

Author Correction

To the Editor:

I would like to bring to your attention two important typographical errors which appeared in Tables 4 and 5 of my article, "The Efficacy of a Florida Hospital Consortium for Infection Control: 1975-1982" (*Infect Control* 1986; 7:321-326). The correct presentations are provided below. Since these errors may confuse the readers, I would greatly appreciate publication of the corrections.

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A Call for Papers on Emergency Decontamination of Transplant Material

To the Editor:

I would like to suggest a topic that may be of interest to readers of *Infection Control*. In classic tradition of a "typical Friday afternoon problem," the bone flap from a craniotomy was dropped on the floor. On a "stat" basis, my problem was to figure out how to decontaminate the bone in a very short time without adversely affecting its suitability for reimplantation. Telephone conversations with the Univer-

sity of Miami Tissue Bank (Dr. T. Malinin) and the Virginia Tissue Bank yielded invaluable advice. While this type of emergency is rare, it undoubtedly will test the resources of others as well. You might want to invite manuscripts on infection considerations in tissue banking as well as emergency disinfection of bone intended for reimplantation. I would certainly recommend either or both of these two centers.

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**TABLE 4
 NOSOCOMIAL INFECTION OUTBREAK FREQUENCY IN GROUP I HOSPITALS, BY DURATION OF SFHCIC MEMBERSHIP AND ONCOLOGY CENTER PRESENCE**

Oncology Center* Hospitals	Present			Absent		
	2, 6, 7, 10, 12, 20			1, 8, 15, 18, 19		
SFHCIC Calendar Period, Years	1-4	5-8	all	1-4	5-8	all
Hospital-Years Experience	24	21	45	20	14	34
Patient Service Outbreaks						
Critical Care	†12(.50)	7(.33)	†19(.42)	3(.15)	3(.21)	6(.18)
Dialysis	0	0	0	2(.10)	0	2(.06)
Eye	2(.08)	1(.05)	3(.07)	1(.05)	0	1(.03)
General	1(.04)	2(.10)	3(.07)	1(.05)	0	1(.03)
Ortho-General Surgery	12(.50)	0	12(.27)	4(.20)	1(.07)	5(.15)
Percutaneous/Pressure Catheter	2(.08)	5(.24)	7(.16)	1(.05)	0	1(.03)
Personnel Outbreaks	5(.21)	4(.19)	9(.20)	3(.15)	3(.21)	6(.18)

*For definition see text.

† Number of episodes (rate per hospital-year).

‡ P < .05 for difference in critical care rates for all years, oncology center present and absent.

**TABLE 5
 NOSOCOMIAL INFECTION OUTBREAK FREQUENCY IN ALL HOSPITAL GROUPS, BY DURATION OF SFHCIC MEMBERSHIP**

SFHCIC Calendar Period, Years	Group I		Group II		Group III	
	1-4	5-8	1-4	5-8	1-4	5-8
Hospital-Years Experience	44	35	13	†-	12	4
Patient Service Outbreaks						
Critical Care	*15(.34)	10(.29)	4(.31)	—	2(.17)	0
Dialysis	2(.05)	0	0	—	0	0
Eye	3(.07)	1(.03)	0	—	0	0
General	2(.05)	2(.06)	0	—	1(.08)	0
Ortho-General Surgery	**16(.36)	1(.03)	4(.31)	—	3(.25)	0
Percutaneous/Pressure Catheter	3(.07)	5(.14)	2(.15)	—	1(.08)	0
Personnel Outbreaks	‡ 8(.18)	7(.20)	3(.23)	—	‡4(.33)	1(.25)

*Number of episodes (rate per hospital-year).

†Not applicable.

‡One episode also involved patients.

** P < .00833 for difference in Ortho-General Surgery rates for Group I Hospitals, first and second calendar periods.