

# UCLA CLABSI Task Force February 25, 2014 Update

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# Objectives of Talk

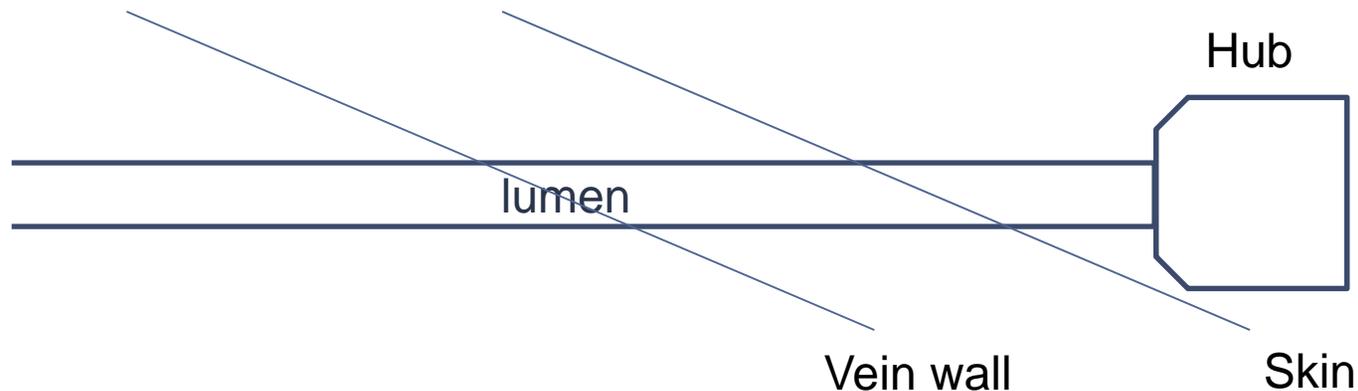
- Defining CLABSI
- Cost of CLABSI
- Rationale for Task Force
- Goals of Task Force
- Structure of Task Force

# Risk factors associated with CLABSI

- **Intrinsic patient risk factors (non-modifiable)**
  - Prolonged hospitalization before catheterization
  - Neutropenia
  - Prematurity (ie, birth at an early gestational age)
  - Total parenteral nutrition
- **Modifiable risk factors:**
  - Femoral and internal jugular catheterization
  - Prolonged duration of catheterization
  - Heavy microbial colonization at the insertion site
  - Heavy microbial colonization of the catheter hub
  - Substandard care of the catheter (eg, excessive manipulation of the catheter or reduced nurse-to-patient ratio)

# Pathogenesis of CLABSI

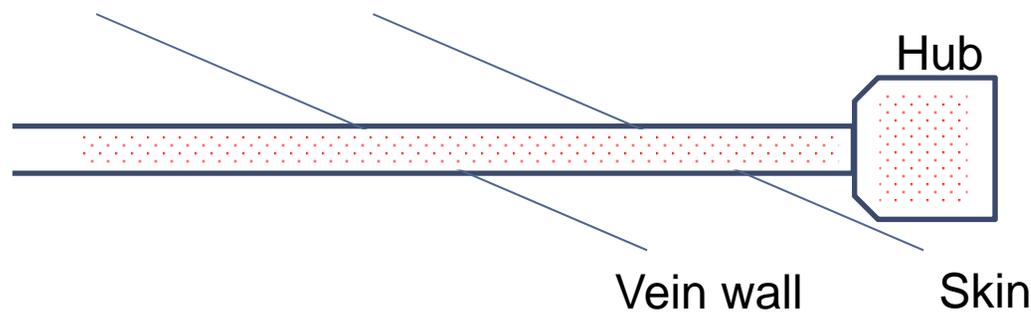
- Intraluminal infection
- Migration around external surface of CVC
- Hematogenous spread
- Contaminated infusate



# Pathogenesis of CLABSI

- Intraluminal infection

- Majority cause
- Contaminated hub
- May require removal
- Often no visible signs
  - Fever
  - +blood cx



