

[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.

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. CLABSIs 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>
- 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>

NOTE

Due to the pandemic, hospitals were exempted from or given extension 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 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2023.

Reporting Period for SSI: Knees and SSI: Hips surgery are 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023.

Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI)

Hospital Name	No. of Infections Reported	Central Line Days	Predicted Number of Infections	SIR
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	0	189	0.111	n/a ¹³
Central Vermont Medical Center	2	1300	0.886	n/a ¹³
Copley Hospital	0	419	0.114	n/a ¹³
Gifford Medical Center	0	77	0.021	n/a ¹³
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	0	300	0.081	n/a ¹³
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	0	777	0.212	n/a ¹³
North Country Hospital	0	91	0.025	n/a ¹³
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	0 ³	399 ³	0.109 ³	n/a ^{3, 13}
Northwestern Medical Center	1 ²⁸	861 ²⁸	0.499 ²⁸	n/a ^{13, 28}
Porter Hospital	0	173	0.047	n/a ¹³
Rutland Regional Medical Center	1	2276	1.564	0.639
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	0	810	0.64	n/a ¹³
Springfield Hospital	0	250	0.068	n/a ¹³
University of Vermont Medical Center	15	19190	19.629	0.764

- SIR **cannot be calculated** for the following hospitals because their predicted number of infections was less than one: 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, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility’s data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility’s Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.
- For Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Rutland Regional Medical Center and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **no different** than the national benchmark.

Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)

Hospital Name	No. of Infections Reported	Urinary Catheter Days	Predicted Number of Infections	SIR
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	0	721	0.354	n/a ¹³
Central Vermont Medical Center	2	2693	1.828	1.094
Copley Hospital	2	1194	0.78	n/a ¹³
Gifford Medical Center	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	1	1250	0.817	n/a ¹³
North Country Hospital	n/a ¹²	n/a ¹²	n/a ¹²	n/a ¹²
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	0 ³	1312 ³	1.697 ³	0 ³
Northwestern Medical Center	1 ²⁸	2572 ²⁸	1.261 ²⁸	0.793 ²⁸
Porter Hospital	1	1028	0.672	n/a ¹³
Rutland Regional Medical Center	4	4305	2.932	1.364
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	2	1305	0.973	n/a ¹³
Springfield Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
University of Vermont Medical Center	30	20012	27.527	1.09

- SIR **cannot be calculated** for the following hospitals because their predicted number of infections was less than one: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Copley Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Porter Hospital, and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.
- Results are **not available** for this reporting period for the following hospitals: Gifford Medical Center, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, and Springfield Hospital.
- This measure does not apply to North Country Hospital for this reporting period.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility’s data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility’s Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.
- Central Vermont Medical Center, 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 Colon Surgery (SSI – Colon Surgery)

Hospital Name	No. of Infections Reported	No. of Procedures	Predicted Number of Infections	SIR
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	0	6	0.162	n/a ¹³
Central Vermont Medical Center	3	26	0.636	n/a ¹³
Copley Hospital	0 ³	5 ³	0.109 ³	n/a ^{3,13}
Gifford Medical Center	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	0	11	0.271	n/a ¹³
North Country Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Northwestern Medical Center	2 ²⁸	38 ²⁸	0.871 ²⁸	n/a ^{13,28}
Porter Hospital	0	2	0.053	n/a ¹³
Rutland Regional Medical Center	2	65	1.591	1.257
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	0	26	0.712	n/a ¹³
Springfield Hospital	0	2	0.059	n/a ¹³
University of Vermont Medical Center	21	363	9.551	2.199

- SIR **cannot be calculated** for the following hospitals because their predicted number of infections was less than one: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Medical Center, Copley Hospital, Mt. Ascutney Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital.
- For Copley Hospital results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Results are **not available** for this reporting period for the following hospitals: Gifford Medical Center, Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital, North Country Hospital, and Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility’s data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility’s Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.
- Rutland Regional Medical Center was rated **no different** than the national benchmark.
- University of Vermont Medical Center was rated **worse** than the national benchmark.

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

Hospital Name	No. of Infections	No. of Procedures	Predicted Number of Infections	SIR
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	0	7	0.049	n/a ¹³
Central Vermont Medical Center	0	9	0.072	n/a ¹³
Copley Hospital	0 ³	20 ³	0.146 ³	n/a ^{3,13}
Gifford Medical Center	0 ³	2 ³	0.021 ³	n/a ^{3,13}
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
North Country Hospital	1	21	0.198	n/a ¹³
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	0	3	0.024	n/a ¹³
Northwestern Medical Center	0 ²⁸	16 ²⁸	0.145 ²⁸	n/a ^{13,28}
Porter Hospital	0	6	0.057	n/a ¹³
Rutland Regional Medical Center	0	35	0.317	n/a ¹³
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	0	28	0.244	n/a ¹³
Springfield Hospital	0	2	0.014	n/a ¹³
University of Vermont Medical Center	2	188	1.543	1.296

