

Healthcare Policy



To Patient



2011 Conference for Health Care Transparency & Patient Advocacy

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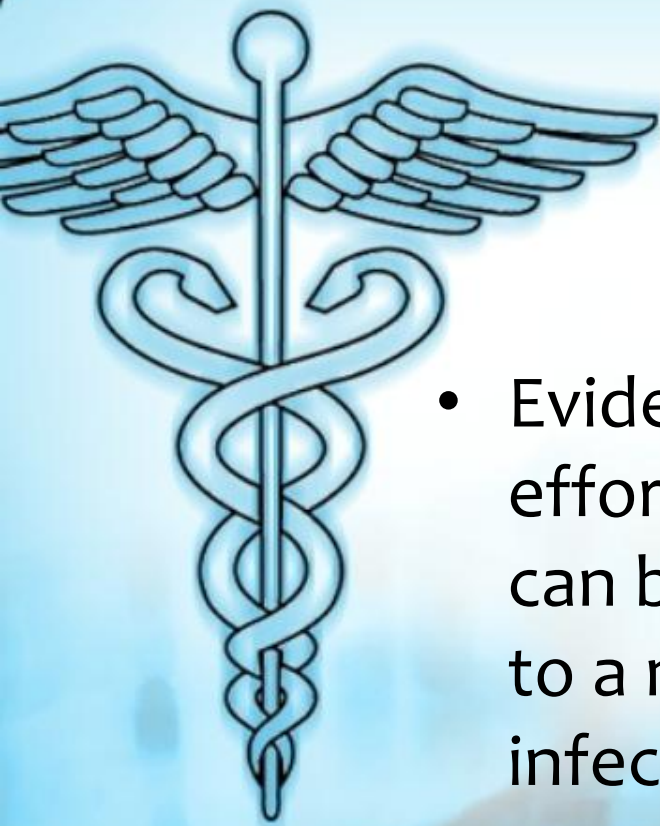
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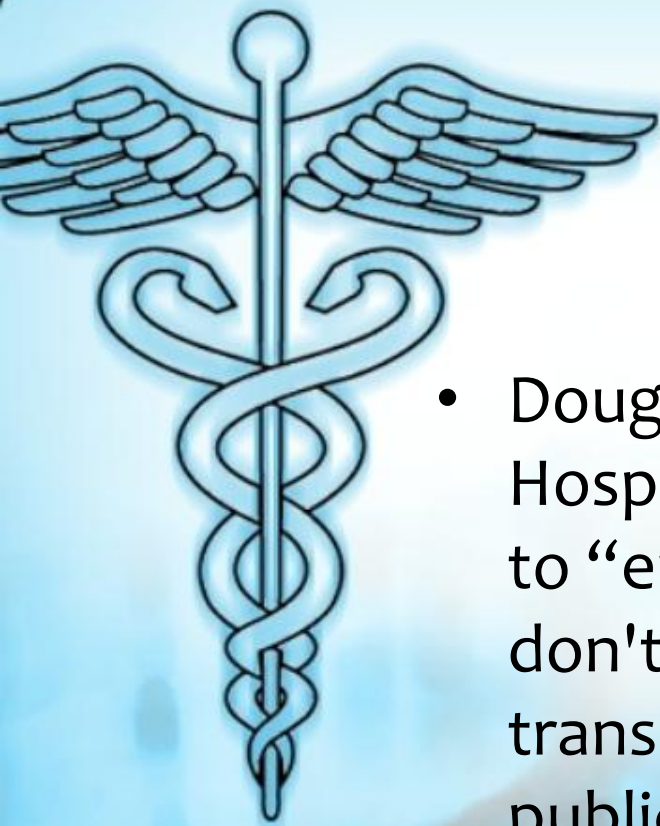
Topics

- Over Utilization
 - CT & MRI Scans, Angioplasties, Antibiotics
- Changing The System – Transformational Leadership, Research Spin
- Hospital Acquired Conditions
- Healthcare Associated Infections
 - Many can be Near Zero
- Transparency



