

Hospital response to CR's questions

St. Petersburg General Hospital

While we meet the national benchmark on four of the five infection prevention measures tracked by the www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare website, we are aggressively working towards zero infections. We have several efforts in place specifically targeting infection control, including an antibiotic stewardship program that helps ensure appropriate use through constantly tracking and evaluating antibiotic utilization. In addition, we monitor our infection prevention practices to continually improve upon our processes. One area noted in the Consumer Reports study as our biggest challenge was that of Catheter-urinary tract infections, and our current data reflects zero infections during the first and second quarters of 2015. Delivering outstanding patient care is our utmost priority, and we are proud to have been recognized as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures by The Joint Commission.