

HQIC Community of Practice Call

Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)
Control and Reduction During the COVID-19 Pandemic
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Introduction



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Welcome!

Who's in the Room?

Agenda

- Introduction
- Today's Topic
 - CLABSI Control and Reduction During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Presentations by Geoff Granseth and Eli DeLille, Health Services
Advisory Group (HSAG)
Caroline Gill Rifold, CHA Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center
- Open Discussion
- Closing Remarks

As You Listen, Ponder...

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Meet Your Speakers



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Summary of CLABSI Impact and Cost

- CLABSIs are the **3rd most frequent** cause of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs).¹
- Mortality rates from CLABSI range from **12%–25%** and significantly increase cost and hospital length of stay (CDC).¹
- The estimated cost of each CLABSI is **\$48,108**.²

CLABSI = central line-associated bloodstream infection, HAI = healthcare-associated infection, CDC = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



1. Woodward B, Umberger R. Review of Best Practices for CLABSI Prevention and the Impact of Recent Legislation on CLABSI Reporting. Sage. Nov. 2016. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2158244016677747>

2. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Estimating the Additional Hospital Inpatient Cost and Mortality Associated With Selected Hospital-Acquired Conditions. <https://www.ahrq.gov/hai/pfp/haccost2017-results.html>

Epidemiology of CLABSI

- An estimated 30,100 CLABSIs occur in the United States each year.¹
- CLABSIs are preventable when fundamental infection control practices are followed.



2019 National SIR: 0.689²

- ICU: 0.732
- Ward: 0.672

SIR = standardized infection ratio

2019 National SUR: 0.8753²

























- ICU: 0.9105
- Ward: 0.8584

SUR = standardized utilization ratio

1. CDC. NHSN Patient Safety Component Manual. https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/pscmanual/pcsmanual_current.pdf

2. CDC. Current HAI Progress Report. <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/data/portal/progress-report.html#2018>

The Impact of COVID-19 on HAIs

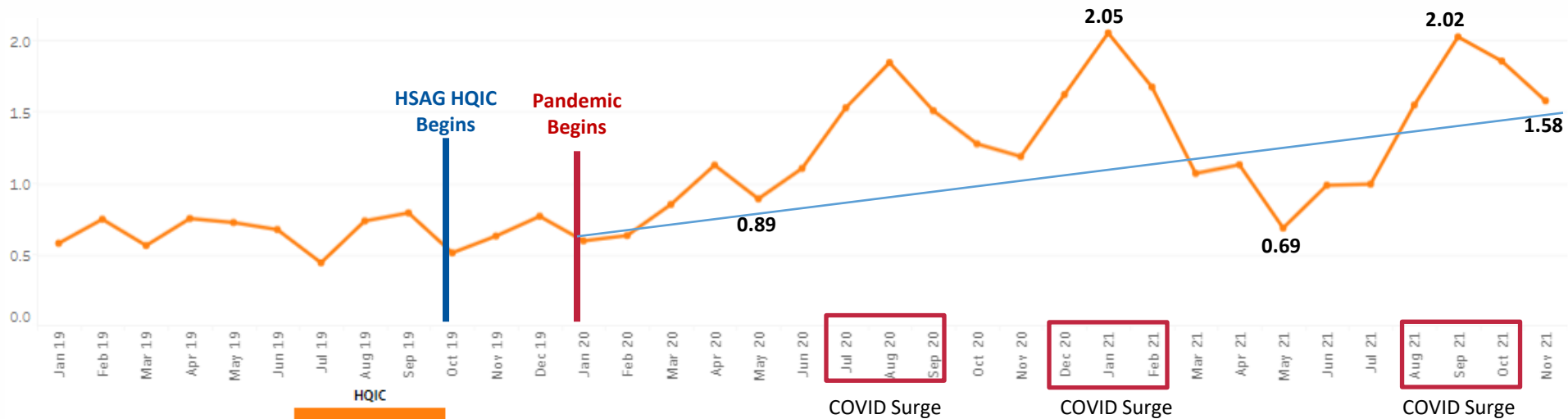
| | 2020 Q1 | 2020 Q2 | 2020 Q3 | 2020 Q4 |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| CLABSI |  -11.8% |  27.9% |  46.4% |  47.0% |
| CAUTI |  -21.3% | No Change ¹ |  12.7% |  18.8% |
| VAE |  11.3% |  33.7% |  29.0% |  44.8% |
| SSI: Colon surgery |  -9.1% | No Change ¹ |  -6.9% |  -8.3% |
| SSI: Abdominal hysterectomy |  -16.0% | No Change ¹ | No Change ¹ |  -13.1% |
| Laboratory-identified MRSA bacteremia |  -7.2% |  12.2% |  22.5% |  33.8% |
| Laboratory-identified CDI |  -17.5% |  -10.3% |  -8.8% |  -5.5% |

