

## Dashboard Metrics, Benchmarks, and Policy Decisions

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## **Dashboard Metrics, Benchmarks, and Policy Decisions**

This report examines the policy of controlling infections at Lakeside Medical Center about national and state regulations in healthcare. It emphasizes benchmark data on central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) that interprets the safety and quality standards of a hospital. The discussion examines the alignment of policies, benchmark underperformance, and attendant repercussions. It also describes ethical and sustainable activities that can enhance results. This report demonstrates how Lakeside can achieve patient safety and meet its goals of reducing infections and ensuring regulatory compliance by integrating policy, data, and practice.

### **Selected Policy**

Lakeside Medical Center has a policy on infection control that satisfies the federal and state healthcare requirements. The policy aims to prevent the transmission of infections to patients, staff, and visitors through safe and clean healthcare practices. At the federal level, the policy aligns with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Conditions of Participation, which mandate the presence of an active infection prevention and control program in hospitals (CMS, 2022). Standard precautions, such as hand hygiene, wearing gloves, and following cleaning protocols, are also mandated by these rules.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) infection control guideline is also supported by the policy. These include the isolation of patients with contagious diseases and the use of personal protective equipment (CDC, 2024). Lakeside Medical Center also educates its workers on these steps and verifies their ability to implement these safety measures during care. The policy aligns with Florida Administrative Code Rule 59A-3.255, which requires hospitals to have a qualified professional-led infection control program in the state (LII, 2025). Hospital-acquired infections and training of all healthcare personnel on

prevention techniques should also be reported under this rule. Lakeside then gathers information on infections, checks trends, and reports results to state agencies.