Paradigm Shift In Our Thinking

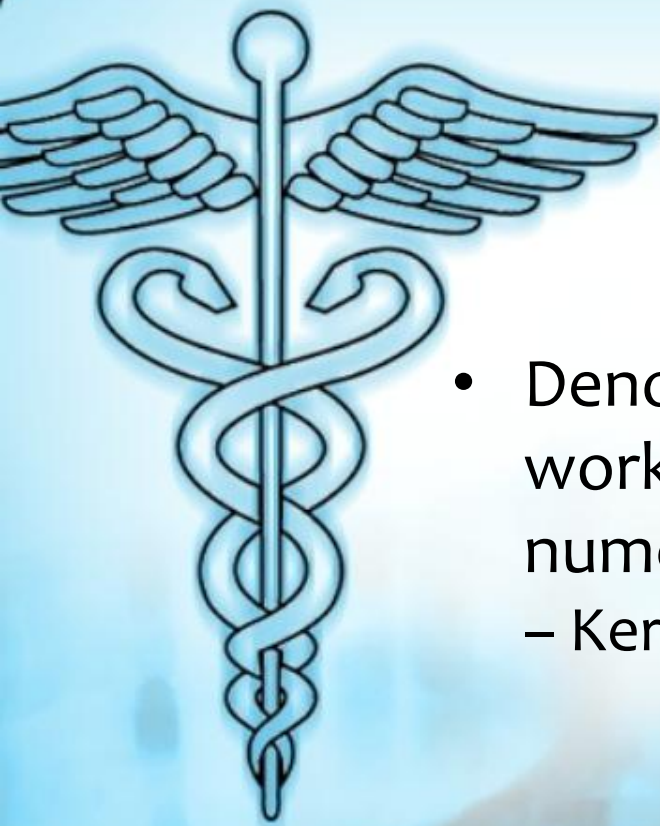
- Evidence indicates that, with focused efforts, these once formidable infections can be greatly reduced in number, leading to a new normal for healthcare-associated infections as rare, unacceptable events.
- -- Thomas R. Frieden, Director of the CDC – Oct. 6, 2010
<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/full/10.1086/656002>



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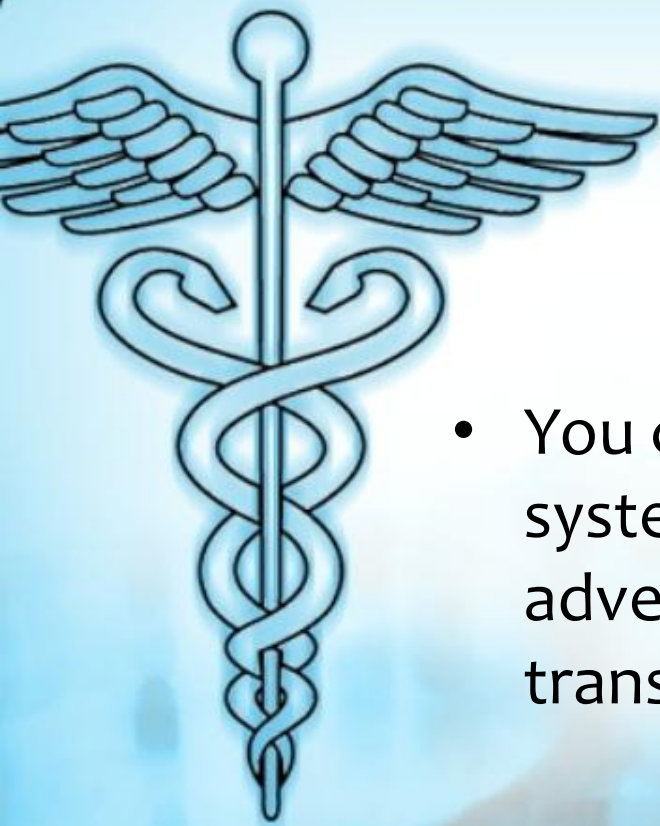
- Doug Leonard, President of the Indiana Hospital Association, said the industry needs to “embrace transparency. Sometimes we don't like the results of that, but I think transparency is good for us and good for the public.”

--- Courier Journal, June 12, 2011



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- Denominators are what allow healthcare workers to sleep at night. Patients are the numerator.
 - Kerry O’Connell, Colorado Patient Advocate



Paradigm Shift In Our Thinking

- You cannot have transiency within your system and adequately address and decrease adverse events, if you do not have transparency outside of your institution.



Cost Effectiveness

- **For Institution**
- **For Payer**
- **For Society**

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