

List of Abbreviations

ACA = Affordable Care Act
ACH = Acute Care Hospital
AHEC = South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium
AHRQ = Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
APIC = Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
AR = Antimicrobial Resistance
ARRA = American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
AS = Antibiotic Stewardship
ASC = Ambulatory Surgery Center
AU = Antibiotic Use
BPHL = DHEC Bureau of Public Health Laboratories
BSI = Blood Stream Infection
C. diff = *Clostridium difficile* Infection
CAH = Critical Access Hospital
CAUTI = Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
CBGB = Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (both chest and donor site incisions)
CBGC = Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (with chest incision only)
CCME = Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence
CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDI = *Clostridium difficile* Infection
CLABSI = Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection
CMS = Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
COLO = Colon surgery
CRE = Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae
CSTE = Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
DADE = Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology
DC = Hemodialysis Center
DHEC = South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
ELC = Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity
ELR = Electronic Laboratory Reporting
ERA = Ebola Readiness Assessment
ESRD = End-Stage Renal Disease
FOA = Funding Opportunity Announcement
FOIA = Freedom of Information Act
FTE = Full-Time Equivalent
HAI = Healthcare-Associated Infection
HCUP = Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
HHS = United States Department of Health and Human Services
HICPAC = Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee
HIDA = Hospital Infections Disclosure Act
HIE = Health Information Exchanges
HPRO = Hip prosthesis

HSSC = Health Sciences South Carolina
HYST = Hysterectomy
IC = Infection Control
ICAP = Infection Control Assessment and Promotion
ICAR = Infection Control Assessment and Response Program
ICU = Intensive Care Unit
ID = Infectious Disease
IP = Infection Preventionist
IRF = Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
IVAC = Infection-related Ventilator-Associated Complications
KPRO = Knee prosthesis
LTAC = Long Term Acute Care Facility
LTCF = Long-Term Care Facility
MBI = Mucosal Barrier Injury
MDRO = Multi-Drug Resistant Organism
MRSA = *Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus*
NHSN = National Healthcare Safety Network
NQF = National Quality Forum
PCR = Polymerase Chain Reaction
PVAP = Possible Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
PFGE = Pulse-Field Gel Electrophoresis
PHL = Public Health Laboratory
RFA = S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office
RHIO = Regional Health Information Organizations
SC = South Carolina
SCHA = South Carolina Hospital Association
SCHAIP = South Carolina Healthcare Alliance for Infection Prevention
SCHCA = South Carolina Health Care Association
SCION = South Carolina's Infectious Disease and Outbreak Network
SCIP = Surgical Care Improvement Project
SCSRC = South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care
SHEA = Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
SIR = Standardized Infection Ratio
SSI = Surgical Site Infection
TAP = Targeted Assessment for Prevention
VAE = Ventilator-Associated Event
VAP = Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia