

Hospital response to CR's questions

Venice Regional Bayfront Health

Venice Regional Bayfront Hospital takes seriously our responsibility to provide high quality care in a safe environment. This commitment has earned us the recognition of being named a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures® by the Joint Commission for the past four consecutive years and the distinction of being one of only a very small number of hospitals across the country that have never been penalized by Medicare's Readmissions Reductions Program.

We place great emphasis on continuous quality improvement and work closely with our medical staff and nurses to identify opportunities to strengthen patient care. Our hospital has in place several measures to prevent the incidence of infections. We constantly monitor our quality and safety metrics to identify areas for improvement, and work relentlessly to strengthen the care offered for our patients. We have experienced improvement since the data used in the Consumer Reports analysis was reported and are pleased to report that:

- The number of catheter and central line infections for our ICU patients decreased approximately 63 percent over the past year.
- Based on real time, internal data, we are on track to achieve a 50 percent decrease in both catheter and central line infections this year.
- The number of patients who developed Clostridium difficile (C. diff) was reduced by 36 percent during the previous 12 months.
- Our hospital meets or exceeds the state and national average on many of the quality measures reported on Hospital Compare.

While our work is ongoing, we are proud of these accomplishments made possible by the dedication and collaboration of our caregivers. With the support of our Quality & Safety Committee, we will continue to enhance our clinical procedures to ensure the use of evidence-based measures proven to produce the best possible clinical outcome.