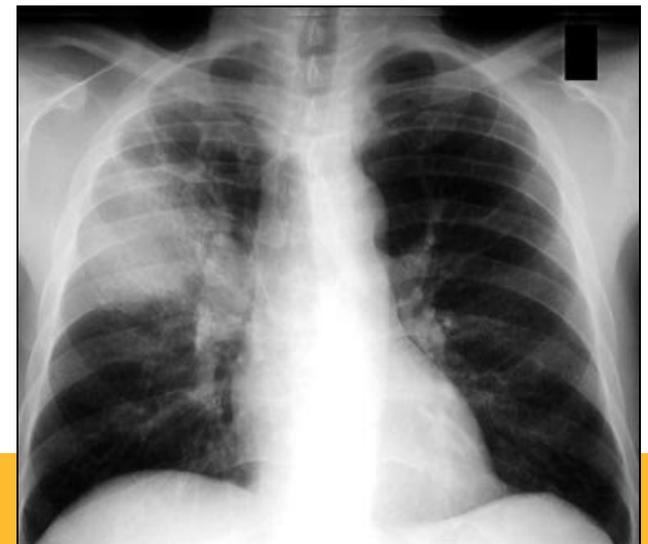
# Migration around exterior “tunnel infection”

- Minority cause for CVC
- Early (within 7 days)
- Common with PVC
- Requires removal
- Symptoms
  - Fever
  - Pain
  - Redness/pus at site



# Pathogenesis of CLABSI

- Hematogenous spread to catheter from primary source elsewhere (*S. aureus* & GNR due to pneumonia).
  - May still require removal of catheter
- Contaminated infusate
  - rare



# CLABSI Definition

- CDC Definition

- Primary BSI + presence of central venous catheter
- Primary BSI
  - Blood cx + w recognized pathogen + symptoms
  - BSI not secondary to primary INFECTION (must meet CDC definition)
- In 2013, CDC introduced a new category: Mucosal barrier injury (MBI) which recognizes BSI due to GI bacterial translocation in febrile neutropenia.
- Unit attribution based on 48 hour transfer rule.

# Human Cost of CLABSI at UCLA

## Case study

- 70M Type 2 Diabetes
- Former CIA agent
- Admitted to RRUMC for dyspnea
- Found to have aortic stenosis→baloon valvuloplasty
- Post-op renal failure requiring intermittent hemodialysis
- Discharged to SNF

# Human Cost of CLABSI at UCLA

## Case study

- At SNF, developed severe back pain.
- Transferred to SMH.
- Blood cultures from admission 4/4 sets + Coagulase negative staph.
- MRI demonstrated osteomyelitis and discitis of spine, L2-3, L3-4.
- Biopsy of spine + coagulase neg staph.
- Deferred surgery, elected medical therapy.

# Human Cost of CLABSI at UCLA

## Case study

- Lumbar spinal osteomyelitis and discitis secondary to CLABSI.
- 6 weeks of IV Vancomycin → PO doxycycline x 3 months.
- Still had debilitating pain, bed bound, non-ambulatory.
- Developed another HAI due to immobility (pneumonia) and eventually died after 3+ months in ICU/hospital.

# CLABSIs are very costly

- 80,000 CLABSI in US ICUs each year
- ICU study in 2006 at Wash U<sup>1</sup>:
  - Controlling for other cost factors & comorbidities
    - Median ICU LOS: 24 days v 5 days
    - Median hospital LOS: 45 v 11 days
    - Directly attributable cost \$12,000
    - Death 28 v 51%
- Study in Canada used matched pairs to assess impact of CLABSI<sup>2</sup>
  - found pts w CLABSI were 3 times more likely to die in hospital.
- Study at USC in 2011<sup>3</sup>
  - \$32,000 attributable to each CLABSI

