

CLEAN HANDS

tst® & hand hygiene
TARGETED SOLUTIONS TOOL®

prevent
Health Care-Associated Infections

HAIs → **1.7**

Health Care-Associated Infections (HAIs) are a major burden on the US healthcare system, with 1.7 million infections occurring annually.

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HAIs kill 1 in 20 people who are infected

99,000 deaths occur annually from HAIs

Improving the hand hygiene of health professionals is one of the most effective ways to prevent HAIs.

26 to 45%

reduction in HAIs with hand hygiene improvement

Hand Hygiene has saved up to **\$2.8** million dollars in direct medical costs

Hand Hygiene solutions address:

- Measuring the specific, high-impact causes of hand hygiene failures in a facility to target solutions to those causes.
- Making washing hands a habit – as automatic as looking both ways when you cross the street or fastening your seat belt when you get in your car.
- Commitment of leadership to achieve hand hygiene compliance of 90+ percent.
- Serving as a role model by practicing proper hand hygiene.
- Holding everyone accountable and responsible – doctors, nurses, food service staff, housekeepers, chaplains, technicians, therapists.
- Providing easy access to hand hygiene equipment and dispensers.
- Creating a place for everything: for example, a health care worker with full hands needs a dedicated space where he or she can place items while washing hands.