                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Porter Hospital                        | 0                          | 1                 | 0.008                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 0                          | 5                 | 0.043                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 0                          | 36                | 0.311                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 7                 | 0.068                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 1                          | 175               | 1.503                          | 0.665               |

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- For Gifford Medical Center results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- For Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital and Mt. Ascutney Hospital results are not available for this reporting period.
- For Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital this measure does not apply for this reporting period.

- University of Vermont Medical Center was rated **no different** than the national benchmark.

## Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | No. of Patient Days | Predicted Number of Infections | SIR                 |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 0                          | 6780                | 0.188                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 0                          | 18640               | 0.756                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 6757                | 0.14                           | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | 0                          | 4280                | 0.089                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital | 0                          | 3727                | 0.078                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital                  | 0                          | 7066                | 0.147                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| North Country Hospital                 | 0                          | 4952                | 0.104                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | 0 <sup>3</sup>             | 4899 <sup>3</sup>   | 0.101 <sup>3</sup>             | n/a <sup>3,13</sup> |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 0                          | 10855               | 0.34                           | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Porter Hospital                        | 1                          | 6319                | 0.131                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 2                          | 28426               | 1.533                          | 1.305               |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 0                          | 13398               | 0.744                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 4510                | 0.093                          | n/a <sup>13</sup>   |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 6                          | 142185              | 15.476                         | 0.388               |

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- For Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Rutland Regional Medical was rated no different than the national benchmark.
- University of Vermont Medical Center was rated better than the national benchmark.

## Clostridioides difficile (C. diff)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | No. of Patient Days | Predicted Number of Infections | SIR            |
|--|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 0                          | 6346                | 1.552                          | 0              |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 9                          | 18142               | 8.059                          | 1.117          |
| Copley Hospital                        | 3                          | 6435                | 2.22                           | 1.351          |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | 0                          | 3871                | 1.303                          | 0              |
| Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital | 1                          | 3727                | 1.029                          | 0.972          |
| Mt. Ascutney Hospital                  | 2                          | 7066                | 1.561                          | 1.281          |
| North Country Hospital                 | 2                          | 4545                | 1.484                          | 1.348          |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | 0 <sup>3</sup>             | 4899 <sup>3</sup>   | 1.082 <sup>3</sup>             | 0 <sup>3</sup> |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 1                          | 10855               | 6.752                          | 0.148          |
| Porter Hospital                        | 2                          | 6319                | 2.513                          | 0.796          |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 16                         | 27978               | 17.169                         | 0.932          |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 5                          | 12578               | 7.337                          | 0.681          |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 4510                | 1.247                          | 0              |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 55                         | 131767              | 91.064                         | 0.604          |

- For Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Medical Center, Copley Hospital, Gifford Medical Center, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Porter Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital were rated **no different** than the national benchmark.
- Northwestern Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **better** than the national benchmark.

## Surgical Site Infection – Knee Replacement Surgery (SSI – Knee Replacement Surgery)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | No. of Procedures | SIR   |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 0                          | 171               | *     |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 7                          | 136               | 6.875 |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 55                | n/a   |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | 0                          | 27                | n/a   |
| North Country Hospital                 | 0                          | 11                | n/a   |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | 0                          | 11                | n/a   |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 1                          | 11                | n/a   |
| Porter Hospital                        | 0                          | 50                | n/a   |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 1                          | 190               | *     |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 0                          | 157               | 0     |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 42                | n/a   |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 1                          | 285               | 0.489 |

- **Too few surgeries** were performed to calculate a reliable SIR for the following hospitals: Copley Hospital, Gifford Medical Center, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Vermont Medical Center, Porter Hospital, and Springfield Hospital.
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and Rutland Regional Medical Center did not have an SIR calculated as their number of predicted infections was less than or equal to one.
- Grace Cottage Hospital and Mt Ascutney Hospital are excluded because they **do not perform** this surgery.
- Central Vermont Medical Center Medical Center was rated **worse** than the national benchmark.
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **no different** than the national benchmark.

## Surgical Site Infection – Hip Replacement Surgery (SSI – Hip Replacement Surgery)

| Hospital Name                          | No. of Infections Reported | No. of Procedures | SIR   |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Brattleboro Memorial Hospital          | 3                          | 108               | *     |
| Central Vermont Medical Center         | 3                          | 110               | 2.264 |
| Copley Hospital                        | 0                          | 45                | n/a   |
| Gifford Medical Center                 | 0                          | 17                | n/a   |
| North Country Hospital                 | 0                          | 12                | n/a   |
| Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital | 0                          | 15                | n/a   |
| Northwestern Medical Center            | 0                          | 17                | n/a   |
| Porter Hospital                        | 2                          | 42                | n/a   |
| Rutland Regional Medical Center        | 2                          | 100               | *     |
| Southwestern Vermont Medical Center    | 3                          | 131               | 1.905 |
| Springfield Hospital                   | 0                          | 24                | n/a   |
| University of Vermont Medical Center   | 12                         | 409               | 1.947 |

- **Too few surgeries** were performed to calculate a reliable SIR for the following hospitals: Copley Hospital, Gifford Medical Center, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, and Springfield Hospital.
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- Grace Cottage Hospital and Mt Ascutney Hospital are excluded because they **do not perform** this surgery.
- Central Vermont Medical Center Medical Center and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **worse** than the national benchmark.
- Southwestern Vermont Medical Center was rated **no different** than the national benchmark.