



Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

FY2025 Request: \$500 Million

History of AHRQ Funding (Budget Authority)*

<i>Time Period</i>	<i>Funding Level</i>
FY 2023	\$373.5M
FY2024	TBD

Funding Request

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) should receive \$500 million in annual appropriations to support research to improve healthcare quality, reduce costs, and advance patient safety. The \$500 million target represents adjustments for inflation which have not kept pace with budgeting since FY 2010.

What is AHRQ?

AHRQ is the lead federal agency for developing the best available evidence to determine the best way to deliver high quality, safe healthcare while also reducing costs and improving access to care. AHRQ funds investigator-initiated research, tools and resources for frontline healthcare personnel, and guidance for implementing best practices healthcare delivery.

What are SHEA's Priority Programs at AHRQ?

In order to deliver better outcomes, we need to be able to differentiate which healthcare interventions work, for whom they work, and how to implement them. AHRQ funds a robust portfolio of applied research grants and contracts to prevent healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) and stop the spread of antibiotic resistant infections by helping clinicians and staff better understand how to implement proven methods for making the delivery of care to patients safer. AHRQ-funded research produces study results that identify proven strategies for preventing HAIs and informs clinical guidelines, toolkits, and training programs.

Why is a funding increase important for AHRQ?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that on any given day, 1 in 31 hospital patients and 1 in 43 nursing home residents has an HAI. Additionally, antibiotic resistance is one of the most serious and urgent global public health threats of our time. The federal government must invest in a long-term global strategy that supports infrastructure, new technology, and innovative research.

Important Links and Resources

- [National Action Plan to Prevent Health Care-Associated Infections](#)
- [National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, 2020-2025](#)
- [AHRQ's Healthcare-Associated Infections Program](#)

What are some examples of successful AHRQ funded research?

"Advancing Academic and Practical Knowledge To Prevent Infections From Hospital to Home"

Susan Huang, M.D., M.P.H.
Medical Director of Epidemiology and Infection Prevention
Professor, Infectious Diseases, School of Medicine
University of California, Irvine Medical Center

"Reducing Harms from Unsafe Use of Antibiotics and Preventing the Spread of Antibiotic Resistance"

Barbara Wells Trautner, M.D., Ph.D.
Professor of Infectious Diseases and Health Services Research
Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center
Baylor College of Medicine

"Focusing on Patients to Reduce Healthcare-Associated Infections During Transitions to Home Care"

Sara Keller, M.D., M.P.H.
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

"Developing Tailored Infection-Control Practices and More Accurate HAI Outcome Measures"

Anthony Harris, M.D., M.P.H.
Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology
University of Maryland, Baltimore

"Studying HAI Prevention Efforts to Inform Better Clinical Care and Policy"

Grace M. Lee, M.D., M.P.H.
Professor of Pediatrics
Stanford Children's Health

"Combatting Recurrent C diff and Other HAIs Through Research, Best Practices, and Clinical Innovation"

Nasia Safdar, M.D., Ph.D.
Vice Chair for Research, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine
University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Making Health Care Safer for Patients"

Peter Pronovost, M.D., Ph.D.
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Clinical Chief Transformation Officer