More Than One-Third Of Americans Affected By HAIs

Survey results released today reveal that 34 percent of Americans either have, or know someone who has acquired an infection during a hospital stay. Moreover, the survey found that 64 percent of Americans do not think they would be better protected from germs in the hospital than in their daily lives. The survey, which was conducted online by Harris Interactive, on behalf of Advanced Sterilization Products (ASP), also found that:

- Nearly 99 percent of Americans understand that the cleanliness of patient rooms has an impact on the spread of infections in hospitals.
- Americans are making decisions about where to receive hospital care based on where they perceive they will receive the safest care. In fact, 75 percent of Americans say it is more important to choose a hospital based on lower infection rates rather than on convenience when in a non-emergency situation.
- 94 percent of Americans would prefer seeking care at a hospital that uses the latest technology available for preventing the spread of infection.

“As a healthcare professional, I knew the infection statistics and took extra precautions but I was still powerless to prevent my 51-year-old sister from acquiring and dying from an HAI,” said Daphne Morgan, MSN, RN, CIC. “Now, I am committed to working with health care facilities to employ new practices and technologies that strengthen infection prevention capabilities to offer patients safer environments.”

ASP’s GLOSAIR™ Healthcare Environmental Decontamination is a new disinfection technology that uses a hydrogen peroxide vapor decontamination approach. Studies shows that these devices can be effective at reducing surface contamination by pathogens in hospital rooms and operating suites. They work by creating a mist of approximately five percent hydrogen peroxide that is uniformly dispersed to disinfect all hard nonporous surfaces, including difficult-to-reach areas.

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