

# RID's Record of Success

Since its founding in 2005, the Committee to Reduce Infection Deaths (RID) has transformed thinking about hospital infections. Here is what RID has accomplished:

- RID built a groundswell of demand for transparency and improvement. **In 2004, not one state required hospitals to disclose their infection rates. Now 38 states do,** and there will be more on the way.
- RID **made a compelling business case for infection prevention,** showing hospital decision makers that preventing infections improves profits.
- RID went to the White House under George W. Bush and convinced policymakers that Medicare should **should stop paying hospitals to treat infections caused by the hospital.**
- The **hand sanitizing dispensers** you see everywhere are a clear sign of RID's impact.
- RID educated hospital and nursing home decision makers about the importance of screening incoming patients for MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus). Screening is routine in almost half of U.S. hospitals, up from 17% in 2004.

- When Clostridium difficile (C. diff) swept the nation, RID led the response, showing hospitals that cleaning rigorously is the first line of defense. In response to **RID's campaign for better cleaning** even the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has made its cleaning standards more rigorous.
- RID is **educating hospitals about new technologies** that will help prevent infection.
- This year **RID is preparing hospitals and nursing homes to meet a new challenge, Candida auris.**
- RID does all this **on a shoestring budget, only \$400,000 a year.** Our overhead is small, but our impact is large and ever growing.

**RID potentially saves more lives per dollar spent than other any other not for profit. Please support us by making a tax-deductible donation.**

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