

Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection Prevention in the Pediatric Intensive and Cardiac Care Units

Background: Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) are a preventable cause of illness in the Pediatric Intensive and Cardiac Care Units (PICU-PCCU).

Initiative: We implemented protocols, called *bundles*, for insertion and maintenance of urinary catheters to reduce the rate of these infections.

Goal: Our goal is zero CAUTIs. A national benchmark is currently not available for Pediatric patients.

Outcome: We had a dramatic decrease in our CAUTI rates since implementing the bundles in the 2nd quarter of 2012 and reached our goal of zero by the 4th quarter.

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