What do you believe contributed most significantly to this improvement?

Several factors contributed to this achievement. Foremost is the strength and dedication of our Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) team, supported by committed leadership at all levels of the organisation. Equally important has been having a clear mission and vision, which has provided direction and consistency over the years.

This success would not have been possible without the willingness of departments across the hospital to embrace change and adopt new practices.

Our colleagues have consistently supported innovation and improvement efforts, enabling us to implement evidence-based interventions and challenge conventional approaches when necessary.



What does this achievement signify for NTFGH as an institution?

This achievement demonstrates that the hard work, perseverance and investment made over the last 16 years have yielded meaningful results. It reflects our institution's commitment to patient safety and our culture of being receptive to new ideas and better ways of working.

At the same time, this success should not be taken for granted. It serves as both a milestone and a reminder that our journey is not yet complete. Singapore has set a national target of reducing HAI prevalence to 6.0%, and while we have made substantial progress, there is still work ahead of us. We must maintain our momentum, continue to innovate and remain vigilant in our infection prevention efforts.

How does your team's work contribute to infection prevention and preparedness?

While infection prevention is ultimately everyone's responsibility, our role is to build and sustain the culture, systems and practices that make safe care possible.

This includes conducting **timely audits and surveillance, providing education and support to frontline staff, identifying risks that may lead to patient harm and working closely with departments to implement effective mitigation measures**. Equally important is maintaining strong partnerships across the hospital to drive continuous improvement.

Over the years, numerous initiatives have been implemented to reduce HAI risk and strengthen preparedness.

The recent formation of the Department of Infection Prevention and Hospital Epidemiology (DIPHE) marks another important milestone. The department will further strengthen capabilities in infection prevention, surveillance, outbreak preparedness and healthcare epidemiology, enabling us to build on current gains and continue advancing patient safety and quality of care.



Thank you Adj Asst Prof Surinder for sharing!