

Data Summary

The Inpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Data section of the Patient Safety Atlas, shows an increase in the number of acute care hospitals adhering to the 7 core elements of antibiotic stewardship practices between 2014



and 2015. Participation in the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) varies by state and by year, and caution should be used when making direct comparisons of stewardship practices between states and across years.

2014

In 2014, 4,184 acute care hospitals responded to the NHSN annual healthcare facility survey, which includes questions about the core elements of antibiotic stewardship practices. Among the hospital respondents, 1,642 (39.2%) reported meeting all seven core elements. The percentage of hospitals meeting all seven core elements varied by state, from 7% to 58%.

2015

In 2015, 4,569 acute care hospitals responded to the NHSN facility survey. Of those, 2,199 (48.1%) reported meeting all seven core elements. The percentage of facilities meeting all seven core elements varied by state, from 7% to 77%.