

## **Hospital-Acquired infections**

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The prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are essential components in the operation of veterinary hospitals, similarly to what is recommended in the human field. The goals of the present lecture are:

- define and discuss the relevance of HAIs in veterinary medicine
- report the most frequently HAIs identified in veterinary medicine and the associated risk factors with a particular focus on the hospitalization in the intensive care unit
- discuss the role and the relevance of multidrug-resistant bacteria in HAIs
- underline the need and importance of education and awareness of the staff on biosecurity and infection control practices at veterinary hospitals