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Georgia Southern Examines Healthcare-Associated Infections

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On any given day approximately 1 of every 25 inpatients in U.S. acute care hospitals has at least one healthcare-associated infection (HAI), adding up to about 722,000 infections in 2011. The most common healthcare-associated infections are pneumonia (22%), gastrointestinal infections (17%), urinary tract infections (13%), and bloodstream infections (10%). The article discusses current HAI issues with respect 1) vulnerable populations, 2) diverse healthcare sites and levels of healthcare workers, 3) increased pathogens and their resistance, and 4) responses by our national healthcare strategy to reduce HAIs.

“Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI): The Perfect Storm has Arrived!” was published in *Clinical Laboratory Science* as the first of four in a FOCUS series about HAIs.

Dr. Rodney E. Rhode, Professor and Chair at Texas State University was the lead author and Dr. Julie Reagan, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health Georgia Southern University was one of the co-authors.

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