Assessing the impact of infection prevention – an incremental cost-benefit analysis

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Infection Prevention!

in: preventing outbreaks, saving money

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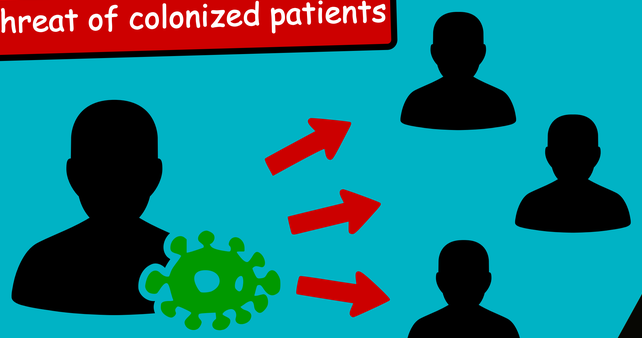
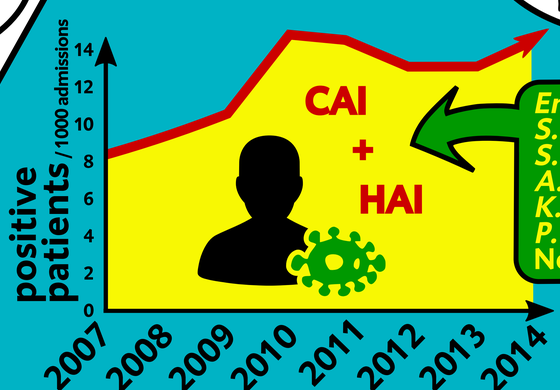
The threat of colonized patients



Patients colonized with micro organisms that can spread easily and cause outbreaks can be a serious threat for patient safety!

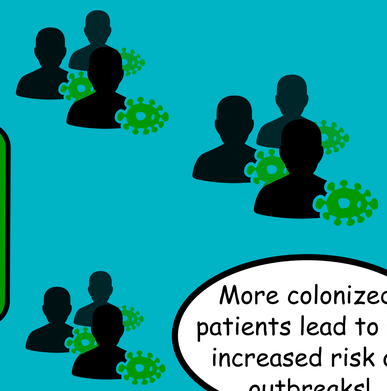
Numbers are rising



Numbers of positive patients admitted and detected in the UMCG rose with more than 70%.

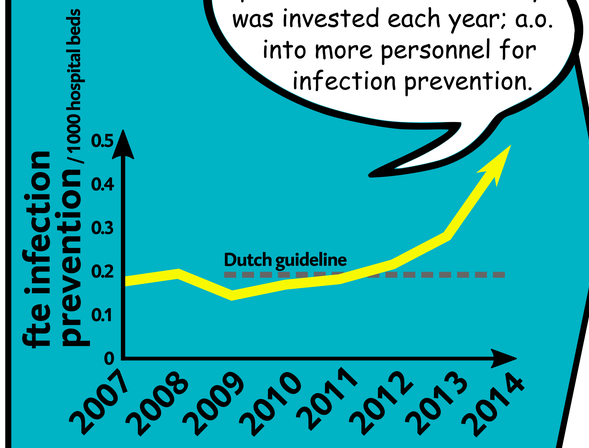
Enterococcus (VRE)
S. aureus (MRSA)
S. marcescens
A. baumanii
K. pneumonia (ESBL/CP)
P. aeruginosa (MDR)
Norovirus

Increased outbreak risk



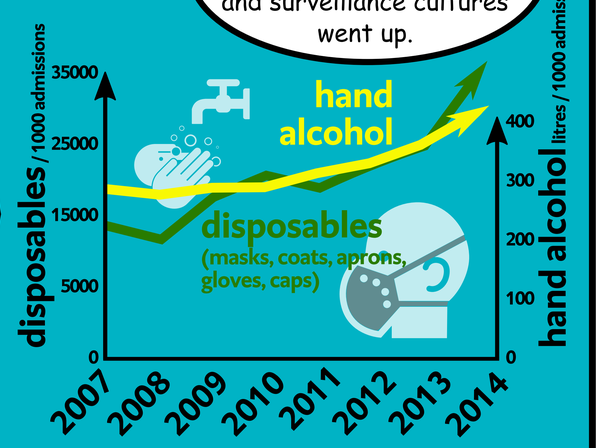
More colonized patients lead to an increased risk on outbreaks!

More personnel for infection prevention



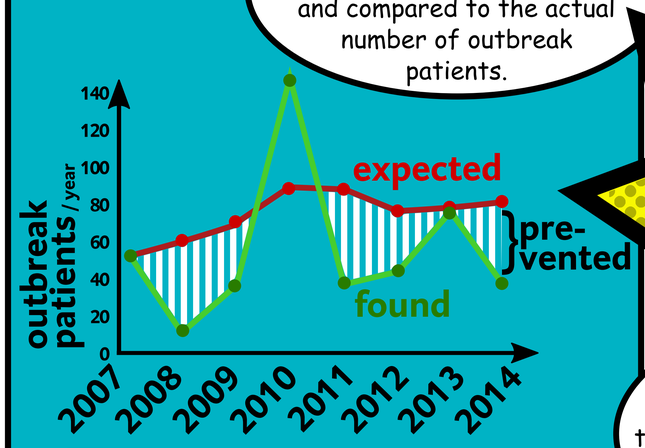
To keep up with the rising risk on possible outbreaks, money was invested each year; a.o. into more personnel for infection prevention.

Quality indicators improved

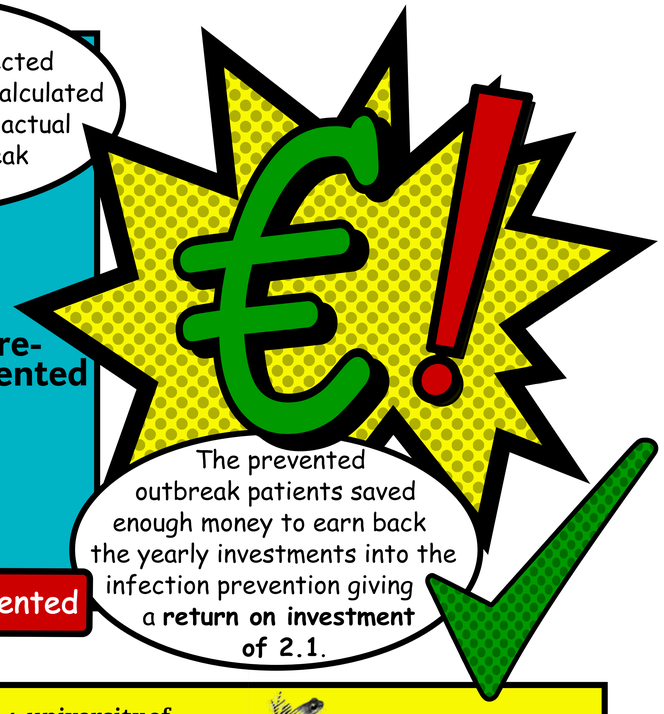


Over the 8 years, the use of hand alcohol ,disposable items, and surveillance cultures went up.

160 outbreak patients were prevented



For each year the number of expected outbreak patients was calculated and compared to the actual number of outbreak patients.



The prevented outbreak patients saved enough money to earn back the yearly investments into the infection prevention giving a **return on investment of 2.1**.

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