



## **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

- List at least 3 possible interventions for CLABSI prevention that reach beyond the care bundle.
- Describe at least two strategies for change management to engage bedside team members and promote buy-in.

### **PROJECT PURPOSE OVERVIEW**

The COVID-19 pandemic created many challenges in critical care. One was an increase in central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs). For these patients, their high acuity level increased risk for CLABSI beyond the point where evidence-based bundle elements could mitigate. Despite conducting unit-based reviews of all CLABSIs with key stakeholders, no clear care gaps or common contributors were found. This resulted in collaborative efforts between critical care and infection prevention to identify and implement interventions that reached beyond the bundle.

### BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic increased CLABSI rates across hospitals by 51% and facilities that had >10% COVID-19 admissions had a standard infection ratio 2.38 times higher than facilities with <5% covid admissions (Fakih, M.G. et al., 2022.) Our medical ICU ran 50-100% COVID-19 patients during peak surges. We couldn't change our patient population. We needed to find other ways to keep patients safe. Our team developed many additional strategies to go *Beyond the Bundle*. Collaboration with Infection Prevention, Critical Care, executive leadership, bedside nurses, providers, and care partners to create sustainable solutions was unique not only in partnership but in practice. Although the interventions are leading the outcomes, the collaborative relationships between all key stakeholders have been critical to our success. This project demonstrated how a truly collaborative team can create sustainable solutions for preventable harm to patients and care excellence can be accomplished together.



#### RESOURCES

Fakih, M., Bufalino, A., Sturm, L., Huang, R., Ottenbacher, A., Saake, K., . . . Cacchione, J. (2022). Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, central-line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI), and catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI): The urgent need to refocus on hardwiring prevention efforts. Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology, 43(1), 26-31. doi:10.1017/ice.2021.70

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) Safety Program for MRSA Prevention. https://safetyprogram4mrsaprevention.org/page/home

# **BEYOND THE BUNDLE**

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#### **INTERVENTIONS** Tissue adhesive for all central lines High Risk Rounding—twice weekly • Criteria for inclusion: Patients at high risk Baseline data for CLABSI or HAPI • Product evaluation, training and education Results and recommendations to key • Hemodialysis catheter, multiple lines, stakeholders femoral line, TPN/PPN, Immunocompromised, Serial blood Implementation Re-education draws, sheath, line in place $\geq$ 10 days • Add to central line dressing kits • Contracted, on paralytics, multiple Nasal decolonization pressors, pressure injuries present, BMI • Engaged clinical governance members <17, Braden score < 12. • Supply logistics availability and roll out • Documentation review, nursing interview, • Product training and education room survey • Routine use twice daily High Touch Cleaning • Change in EHR to support standard work / • For all patients on any Transmission Based nursing order-task and unique data point Precautions • Transitioned from paper form to an for documentation • Expanded from ICU to other inpatient electronic form with Charge Nurse validation acute care units Improved patient education Staff Engagement • Used organizational approved social media • Future work to add to CCM order set • Hand Hygiene (closed groups) and flash polls for team • Product options for enhanced practice or member preference • Team member resiliency and willingness to "scrub" Implemented "Enhanced Hand Hygiene" trial new products • Product availability at sink locations with • Timing of interdisciplinary rounds • Senior Leader engagement for support and instructions and timers • Interview process for compliance help to remove barriers Daily Nursing huddles to discuss lines and monitoring CHG Bathing PLUS process observations for device • Added a CHG bath prior to non-emergent management central line insertion aiming for within one Applied Comprehensive Unity Safety Program (CUSP) methodology to hour of placement • Renewed focus on general CHG bathing participate in AHRQ MRSA Prevention

process

#### Automated Labeling System

Improve tubing management

- cohort which included CLABSI Prevention resources
- Regular team member feedback through Visual Management, emails and face to face engagement

# RECOGNITION

Sincere gratitude is extended to all involved: our team members, our interdisciplinary support teams, our leaders and our community who all share in this success story.

# **PRESENTER CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# **KEY TAKE AWAYS**

Rapid improvement efforts are worth it but put in the time for

processes to evolve.

Persevere to revisit and revise.

Let the voice of your team be heard.

• Talk, walk, measure, feedback and celebrate.

Truly collaborative teams can create sustainable solutions for

preventable harm to patients

# DISCLOSURES

No one in a position to control the content of this educational activity has relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies





# Wellstar Douglas Medical Center Intensive Care Unit (same unit re-mapped in NHSN with population char CLABSI Events and Interventions Timeline 2018 - June 2023

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