CAUTI = catheter-associated urinary tract infection, VAE = ventilator-associated event, SSI = surgical site infection, MRSA = Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, CDI = Clostridioides difficile infection

The impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on healthcare-associated infections in 2020: A summary of data reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network | Infection Control & Hospital Epidemiology | Cambridge Core. <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/infection-control-and-hospital-epidemiology/article/impact-of-coronavirus-disease-2019-covid19-on-healthcare-associated-infections-in-2020-a-summary-of-data-reported-to-the-national-healthcare-safety-network/8197F323F4840D233A0C62F4726287E1>

HSAG HQIC Aggregate: CLABSI SIR—Critical Care

Comparisons Over Time



| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| RIR | -119.59% |
| Events to Avert | 423 |
| Number of Target Hospitals | 53 |

| | |
|--|------|
| Baseline Rate (01/01/2019–12/31/2019) | 0.66 |
| Current Rate (12/01/2020–11/30/2021) | 1.48 |
| Goal Rate | 0.60 |

RIR = relative improvement rate

Challenges to CLABSI Reduction



- Increased patient acuity
- Increased length of inpatient stay
- Increased device utilization
- Staffing concerns

- Bundle compliance
- Resource availability
- Staff burnout
- What must be done versus what should be done (drift)

CLABSI Reduction Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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HSAG HQIC TAP Strategy

Infection Prevention

CAUTI

CLABSI

Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)

Target

- [CLABSI Targeted Assessment for Prevention \(TAP\) Framework](#) (PDF)
- [TAP Strategy](#) (PDF)

Assess

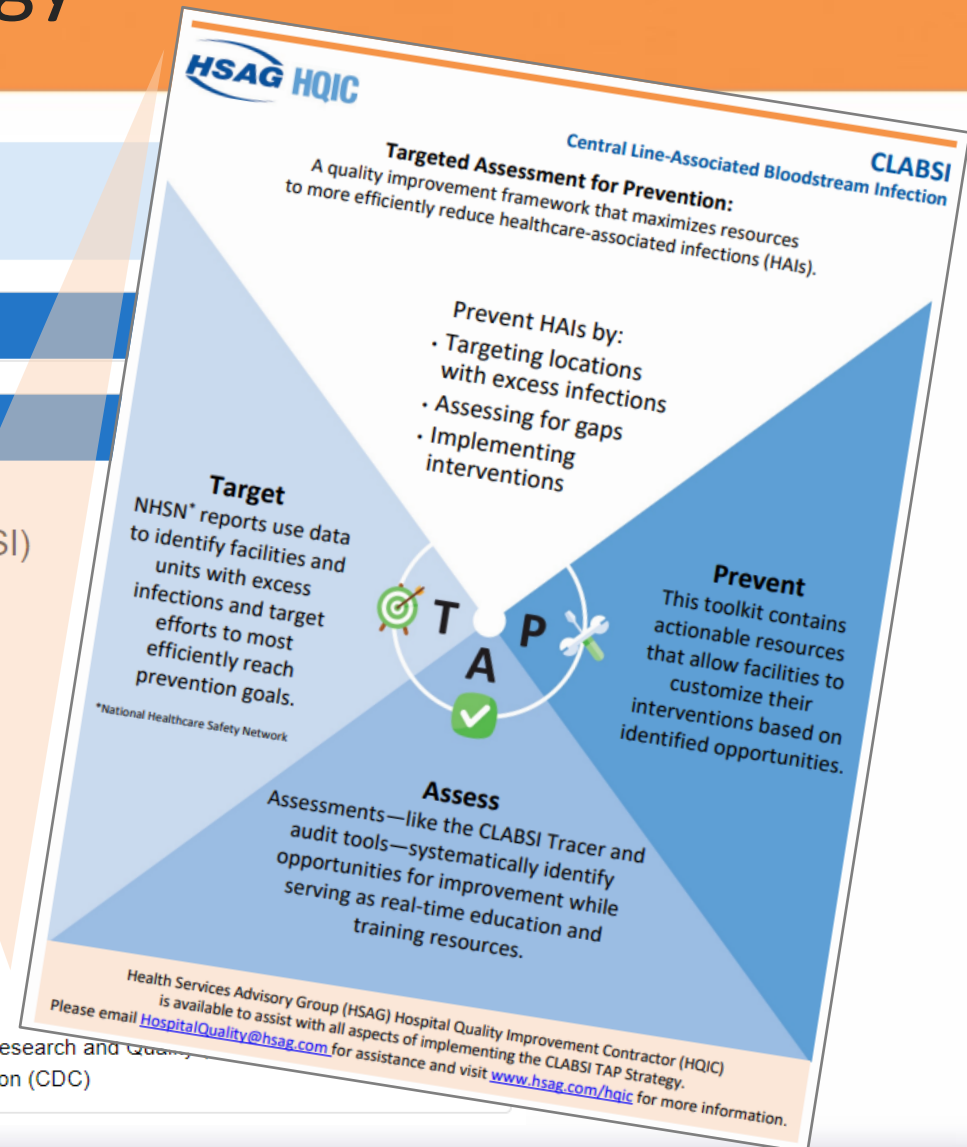
- [CLABSI Audit Tool](#) (Excel download)