# CLABSI Analysis Q4, 2011

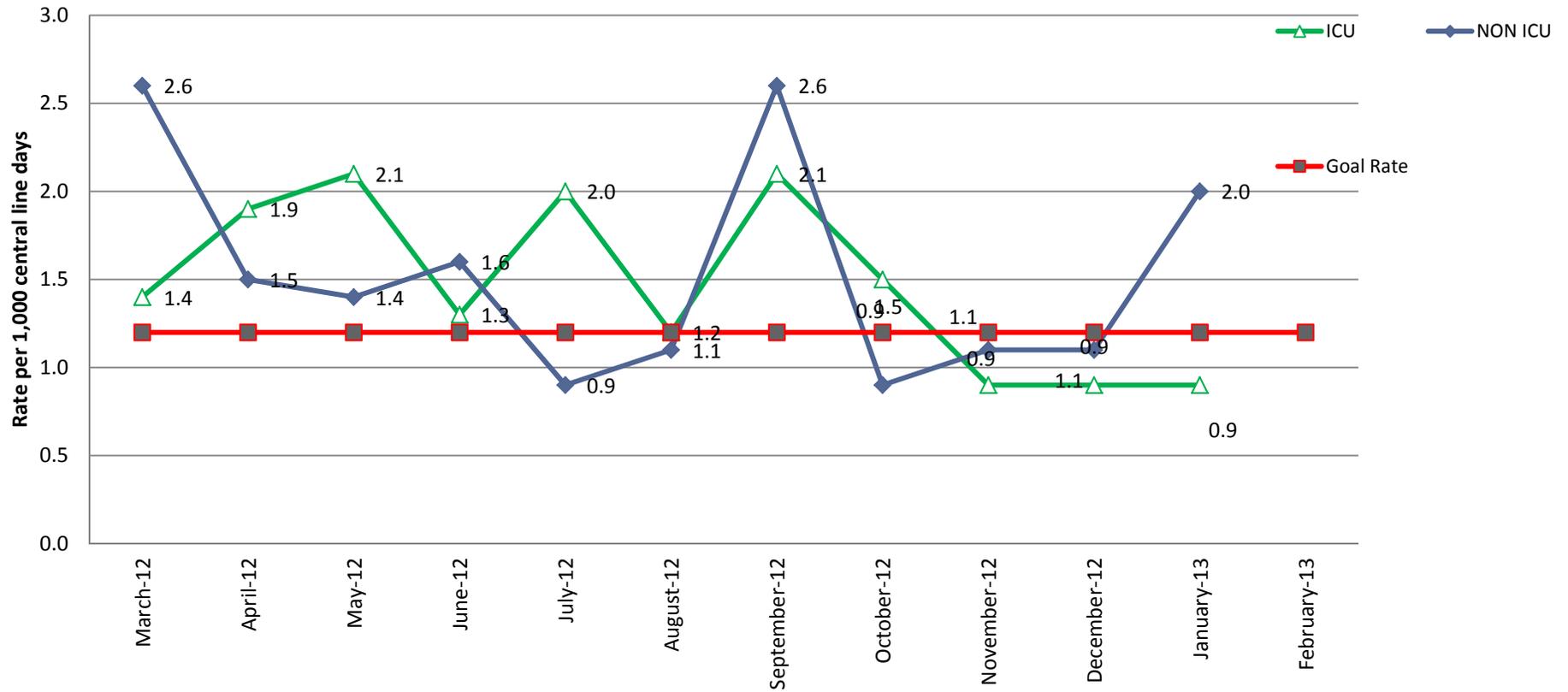
- RRUMC
  - 17 cases in ICU, 4 were neutropenic
  - 27 cases in ACU, 15 were neutropenic
- SMH
  - 5 cases in ICU
  - 3 cases in ACU (Q3 11 cases, 7 infections in 2 pts)
- Q4, 2012 financial cost 33 preventable cases
  - x \$12,000 = \$396,000 (Wash U, 2006)
  - x \$32,000 = \$1,056,000 (USC, 2011)
- Deaths = 5 (?attributable)

# Financial cost of CLABSI

- Pay for performance/value based purchasing
  - Reimbursement based on quality/safety outcomes
  - Lack of payment for complications (CLABSI)
- Incentive payment programs
  - DSRIP (CA/CMS)
- Public Reporting
  - Decreased referrals
  - Patients may vote with their feet...

