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### HOSPITAL- ACQUIRED INFECTIONS

Hospital-acquired (nosocomial) infections (HAIs) increase morbidity, mortality and medical costs. According to estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), each year nearly two million patients in the United States get an infection in hospitals, and about 90,000 of these patients die as a result of their infection. HAIs are one of the 10 leading causes of death in the United States. The CDC estimates that up to one-third of infections acquired in health care settings are preventable.

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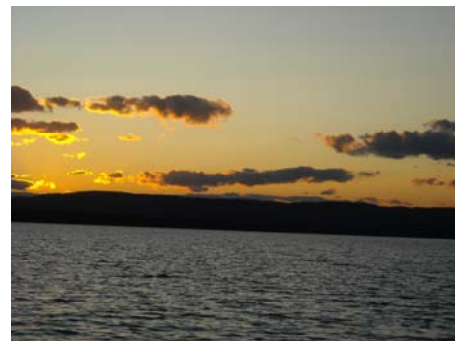
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