Contact your Quality Advisor for these tools:

- [CLABSI Exploration Form](#)
- [CLABSI Tracer Tool](#)

Prevent

- [CLABSI Implementation Guide](#) An online guide from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- [CLABSI Prevention Checklist](#) From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



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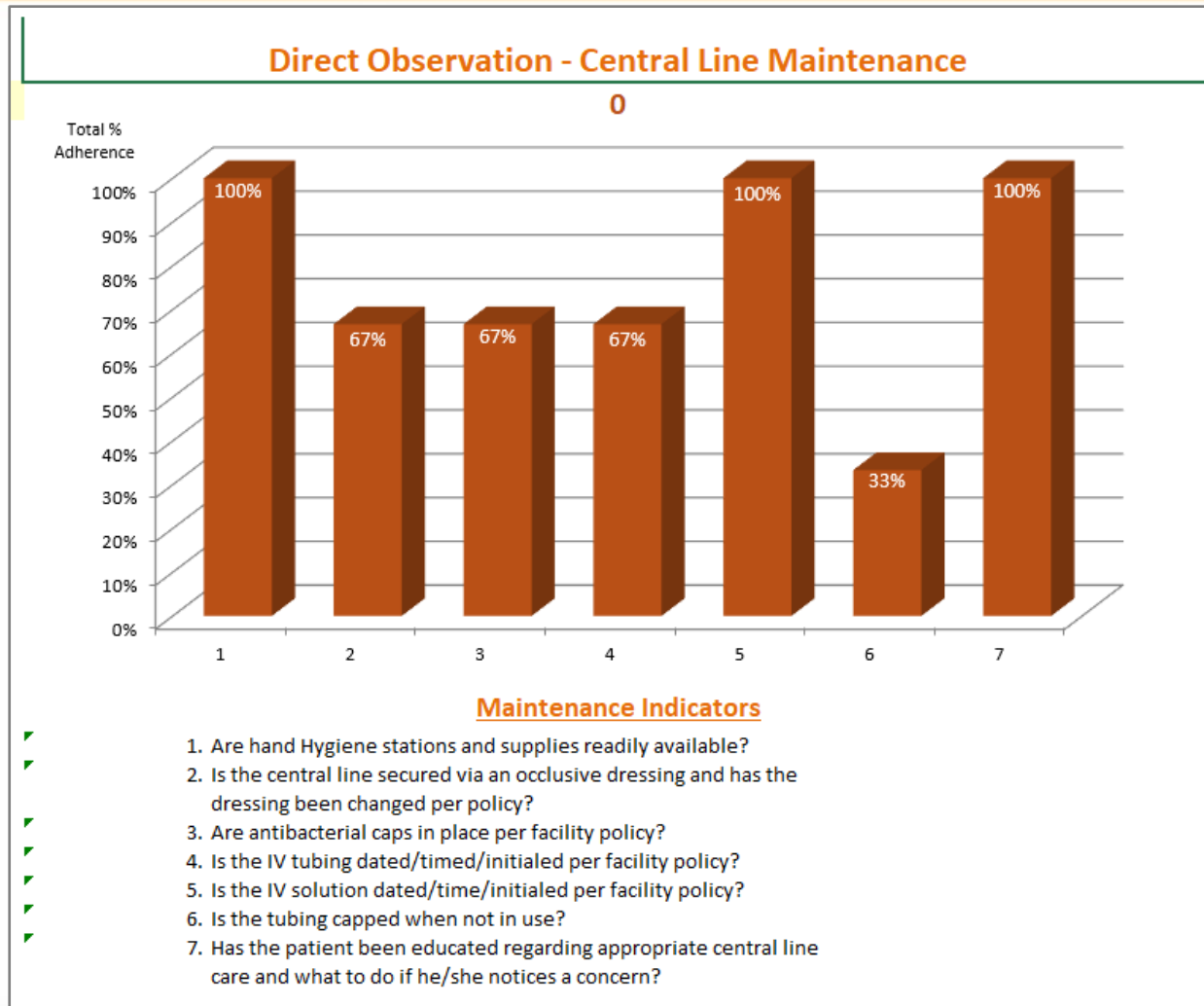
Central Line Observation and Quality Tool

