

for nosocomial infections in neutropenic patients are not standardized, comparison of rates of site-specific nosocomial infection in cancer centers is difficult. Standardized definitions also would facilitate the validation of outcome criteria in multi-institutional antimicrobial clinical trials. Further analysis of risk factors and efficacy of infection control measures as well as interinstitutional comparisons of infection rates based on standardized criteria in populations with unique risk factors should be pursued.

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AHA to Sponsor National Teleconference on TB

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