CLABSI PREVENTION Battle Plans
Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection

Join in the fight against HAI.s.
Follow these proven prevention measures and we can reach our goal of cutting CLABSI in half. One patient at a time.

**INSERTION**
- Full barrier precautions – personal and patient
- Hand hygiene before and after
- Optimal catheter site selection, avoiding femoral site
- Skin antisepsis chlorhexidine

**DAILY MAINTENANCE**
- Hand hygiene before and after
- Daily review & documentation
- Prompt removal of unnecessary CVCs & documentation
- Enter details of removal in records

Follow these 6 rules to push this statistic down

**Catheter injection ports maintenance:**
1. Open lumens must be covered.
2. Caps are changed every 72 hours.
3. Access ports must be sanitized before and after each use.

**Catheter site dressing:**
4. Change gauze every 2 days.
5. Clear every 7 days or
6. Clear when soiled, damp or loose.

**CLABSI Numbers**
- **3,500,000** CVCs Inserted IN USA 2013
- **41,000** Develop CLABSI IN USA 2013
- **$32,000** Added Costs/ Hospital Stay
- **$2.56 Billion** Annual Costs For CLABSI

TARGET
- **60% DECREASE BY 2015**

1. The FIVE standard prevention measures (supported by category 1 level evidence) are recommended in CDC CLABSI Prevention Guidelines, SHEA/APIC Compendium, IHI guidelines, and The Joint Commission CLABSI Toolkit.
6. CDC

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