Date: _____ Patient Census: _____ NPC= Not placed correctly
Unit: _____ Number of Patients with Devices: _____

Complete for each Central Line in use:

| COMMENTS | Central Line 1 | Central Line 2 | Central Line 3 |
|--|------------------------|--|----------------|
| <u>Direct Observation</u> | | | |
| ROOM # | | | |
| 1. Are hand hygiene stations and supplies readily available? | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 2. Is the central line secured via an occlusive dressing and has the dressing been changed per facility policy? | Yes | No | Yes |
| 3. Are antibacterial caps in place per facility policy? | Yes | Yes | No |
| 4. Is the IV tubing dated/timed/initialed per facility policy? | No | Yes | Yes |
| 5. Is the IV solution dated/timed/initialed per facility policy? | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 6. Is the tubing capped if not in use? | No | No | Yes |
| 7. Has the patient been educated regarding appropriate central line care and what to do if he/she notices a concern? | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Total Positive Per Patient | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Total % Adherence Per Patient | 71.4% | 71.4% | 85.7% |
| <u>Chart Review</u> | | | |
| 8. Is there documentation indicating which department inserted the central line? | Yes | No | Yes |
| 8a. Note the department/unit where the central line was inserted | Emergency Department | Emergency Department | ICU |
| 9. Does documentation support central line placement? | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| 10. Is there documentation available for completion of the insertion bundle checklist? | Yes | No | Yes |
| 11. Has there been a check for central line necessity today? | Yes | Yes | No |
| 12. What criterion is noted? | Hemodynamic monitoring | volumes of fluids including blood or blood | No indication |
| 13. Comments | | | |
| Total Positive Per Patient | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| Total % Adherence Per Patient | 100.0% | 50.0% | 75.0% |

HSAG HQIC CLABSI Audit Tool (cont.)



HSAG HQIC CLABSI Exploration Tool

Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI): Exploration Form

Complete this form for every CLABSI by reviewing the patient's medical record, interviewing clinicians, and observing the patient or central line. As you answer the questions, remember to ask "why?" when seeking an explanation. The investigation should begin as soon as the diagnosis is made and no later than three days after identifying the CLABSI to ensure that clinicians clearly remember the events that may have contributed to the infection.

