

# THE TRUE COST

## of Healthcare Associated Infections



A HOLISTIC VIEW  
OF THE HAI ISSUE



Healthcare Associated Infections (HAIs)  
cost the healthcare industry up to

# \$46 Billion Per Year<sup>1</sup>

The average cost of a HAI to a hospital is

**\$50K PER BED<sup>2</sup>**

# of Hospitals  
in the US<sup>3</sup>  
 5,600+

Average Hospital  
 x 180

Total Beds  
in the US<sup>3</sup>  
 900,000+

A hospital with 180 beds has a potential cost of

# up to \$9 Million

Total amount of HAI related expenses  
hospitals are likely to recover



In 2009, Medicare stopped paying for care from "preventable" events while a patient is hospitalized.<sup>4</sup>

Private insurers are following suit.

Opportunity costs add up quickly as well.

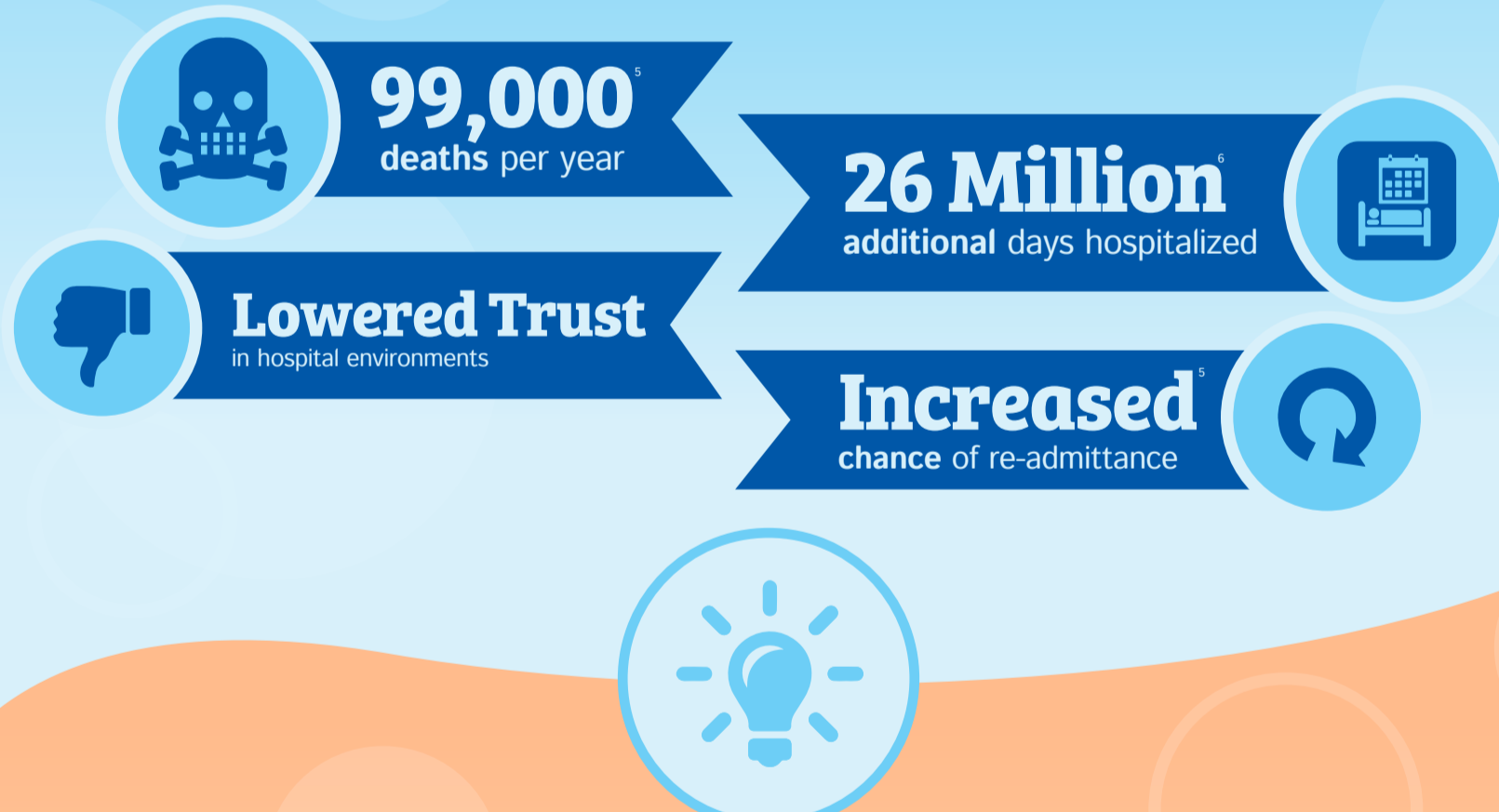


HAIs are the most common cause for the complication and extension of a hospital stay...and there are

# 1.7 Million HAIs Per Year<sup>5</sup>



How do HAIs impact patients at these hospitals?



What can be done to prevent HAIs?

The CDC lists the following best practices to prevent HAIs:



Above all, the CDC recommends strictly following proper hand hygiene as the best method and first line of defense in the fight against healthcare associated infections.

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