

# Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) is an infection that can be acquired during your child’s hospital stay while your child is in the intensive care unit on a mechanical ventilator device.

## Why is this so important?

Patients who develop this type of infection are at risk of becoming very sick. Given the potential serious complications that may result, we as a team at Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children continue to strive to completely eliminate these types of infections.

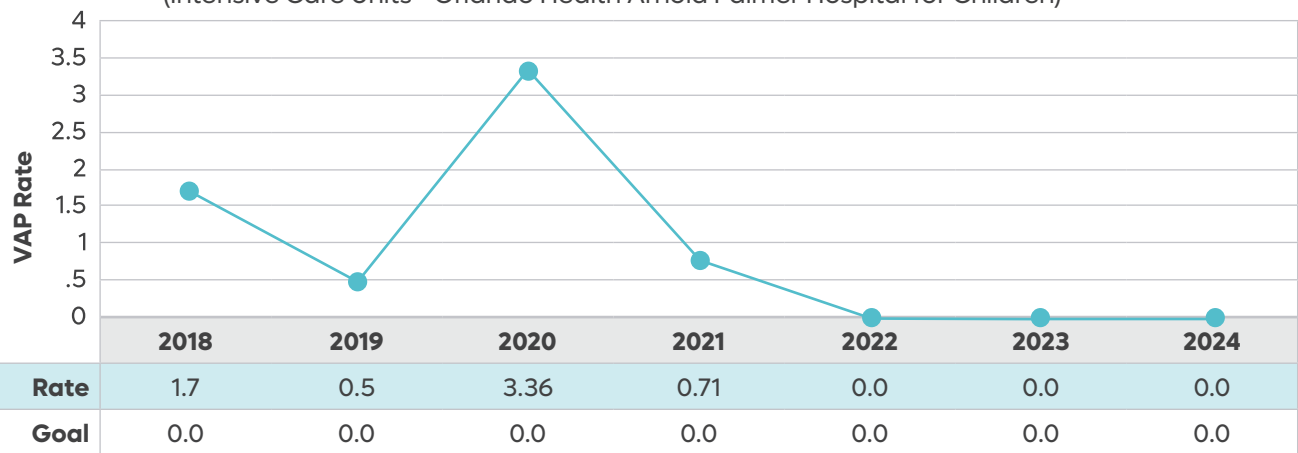
## How do we measure?

The VAP rate is calculated using the total number of patients infected for every 1,000 ventilator days. Each day your child is on a ventilator counts as one ventilator day.

## How are we doing?

### Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP) Rate

(Intensive Care Units - Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children)



Data updated May 2025

## How are we improving?

We track our progress through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), a national healthcare-associated infection tracking system.

- Implemented standardized practices that are recognized to lower the risk of VAP, including proper patient positioning and oral hygiene while your child is on a ventilator
- Promote strict hand hygiene practices for all of our staff, as well as patient family and visitors
- Limiting ventilator use only when medically indicated
- Enforcing proper guidelines for care of ventilator equipment
- Monitor rates of infection with immediate action planning and process change

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