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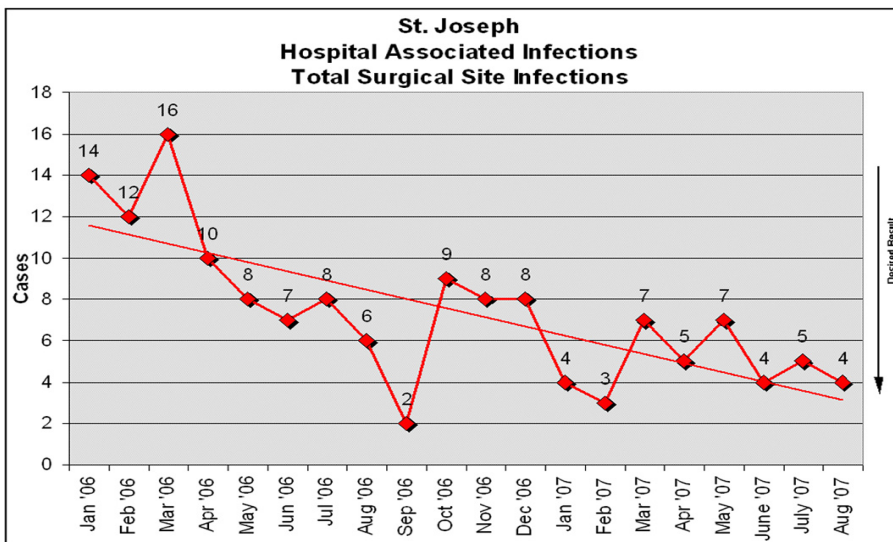
*SCIP Team - back row, L to R: Mary Ann Vincent, Joanne Stermer, Jackie Jordan, Hisham El-Bayar, Alejandro Ramirez, SCIP co-chair; Tanya Greer, Susan Parke, Peggy Walsh, Steve Barnett, Robert Garcia. Front row: Jeffrey Ballard, Megan Liego, Heather Del Villar, Jessica Paragas, SCIP co-chair; Patricia Nguyen, Cherri Salesky, Tammy Alvarez.*

## SCIP teamwork turning surgical site infection rates

St. Joseph Hospital began participating in a multi-year national initiative in 2006 to improve the safety of surgical care for patients through the reduction of post-operative complications. The Surgical Care Improvement Project (SCIP), a strategic initiative toward perfect care for the hospital and the entire St. Joseph Health System, has been a major success to date, thanks to the high level of involvement of the SCIP Clinical Excellence Team. Members include physician and nurse champions along with pharmacist support for general, colon, total joint replacement,

c-section, hysterectomy, vascular, CABG and other surgeries. Efforts span data collection and feedback, and education of nursing staff and physicians on evidence-based practice guidelines. Factors identified to prevent and reduce surgical complications range from appropriate antibiotic timing and selection to appropriate hair removal, glycemic control for heart surgery patients, normothermia for colon surgery patients and VTE prophylaxis.

Marked improvement in surgical infection rates is illustrated below. Congratulations to the SCIP Team on these outstanding results.



## Holiday Luncheon set

St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff physicians are invited to a Special Holiday Luncheon on Tues., December 18, 11 am - 2 pm. The Luncheon will be held at the Motherhouse - Mother Luis Room, 480 S. Batavia St. (behind the Cancer Center). The Physician Dining Room will be closed at this time. The celebration will feature entertainment by Joel (Hoel) Aceves. A holiday gift will be presented to all who attend. No R.S.V.P. is required. Please join us!

## Benefit raises \$200,000

The 35th Annual Benefit & TODOS Auction, presented by Roland and Helen Jensen, was held on Sat., October 6, at the Anaheim Marriott. This year's event raised more than \$200,000 to benefit the new Cancer Center. Retired physician Dr. Robert Ball and his wife, Vinka, were honored with the Spirit of St. Joseph Award during the program. Thank you to all of the St. Joseph Hospital physicians who attended and supported the event.

## Staff Honoree

Dr. James Pierog was chosen as the 2007 Medical Staff Honoree. This award goes to outstanding physicians committed to the values of St. Joseph Hospital and its Medical Staff. Dr. Pierog joined the staff in 1976. He has chaired and served with distinction on multiple hospital committees. He is the Medical Director of the Emergency Department. A scholarship will be set up in his name. Next time you see Jim, congratulate him and say, "Go Bears!"



# St. Joseph Hospital Cumulative Antimicrobial Susceptibility Report

January- June 2007	Escherichia coli <sup>2</sup>	Escherichia coli (ESBL)	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	Klebsiella sp. (pneumoniae & oxytoca) <sup>2</sup>	Klebsiella sp. (ESBL)	Enterobacter cloacae	Proteus mirabilis	Serratia marcescens	Staphylococcus aureus (all isolates)	Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA only)	Staphylococcus sp., NOT aureus	Streptococcus pneumoniae	Enterococcus species	Enterococcus species (VRE only)
ANTIMICROBIAL	% SUSCEPTIBLE													
Amikacin <sup>1</sup>	99	97	96		100									
Ampicillin	44						80							
Cefazolin	88						93		51		21			
Cefepime	99		91	100		96	100	100						
Ceftriaxone	98			99		90	100	92				88/100 <sup>3</sup>		
Ceftazidime			78											
Gentamicin <sup>1</sup>	83	53	84	100	26	96	89	100						
Levofloxacin	69			97		98	72	96	37	5	25	88		
Piperacillin/ tazobactam		95	91		44									
Tetracycline										95				20
Tobramycin <sup>1</sup>	84	16	92	100	74	96	91	92						
Trimeth/Sulfa.	63	37		95	13	88	71	100		97				
Ciprofloxacin			61											
Clindamycin									53	38	49			
Methicillin									51		21			
Penicillin												73		
Vancomycin <sup>1</sup>									100	100	100		80	
Linezolid									100	100	100			76
Synercid										100				95 <sup>5</sup>
Nitrofurantoin		97			5									27 <sup>4</sup>
Imipenem		100	92		100									
# OF ISOLATES	831	43	189	179	23	54	114	25	514	250	435	18	241	66

<sup>1</sup> Pharmacokinetic Drug Monitoring available through Pharmacy

<sup>2</sup> E.coli and K. pneumoniae data do NOT include organisms with ESBL

<sup>3</sup> Meningitis / non-meningitis interpretation

<sup>4</sup> Includes urinary isolates only

<sup>5</sup> Synercid not effective against E.faecalis

The data presented are for informational purposes only and must be interpreted in conjunction with clinical judgment.

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