

## **Saving 5 Million Lives - How Will Your Hospital Compare?**

In preparation for Pay-for-Performance, P4P, and increasing scrutiny from external sources, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) has launched the *5 Million Lives* campaign, aimed at protecting patients from harm. This ambitious focus on reducing patient deaths and increasing quality of care is intended to standardize best practices and interventions across healthcare delivery in the United States.



The focus areas for the campaign are:

- Prevent Pressure Ulcers
- Reduce Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) infection
- Prevent Harm from High-Alert Medications
- Reduce Surgical Complications
- Deliver Reliable, Evidence-Based Care for Congestive Heart Failure
- Get Boards on Board
- Deploy Rapid Response Teams
- Deliver Reliable, Evidence-Based Care for Acute Myocardial Infarctions
- Prevent Adverse Drug Events
- Prevent Central line Infections
- Prevent Surgical Site Infections
- Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

Measurement of success will look at incidents reported through quality measure reporting systems as well as the level of “harm” the hospital engaged in when the incident occurred. Levels of harm will range from temporary harm to death, and success is measured by the avoidance of harm.

With a significant focus on infection control processes, it will be more important than ever for hospital staff to ensure that products being used are reliable and germ resistant.

For detailed information on the *5 Million Lives Campaign*, please visit:

[www.ihl.org/IHI/programs/campaign/campaign](http://www.ihl.org/IHI/programs/campaign/campaign).