



RFF Extending the Cure Project Summary

Fighting Hospital-Acquired Infections: Next Steps for States

In collaboration with Extending the Cure, NCSL is working to educate state policymakers about best practices related to hospital-acquired infection prevention and control. Together with infection control experts, clinical groups and other stakeholders NCSL will share insight and guidance on effective policies to fight hospital-acquired infections.

This project will identify relevant legislation from 2005 through 2009 on hospital-acquired infection control and prevention measures, as well as the data produced by states related to reporting requirements, and conduct a thorough analysis of the consequences of the various actions taken by states. The analyses will form the basis for a substantive report, or current "snap shot" of effective HAI acquired infection control and prevention measures.

Examining the outcomes of state legislated prevention measures and reporting requirements will allow policy makers and researchers to better understand whether said actions improve patients outcomes and quality of care in hospitals, reduce infection rates, reduce expenditures by state payers, or limits hospital resources.

NCSL also will convene an advisory board consisting of policymakers, paired with state public health officials, as well as infection control experts and members from clinical groups, to provide feedback and guidance concerning the implementation of any and all prevention and control measures. NCSL has ample experience convening advisory groups and has already established networks of key policymakers, including the Chairs of health committees, legislators interested in health issues and legislative staff.