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Dear Dr. Melchreit,

MidState Medical Center has had a comprehensive infection prevention program in place for many years. This hospital-wide program encompasses a variety of initiatives focused on evidence-based best practices to prevent and reduce infections acquired by patients in our hospital. These initiatives have resulted in a significant reduction of hospital infections which overall have saved lives, decreased length of patient's hospital stay and saved health-care dollars through infections prevented.

MidState monitors infection occurrences hospitalwide among all patients which is a major driver of our infection prevention initiatives. Our major prevention initiatives focus on central line-associated bloodstream infections, hospital-associated pneumonia, catheter-associated urinary tract infections and surgical site infections.

MidState takes pride in providing its patients with excellent care of the highest quality. Our Infection Prevention Program is one example of many that assists in achieving the best outcomes for our patients. For more information please visit the MidState Medical Center website at midstatemedical.org

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