

**Successful Implementation of Quality Improvement
Methods to Improve CLABSI in the Emergency
Department: a five-year experience**

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UCHealth

- University Hospital
 - Cincinnati, Ohio (2.1 million)
 - 90,000 adults
 - Urban, Tertiary, Safety-Net
 - Academic Medical Center, Level 1 trauma, Transplant program, Burn Center, Stroke Center, etc.
 - University of Cincinnati Emergency Medicine Residency
 - PGY2 residents perform majority of procedures



Background

- Committee for Procedural Quality and Evidence Based Care (2005)
 - Procedural complications
 - Evidence based guidelines
- CLABSI
 - Andra Blomkalns, Greg Fermann, Kim Vance
 - Improve the quality of care for central line insertion

Intervention

- Interventions
 - Central line pack (2001)
 - Grand rounds and nursing training (2001)
 - Ultrasound training (2005)
 - Data collection & feedback (2007)
 - Competency checklist (2007)
 - Simulation training (2008)
- Changes
 - Location, site selection, equipment and method (ultrasound)

Changes

- Integration into the culture of success
- Nursing expectation of central line care

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 Supervising Physician's Name: _____
 Medical Record Number: (patient) _____
 Date: _____

**Clinical Competence Evaluation Tool
Central Venous Access**

Critical Actions

Yes	No	Action
		Informed consent obtained (if able)
		Patient positioned properly and comfortably
		Universal Barrier Protection Utilized
		Sterile skin prep performed
		Landmarks located
		Needle orientation appropriate
		Venous blood obtained
		Guide wire inserted appropriately and always secured
		Skin incision made
		Tract dilated
		Catheter inserted to appropriate depth
		All ports flushed (if needed and may be prior or after insertion)
		Catheter suture/secured in place
		Position checked by radiograph (appropriate)

Non-Critical Actions

Yes	No	Action
		Procedure explained to patient in professional caring manner
		Complete equipment obtained prior to beginning procedure (kit, gloves, dressing)
		Anesthesia and sedation applied if appropriate
		Ultrasound guidance utilized if applicable
		After procedure, patient cleaned and repositioned for comfort
		Dressing applied

Comments:

CVC Clinical Competence Evaluation Tool

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Results: Total Complications Central Line Insertion

	Total	Complications	CLABSI	Total Complication Rate
2007	363	23	1 (SC)	6.3%
2008	360	25	0	6.9%
2009	359	24	0	6.7%
2010	355	26	0	7.3%
2011	365	18	1 (F)	4.9%
2012 (June)	130	8	1 (SC)	6.1%
total	1932	124	3 (0.16%)	6.4%

CLABSI Cases

- 2007 – 54 y/o Obese, resp failure, HCAP, Rt Subclavian, grew MSSA from BAL and enterococcus from blood and line.
- 2011 – 83 y/o quadraplegic, severe sepsis, HCAP, UTI, Lt Femoral triple lumen, grew multiple strain staph from line
- 2012 – Unclear cause, left subclavian, ultrasound used. Second CL placed in ICU, CLABSI develops days later.

Sustainability

- Competency reports
- Quarterly Report cards
- Morbidity and Mortality conference
- Medical student training

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Professionalism	Board Certification		ABEM (2008)		Exp: 12/2018			
	CME Hours				ML Exp: 10/2011			
	Completion of Required Testing							
	TB Testing		Exp: 04/30/2010					
Interpersonal & Communication Skills	Resident Faculty Evaluation							
	Overall (max 5.00)		MD		Mean			
	Patient Relations--Press Ganey		UH	JH	WCMC	UH	JH	WCMC
	IMD Overall							
ED Visit Overall								
Patient Care: Knowledge, Judgment and Technical Skills	Clinical Throughput		MD			Mean		
	Door to MD		UH	JH	WCMC	UH	JH	WCMC
	MD to Disposition							
	Length of Stay							
	Core Measures		Total Cases			# At Standard		
	AMI-1 ASA in 24h							
	AMI-7a Door to Thrombolytic							
	AMI-8a Door to PCA							
	PN-1 O2 Assessment							
	PN-3b BCx prior to Abx							
	PN-5c Abx in 6h							
	Composite							
	Procedural Complications		Total Cases			# Complications		
	Arterial Line							
	Central Line							
	Chest Tube							
Lumbar Puncture								
Procedural Sedation								
Guideline Compliance		Total Cases			# At Standard			
Sepsis								
CHF								
Asthma								
Systems Based Practice	Medical Record Suspensions		UH	JH	WCMC	UH	JH	WCMC
	Patient Safety Events							
Peer Review	Morbidity & Mortality: July-Sept		MD			Total		
	0		0			0		
	1		1			9		
	2		0			2		
3		0			0			
Evaluator Comments								

Barriers & Challenges

- Bureaucracy/inertia for change
- Work environment/space
- High acuity
- Cost
- Data collection and management
- “Data disbelief”

Successes

- <0.2% of ED placed lines had CLABSI
- Known complication rates for all procedures
- Buy-in to robust QI and KT systems by residents
- Institutional leader for QI and data collection and management

Lessons Learned

- Begin
- Recognize the effort never ends
- Build a system
- Use evidence
- Must have data

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