Nosocomial Infections

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Nosocomial infections are one of the major causes of death in hospitalized patients. Treatment of these infections is detrimental to healthcare and may account for the rising cost in health care, lowering in benefits, and medical malpractice liability. The WHO is currently working on reducing healthcare related infections by promoting hand hygiene practices which are already significantly reducing the incidence of these infections.

Many of the common infections/ diseases spread in a hospital such as: MRSA, VRE, MSSA, Candida, C-Difficle could be reduced by simple hand hygiene. The hand hygiene protocols include more conscious hand washing and also wearing the right protection, gloves, gowns, and even masks in certain situations.

It is also the responsibility of the patient to be aware of the potential risk of infection before procedures and to remind their healthcare workers of proper hand hygiene to limit their personal infection. The hope is that with continued effort, nosocomial infections will be limited and not be as large a threat to the patient and the price of medical expenses.