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THE FACTS

- Per the “Deficit Reduction Act” of 2005, effective October 1, 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will no longer reimburse hospitals for vascular catheter associated infections acquired by patients while being treated in a health care facility (CMS, 2008).

- The treatment costs for central line associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) have been estimated (in 2007 dollars) at between $7,288 and $29,156 per patient (Scott, 2008).

- Annual costs associated with CLABSI (in 2007 dollars) to U.S. hospitals have been estimated at between $590 million and $2.68 billion dollars (Scott, 2008).

- In addition to direct hospital costs (both fixed and variable), indirect costs include lost wages, diminished productivity, increased mortality, lost income by family members, anxiety, grief, and pain and suffering (Scott, 2008).

- In 2007 there were more than 92,000 CLABSI (Scott, 2008).

- The average additional length of stay associated with CLABSI is 26 days (PHC4, 2005).

- Mortality rates for patients reported as having CLABSI were 25.6% versus mortality rates of 2.4% for patients who did not have a hospital-acquired infection (PHC4, 2005).

- “There is compelling evidence that nearly all hospital infections are preventable when doctors and staff clean their hands and adhere to other low-cost infection prevention measures. These findings put hospitals in a new legal situation. The assumption that infections are unavoidable shielded hospitals from liability for decades. But not in the future. Hospital infections could be the next asbestos.” (McCaughey, 2006)

- Reducing hospital-acquired infections is imperative to reducing health care costs for consumers, payers, and hospitals themselves (PHC4, 2005).

- The Joint Commission (JCAHO) expanded their standards to extend preventative initiatives and surveillance past critical care and into the entire hospital. (JCAHO, 2009)
PREVENTION

Interventions focusing on reducing CLABSI had the greatest impact of any infection intervention strategy, with observed reductions ranging from 38% to 71% (Scott, 2008).

Application of the central line bundle has demonstrated striking reductions in the rate of central line infections in many hospitals (IHI, 2006).

The key components of the bundle are:

- Hand hygiene
- Maximal barrier precautions upon insertion, including: cap, mask, gown, gloves, and head-to-toe sterile drape
- Chlorhexidine skin antisepsis
- Optimal catheter site selection
- Daily review of the necessity of a line with prompt removal of unnecessary lines
- A checklist to support standardized protocol

Based on guidelines and recommendations by The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and others. JCAHO’s Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Program has published national Patient Safety Goals effective 1/1/2010.

NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY GOALS AS ISSUED BY JCAHO EFFECTIVE 1/1/2010

- Implement policies and practices aimed at reducing the risk of central line-associated bloodstream infections that meet regulatory requirements and are aligned with evidence-based standards (for example, HICPAC [Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee] via the CDC [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention] and other professional organizational guidelines).
- Use a catheter checklist and a standardized protocol for central venous catheter insertion.
- Use a standardized supply cart or kit that is all inclusive for the insertion of central venous catheters.
- Use a standardized protocol for sterile barrier precautions during central venous catheter insertion.
- Use a Chlorhexidine-based antiseptic for skin preparation during central venous catheter insertion in patients over two months of age, unless contraindicated. (JCAHO, 2009)
GENERAL KIT COMPONENTS

Bouffant(s), Cap(s)  
Mask(s)  
Gown(s)  
Gloves  
Full-body Sterile Drape  
Chlorhexidine-based ChloraPrep* Skin Prep  
Edwards™ Pressure Injectable, Antimicrobial Catheters  
Guidewire  
Dilator  
Needles and Syringes  
Swabable, Needleless Valves  
Sutures  
Gauze  

Suture-free Securement Devices  
Pre-filled Saline Syringes  
Centurion SnagFree® Needle Holder  
Centurion Scissors  
Safety Scalpels  
BIOPATCH** Protective Disk with CHG  
Centurion SorbaView® SHIELD  
Centurion Tubing Anchor  
Needle Receptacle for Used Needles  
Lidocaine  
Heparin  
Ultrasound Gel and Probe Covers  
Checklist, Hospital Forms  
Patient and Family Educational Materials

CUSTOM KIT AVAILABILITY

Centurion will custom build a Central Line Bundle Kit with the desired components to meet national standards and your hospital’s specific protocols and preferences.

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REFERENCES


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