# Pooled CLABSI Rates, ICUs and ACUs RRUCMC, 2013-2014

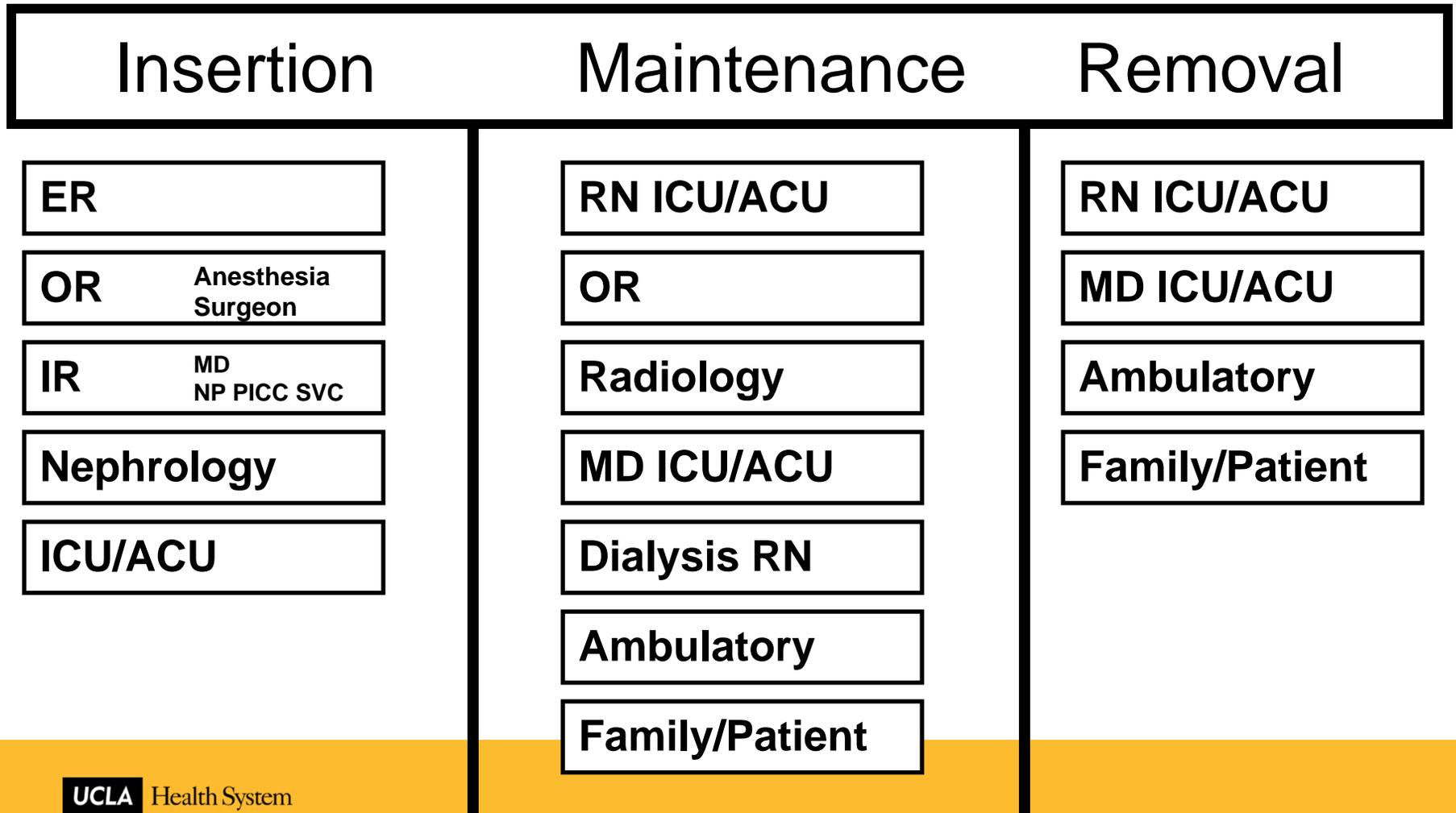
## CLABSI Rate by Month



# Why do we need a Task Force?

- CLABSI is a persistent problem at UCLA.
  - Even removing non-preventable infections, UCLA CLABSI rate is >50%ile nationally.
- Eliminate costs
  - Eliminate Patient suffering
  - High CLABSI rates result in tangible financial repercussions for UCLA Health System.
- Logistical challenges
  - Bundles work better than piecemeal interventions.
  - No single intervention → requires development and implementation as a package.
  - No one group at UCLA owns CLABSI—it needs to be a multidisciplinary approach to succeed.