- SIR **cannot be calculated** for the following hospitals because their predicted number of infections was less than one: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Medical Center, Copley Hospital, Gifford Medical Center, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital.
- For Copley Hospital and Gifford Medical Center results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility’s data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility’s Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.
- Results are **not available** for this reporting period for Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital and Mt. Ascutney Hospital.
- 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	7327	0.191	n/a ¹³
Central Vermont Medical Center	0	19379	0.763	n/a ¹³
Copley Hospital	0	6820	0.142	n/a ¹³
Gifford Medical Center	0 ³	2473 ³	0.051 ³	n/a ^{3,13}
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	0	3632	0.076	n/a ¹³
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	0	6715	0.14	n/a ¹³
North Country Hospital	1	5850	0.122	n/a ¹³
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	0	5545	0.116	n/a ¹³
Northwestern Medical Center	1 ²⁸	11079 ²⁸	0.382 ²⁸	n/a ^{13, 28}
Porter Hospital	0	7740	0.161	n/a ¹³
Rutland Regional Medical Center	2	27035	1.337	1.496
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	0	13697	0.86	n/a ¹³
Springfield Hospital	0	4071	0.085	n/a ¹³
University of Vermont Medical Center	8	139595	11.688	0.684

- SIR **cannot be calculated** for the following hospitals because their predicted number of infections was less than one: 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, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital.
- For Gifford Medical Center results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Northwestern Medical Center results are based on the hospital or facility’s data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility’s Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.
- Rutland Regional Medical Center and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **no different** 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	1	6992	1.868	0.535
Central Vermont Medical Center	14	18984	8.696	1.61
Copley Hospital	0	6567	2.645	0
Gifford Medical Center	2 ³	2178 ³	0.638 ³	n/a ^{3,13}
Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital	0	3632	0.802	n/a ¹³
Mt. Ascutney Hospital	2	6715	1.483	1.349
North Country Hospital	0	5541	2.516	0
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	5	5257	2.387	2.095
Northwestern Medical Center	6 ²⁸	11079 ²⁸	5.1 ²⁸	1.176 ²⁸
Porter Hospital	2	7740	3.052	0.655
Rutland Regional Medical Center	14	26529	17.57	0.797
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	3	12909	7.697	0.39
Springfield Hospital	1	4071	1.21	0.826
University of Vermont Medical Center	60	128332	88.466	0.678

- SIR **cannot be calculated** for Gifford Medical Center and Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital because the predicted number of infections was less than one.
- For Gifford Medical Center results are based on a shorter time period than required.
- Northwestern Medical Center's results are based on the hospital or facility's data submissions. CMS approved the hospital or facility's Extraordinary Circumstances Exception request suggesting that results may be impacted.
- Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Medical Center, Copley Hospital, Mt Ascutney Hospital, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Medical Center, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and Springfield Hospital were rated **no different** than the national benchmark.
- The University of Vermont Medical Center was rated **better** than the national benchmark.

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

Hospital Name	No. of Infections	No. of Procedures	SIR
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	2	151	n/a
Central Vermont Medical Center	1	142	n/a
Copley Hospital	1	84	n/a
Gifford Medical Center	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available
North Country Hospital	0	16	n/a
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	0	20	n/a
Northwestern Medical Center	2	30	n/a
Porter Hospital	0	75	n/a
Rutland Regional Medical Center	4	246	3.935
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	3	137	2.012
Springfield Hospital	0	38	n/a
University of Vermont Medical Center	1	322	0.496

- **Too few surgeries** were performed to calculate a reliable SIR for the following hospitals: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Medical Center, Copley Hospital, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, and Springfield Hospital.
- Data was **not available** for Gifford Medical Center
- Grace Cottage Hospital and Mt Ascutney Hospital and Health Center are excluded because they **do not perform** this surgery.
- Rutland Regional 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.
- SSI: Knee surgery is updated annually in this report. Data source: NHSN, via VPQHC. Reporting period: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023.

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

Hospital Name	No. of Infections	No. of Procedures	SIR
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	3	119	n/a
Central Vermont Medical Center	4	117	n/a
Copley Hospital	1	50	n/a
Gifford Medical Center	Data not available	Data not available	Data not available
North Country Hospital	0	14	n/a
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	0	33	n/a
Northwestern Medical Center	1	42	n/a
Porter Hospital	1	54	n/a
Rutland Regional Medical Center	0	143	0
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	1	120	0.66
Springfield Hospital	0	16	n/a
University of Vermont Medical Center	4	393	0.881

- **Too few surgeries** were performed to calculate a reliable SIR for the following hospitals: Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, Central Vermont Medical Center, Copley Hospital, North Country Hospital, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Northwestern Medical Center, Porter Hospital, and Springfield Hospital.
- Data was **not available** for Gifford Medical Center
- Rutland Regional Medical Center, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, and University of Vermont Medical Center were rated **no different** than the national benchmark.
- Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital and Mt. Ascutney Hospital do not have data because they **do not perform** this surgery.
- SSI: Hip surgery is updated annually in this report. Data source: NHSN, via VPQHC. Reporting period: 10/1/2022 - 9/30/2023.