

Premier's SafetySurveillor automated infection surveillance tool allows KY hospital's practitioners "to practice much better than ever before"

SITUATION

For years, one of the biggest challenges for infection preventionists and control practitioners has been being able to handle infection surveillance hospital-wide as efficiently as possible so there is plenty of time to spend educating staff and patients

SOLUTION

St. Elizabeth Healthcare installed SafetySurveillor®, a comprehensive Web-based solution for automated infection control, surveillance and medication management.

"I think the most important success stories are the ones we will never know about. I am talking about the patients who did NOT acquire an infection because we were armed with important epidemiologic information much earlier than we would have been in the past without this tool, and we could get out of our offices and do something about it. I'm talking about the ones that were spared an infection because we in Infection Control had the time to educate a group of healthcare workers out on the units when we would not have had the time to do that before. I could go on and on, but I honestly believe this to be true.

This product is not perfect and does not make my life perfect, but it has enabled me to practice much better than ever before, and the important thing is that it is improving all the time."

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