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# Hospital Security SOLUTIONS

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**H**ospitals are an important institution in the United States as well as other nations. There are 5,534 of them registered in the United States as of 2017, with 894,574 staffed beds ([bit.ly/2PkbKwg](http://bit.ly/2PkbKwg)).

Among the many challenges that these institutions face, these are three that locksmiths have it within their power to affect in a meaningful way:

- The transmission of diseases (nosocomial infections)
- Health Insurance Portability Protection Act (HIPPA) compliance
- Protection of newborns from harm, including kidnapping.

In this article, we'll take a brief look at some of the issues and solutions that you, as a locksmith, may be able to provide community hospitals in your locale, including local clinics and nursing facilities. The potential for both profit and business building is beyond measure.

## Transmission of Disease

No one should ever visit a hospital and come away with a disease that will inevitably make them ill or possibly kill them. But this phenomena takes place all too often in our local community hospitals, enough so that those responsible for health and safety routinely look for ways to reduce risk.

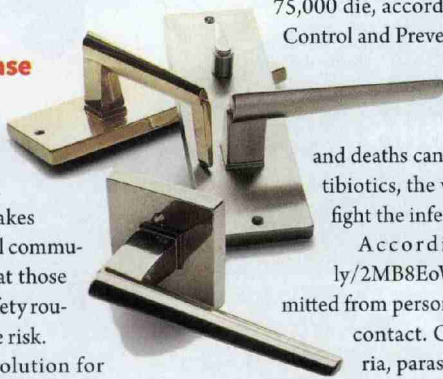
Before diving into the solution for the transmission of nosocomial

infections, let's take a quick look at the definition of hospital transmitted diseases as provided in an article published in Wikipedia:

"A hospital-acquired infection (HAI), also known as a nosocomial infection, is an infection that is acquired in a hospital or other health care facility. To emphasize both hospital and non-hospital settings, it is sometimes instead called a health care-associated infection (HAI or HCAI).[1] Such an infection can be acquired in hospital, nursing home, rehabilitation facility, outpatient clinic, or other clinical settings. Infection is spread to the susceptible patient in the clinical setting by various means" ([bit.ly/2nP4Kuw](http://bit.ly/2nP4Kuw)).

Additionally, "Though infections are just one measure of a hospital's safety record, they're an important one. Every year an estimated 648,000 people in the U.S. develop infections during a hospital stay, and about 75,000 die, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). That's more than twice the number of people who die each year in car crashes. And many of those illnesses and deaths can be traced back to the use of antibiotics, the very drugs that are supposed to fight the infections" ([bit.ly/2KNHHTs](http://bit.ly/2KNHHTs)).

According to Health Line ([bit.ly/2MB8EoW](http://bit.ly/2MB8EoW)), infectious diseases are transmitted from person to person by direct or indirect contact. Certain types of viruses, bacteria, parasites, and fungi can all cause infectious disease. Malaria, measles,



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