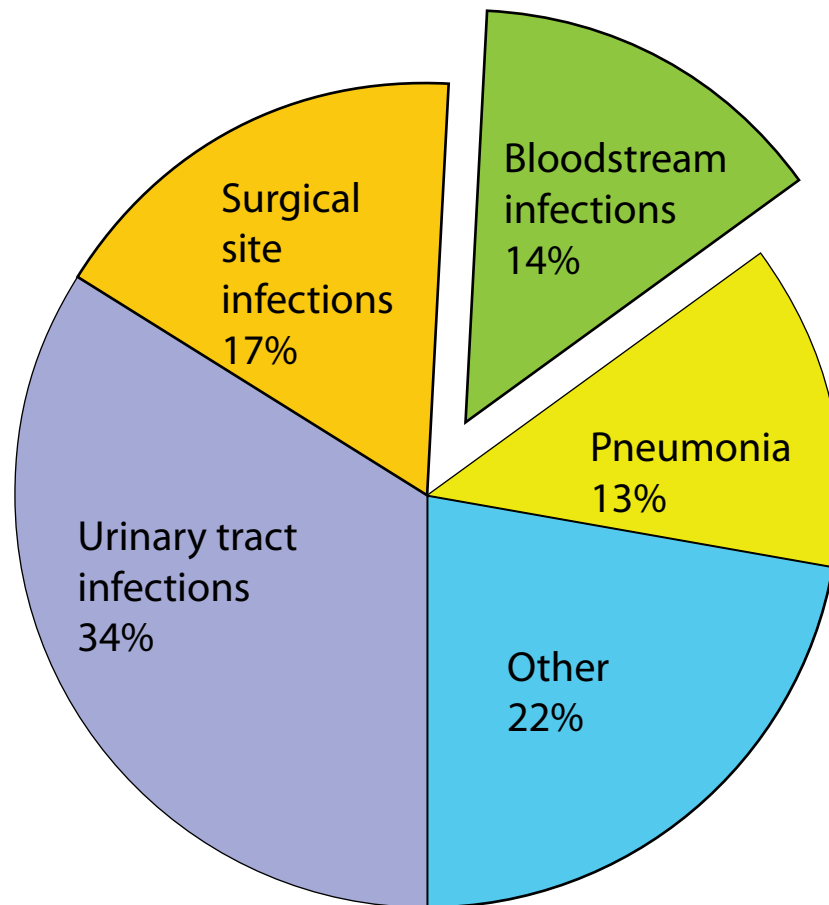


Main Causes of Health Care–Associated Infections

More than 75% of all HAIs in US hospitals are caused by four types of infections.



Although health care–associated infections are estimated to affect hundreds of millions of people globally, precise numbers remain unknown because of the difficulty in gathering reliable data worldwide.

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