| | | | |
|--|------|--|---|
| Date(s) of investigation: | | Person(s) conducting investigation: | |
| Patient initials: | Age: | Medical record #: | Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female |
| Race: <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Not indicated in patient's medical record | | Is the patient Hispanic? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know | |
| Admit date: | | Admitting diagnosis: | |
| Discharge date: | | | |
| Was the patient discharged alive? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If no, list the cause of death: | | | |
| Was the patient transferred from one location to another within the hospital or from another hospital in the 72 hours prior to the infection? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, describe: | | | |
| What co-morbidities or patient factors may have contributed to the CLABSI (e.g., traumatic insertion, concurrent infections, hyperglycemia, obesity, or agitation)? | | | |
| Who inserted the central line prior to the CLABSI: | | | |
| Was the patient intubated prior to the infection or at the time of insertion? | | If yes, what were the dates the patient was intubated? | |
| Was the patient in isolation prior to the central line being inserted during this admission? | | If yes, why was the patient in isolation? | |
| Where on the patient's body was the central line inserted? | | Where in the hospital was the central line inserted? | |
| What was the indication for the central line? | | | |
| Prior to infection, when was the central line inserted (date/time)? | | Was this insertion a re-insertion? | |
| When was the positive blood culture obtained (date/time)? | | What organism(s) were identified in the positive blood culture? | |
| How many days was the central line in place prior to the date of a positive blood culture? | | | |
| If the infection occurred within 3 days of insertion, were any elements missing on the central line insertion practice (CLIP) form? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, what was missing? | | | |



What was documented about the central line insertion?

Interview at least one person who was present during the insertion. Is there additional information about the insertion process that was not included in the documentation? ☐ Y ☐ N
If yes, describe:

In the 72 hours prior to the CLABSI, did the patient receive a bath at least once every 24 hours? ☐ Y ☐ N

What agent was used to clean the patient during the bath?

In the 72 hours prior to the CLABSI, is there documentation by a physician at least once every 24 hours, of the reason for the continued use of the central line? ☐ Y ☐ N

In the 72 hours prior to the CLABSI, is there documentation by a nurse at least once every 24 hours, of the reason for the continued use of the central line? ☐ Y ☐ N

On the unit where the patient was located at the time of the CLABSI, is there a process that includes observation of the central line by the charge nurse or another person? ☐ Y ☐ N
If yes, what date(s) prior to the CLABSI was the central line observed?

Were there any deficiencies in any observations prior to the CLABSI? ☐ Y ☐ N
If yes, what deficiencies occurred?

Were there any events occurring on the unit at the time of the insertion that may have affected the clinician's ability to insert the central line? ☐ Y ☐ N
If yes, describe:

Were any concerns or issues related to the central line insertion equipment or supplies identified during this investigation? ☐ Y ☐ N
If yes, please describe:

What have you done to ensure that the next patient with a central line will be safe from acquiring an infection at your hospital?

HSAG HQIC SUR Calculator

| Hospital Type | Measure Type | Unit Type (CDC Location Code)* | Facility Size | Teaching Status | Observed Device Days | Observed Patient Days | Predicted Device Days | SUR |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Acute Care Hospitals | CLABSI | Critical Care Units | ≥ 268 beds | Major | 327 | 568 | 309.886 | 1.055 |

*Reference 'CDC Location Code' sheet for a breakout of CDC Location Code

Acute Care Hospitals CLABSI

CDC Location Name: Critical Care Units

Burn Critical Care
 Medical Cardiac Critical Care
 Surgical Cardiothoracic Critical Care
 Medical Critical Care
 Medical Surgical Critical Care
 Neurology Critical Care
 Neurosurgical Critical Care
 Oncology Medical Critical Care
 Oncology Medical Surgical Critical Care
 Pediatric Oncology Critical Care
 Oncology Surgical Critical Care
 Prenatal Critical Care
 Respiratory Critical Care
 Surgical Critical Care
 Trauma Critical Care

CDC Location Name: Pediatric Critical Care Units

Pediatric Burn Critical Care
 Pediatric Cardiothoracic Critical Care
 Pediatric Medical Surgical Critical Care
 Pediatric Medical Critical Care

Acute Care Hospitals CAUTI

CDC Location Name: Adult Critical Care

Surgical Cardiothoracic Critical Care
 Medical Critical Care
 Medical Surgical Critical Care
 Neurology Critical Care
 Neurosurgical Critical Care
 Oncology Medical Critical Care
 Pediatric Oncology Critical Care
 Oncology Surgical Critical Care
 Surgical Critical Care
 Trauma Critical Care

CDC Location Name: Pediatric Critical Care

Pediatric Burn Critical Care
 Pediatric Surgical Cardiothoracic Critical Care
 Pediatric Medical Surgical Critical Care
 Pediatric Neurosurgical Critical Care
 Pediatric Surgical Care
 Pediatric Trauma Critical Care

CDC Location Name: Burn and Cardiac Critical Care

Burn Critical Care



Thank you!

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Final Thoughts

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