



STURDY
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

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**FOR TWO TYPES OF INFECTIONS, STURDY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
MAINTAINS NEAR-PERFECT RECORDS OF PREVENTION FOR 3 YEARS**

ATTLEBORO, MA, May 5, 2011 – Sturdy Memorial Hospital's Intensive Care Unit (ICU) has held long-standing near-zero-occurrence rates in two types of infections—central line bloodstream infections (CLBSI), and ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP)—which cause thousands of deaths in US intensive care units each year. Sturdy Memorial reports a central line bloodstream infection rate of 0.39, and a ventilator-associated pneumonia rate of 0.64. The reporting period for these rates was January 2007 through December 2010, and the rates are derived from the number of infections divided by the total number of days the devices were used for ICU patients, times 1,000.

The Hospital achieved these records by following guidelines and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), and other organizations that have worked together to decrease health care associated infections.

Sturdy Memorial's proactive approach incorporates thorough surveillance, monitoring, reporting, and a series of steps to prevent infection. These are just two of the many ongoing quality initiatives underway at Sturdy Memorial.

Sturdy Memorial Hospital is a full-service, independent, financially stable, not-for-profit acute care community hospital in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

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