**THREAT ANALYSIS**

**CDC report: U.S. hospitals fall short on infection control targets**

Hospitals have made significant progress in reducing the rate of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) within their facilities, according to a report released Wednesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Despite the improvement, hospitals did not meet the goals established by the CDC in 2009. One in 25 patients in the U.S. contract an infection during the course of their hospital stay. (Source: CDC)

The report noted a 46 percent reduction in central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) from 2008 to 2013. Surgical site infections were cut by 19 percent, while Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infections dropped eight percent and Clostridium difficile colitis (C. diff) fell 10 percent. Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI), however, increased by six percent. (Sources: CDC, Modern Healthcare, Time)

"Hospitals have made real progress to reduce some types of healthcare-associated infections - it can be done," CDC Director Tom Frieden said in a news release. "The key is for every hospital to have rigorous infection control programs to protect patients and healthcare workers, and for healthcare facilities and others to work together to reduce the many types of infections that haven't decreased enough," Frieden said. (Source: CDC)

**ACTION STEPS**

Enforce proper hand washing among hospital staff. This remains the
most effective way to prevent the spread of infection. (Source: U.S. National Library of Medicine)

Review the CDC Recommendations to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections. (Source: CDC)

Educate patients on steps they can take to prevent hospital infections, including avoiding misuse of antibiotics and getting the proper vaccinations. (Source: CDC)

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY

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Pacers vs. Pistons
Bankers Life Fieldhouse

The Scene Membership
The Center for the Performing Arts

JAMfest Super Nationals
Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium

Saturday

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JAMfest Super Nationals
Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium

Rodney Carrington
Murat Theatre

Sunday

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Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration - Speaking of Love
Indianapolis Museum of Art

Linkin Park: 'The Hunting Party' Tour
No Mass Gatherings Scheduled

JAMfest Super Nationals
Indiana Convention Center & Lucas Oil Stadium

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