What are healthcare-associated infections?

Healthcare-associated infections are a result of germs entering your body during medical care.

Catheter-associated urinary tract infections
When germs travel along a urinary catheter and cause an infection in your bladder or kidney.

Surgical site infections
An infection that happens after surgery in the part of the body where the surgery took place.

Bloodstream infections
When germs enter the blood by way of a catheter or tube that is placed in your vein.

Pneumonia
Infection of the lungs.

Gastrointestinal infections
Infections that cause inflammation in your intestinal tract and can lead to deadly diarrhea. These infections are frequently caused by the *C. difficile* germ and are often seen in patients who have taken antibiotics.