

2008 – Prevention and Control of Antibiotic Resistant Infections

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have issued recommendations to guide hospitals in preventing and controlling infections that aren't easily stopped by antibiotics. Examples of these types of infections include MRSA (methicillin-resistant staph aureus) and VRE (vancomycin-resistant enterococci). For more information about these recommendations, see Management of Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms in Health Care Settings on the CDC website.

How to read the tables:

Section 1: The results are shown as a ratio of the number of recommendations that the hospital reports that it follows, compared to the total number of recommendations in each area. "QI" means that the hospital has initiated a quality improvement project to address recommendations that have not been implemented, or to improve upon recommendations that have been implemented.

Section 2: The results are shown as "yes" or "no," indicating that there is evidence that the hospital is or is not prepared to implement more intensive recommendations, if warranted.

Hospital Name	Section 1: Hospital implementation of routine recommendations						Section 2: Policies and methods are in place to implement more intensive recommendations
	Administrative leadership	Staff education & training	Appropriate antibiotic use	Surveillance methods	Infection control precautions	Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and equipment	
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	7/7	1/1	2/3 QI	8/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
Central Vermont Medical Center	6/7	1/1	3/3	8/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
Copley Hospital	7/7	1/1	3/3	8/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
Fletcher Allen Health Care	7/7 QI	1/1	3/3	9/9	6/6 QI (Note 1)	2/3 QI	Yes
Gifford Medical Center	7/7	1/1	3/3	7/9	5/5	3/3	No
Grace Cottage Hospital	7/7	1/1	3/3	8/8 (Note 2)	5/5	3/3	Yes
Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center	7/7	1/1	3/3	9/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
North Country Hospital	5/7	1/1	3/3	6/9	5/5	3/3	Yes

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	7/7	1/1	3/3	9/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
Northwestern Medical Center	7/7	1/1	3/3	9/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
Porter Hospital	7/7	1/1	3/3	9/9	5/5	3/3	No
Rutland Regional Medical Center	6/7	1/1	3/3	8/9	5/5	3/3	Yes
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	6/7 QI	1/1	3/3	8/9 QI	6/6 (Note 1)	3/3	No
Springfield Hospital	7/7	1/1	3/3	6/9	5/5	3/3	No

Note 1: There is a sixth recommendation for hospitals that own and operate a hemodialysis unit. In Vermont, that recommendation applies only to Fletcher Allen Health Care and Southwestern Vermont Medical Center.

Note 2: One of the surveillance recommendations is specific to hospitals with separate special-care units, and therefore is not applicable to Grace Cottage Hospital.