

2023 Infection Prevention PEARLS

**Prevention Efforts:**

**CLABSI**

* Check line necessity at least daily
* Use a midline when possible
* Decolonization Protocol
* Do not place/order central lines for convenience or practice (eg lab draws)
* Preferred site of placement: Subclavian-avoid femoral placement
* Secureport IV central line dressing tissue adhesive
* Trialysis catheters stock will limited on the adult ICUs at CHH.
* Nephrology will order a hemodialysis catheter to be placed by Interventional Radiology if the Trialysis catheter has been in place for longer than 10-14 days.

**CAUTI**

* Indications for urinary catheter insertion and maintaining the use of urinary catheter
* Nurse driven protocol for removal of urinary catheter
* Protocol for Bladder scanning
* Foley catheter insertion is no longer on standardized order sets, replaced by a straight catheterization algorithm. An order for a foley catheter may be placed based on individual evaluation. Utilize straight catheterization when possible and is not applicable for patients with hematuria or obstruction.
* Encourage use of external catheters
* Avoid bladder irrigation

**MRSA Bacteremia**

* Encourage removal of peripheral IV’s, saline locks
* Draw blood cultures early in admission-even on transfer patients with positive blood cultures from another facility.
* Avoid ordering labs to be drawn through central lines
* Keep equipment clean
* Continue decolonization protocol
* Continued focus on screening criteria and requirements for dialysis patients prior to admission to reduce the risk of MRSA blood infection related to the dialysis catheters.

**CDiff**

* C. diff testing loose stools (>3 in 24 hours) and don’t test for cure
* Deescalate antibiotics. Follow AST recommendations
* Review medication/therapies- Is the patient on laxatives? PPI? Tube feeding? Antibiotics?
* PPE compliance
* Hand Hygiene: SOAP AND WATER

**SSI**

* Educate patients on prevention
* Document symptoms if patient comes in with a possible site infection
* CPOE order sets were revised to include updated antibiotic guidelines
* Abdominal surgical wound protectors also reduce colon surgery infections and are being standardized.

**Hand Hygiene**

!!!EXPECTATION!!!

* WHO 5 Moments of Hand Hygiene
* Patients are more aware of this expectation and are encouraged to monitor staff and participate in hand hygiene practices.