# CLABSI Prevention is a TEAM effort with many stakeholders



# Goals of CLABSI Task Force

- Phase 1

- Develop UCLA Consensus Guidelines for the Prevention of CLABSI.
  - Review literature & research.
  - Apply up-to-date research to UCLA clinical setting & practice.

- Phase 2

- Implement UCLA Consensus Guidelines in UCLA clinical areas.

- Phase 3

- Sustaining positive change.

# CLABSI Task Force Recommendations

MD

MD Insertion & Maintenance Training

MD Q2 year education

MD Appropriate Insertion

Daily assessment for CVC necessity

CLIP Compliance

Short-term HD catheter use in ICU

MD Appropriate Removal

RN

RN Q1 year Maintenance competency

2% CHG Bathing in ICU & ACU with CVC

PICC SVC  
CVC  
Insertion max barrier kit

Patient & Family education

# Catheter Insertion

- Choice of site
  - Avoid femoral site (in adults)
- Appropriateness
  - Do not place CVC if peripheral IV is an option
  - Choose correct CVC
- Technique
  - Aseptic technique is critical!
  - Sterile dressing & hub caps in place.

# Avoid Femoral Site Remove “Code Lines” Promptly

- Avoid femoral insertions as much as possible.
- Removal of all non-sterile “code lines” within 24 hours.



# Do not place unnecessary CVCs— HS Policy 1401

- Continued hemodynamic instability/monitoring
- Fluid resuscitation
- Long-term IV antibiotics (>14 days)
- Total parenteral nutrition (TPN)
- Chemotherapy
- Poor IV access
- long-term IV treatment or medication w no oral equivalent
- Medications which cannot be safely given through peripheral IV access.
- CNS surgery

# CLABSI prevention elsewhere

- Michigan Keystone Project
- Decrease in CLABSI in 103 ICUs in Michigan (66% reduction)
- Basic interventions:
  - Hand hygiene
  - Full barrier precautions during CL insertion
  - Skin cleansing with chlorhexidine
  - Avoiding femoral site
  - Removing unnecessary catheters
  - Use of insertion checklist
- Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative – Decrease in CLABSIs in 66 ICUs (68% decrease)

# CLIP (Central Line Insertion Practices)

- Mandated by CA Senate to complete CLIP form on EVERY CVC insertion
  - Hand hygiene
  - 2% CHG prep >60 days old
  - CHG dry
  - Full sterile barriers used: sterile mask, gloves, cap, gown & drape
- New process:
  - In high risk areas (ICU, OR, ER, IR), RN will observe the insertion and complete the form on EVERY CVC insertion.
  - If the RN identifies a break in aseptic technique, he/she will say “The sterile field has been contaminated,”
  - New CLIP form should be completed when inserter goes to separate site.



# No excuses! Medline Max Barrier Kit

- Contains all the components for good aseptic technique.
- Should be stocked in all ICUs, ER and ORs.



\*25\* No flame, \*27\* Improved if absef 11 - For topical use only. \*28\* - This package conforms to all CFR 173.4. \*29\* - To reduce the risk of fire, Solution contains alcohol and some of Removable vapor while drying. Do not use with electrocautery procedures. Do not allow solution to pool. Remove waste in aseptic manner from site area.

# Catheter Maintenance

- Scrub the hub
- Aseptic dressing changes
- Daily assessment for removal of catheter



# Scrub the Hub

- Catheter hubs are contaminated by skin bacteria. Scrubbing the hub is effective way to remove this contamination.
- EVERY CVC access
- Use alcohol prep pad to scrub the hub with friction x 15 seconds.



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5 seconds

10 seconds

15 seconds



# Dressing changes

- Dressing change kit
- Nursing competencies
- Bedside patient hand-off



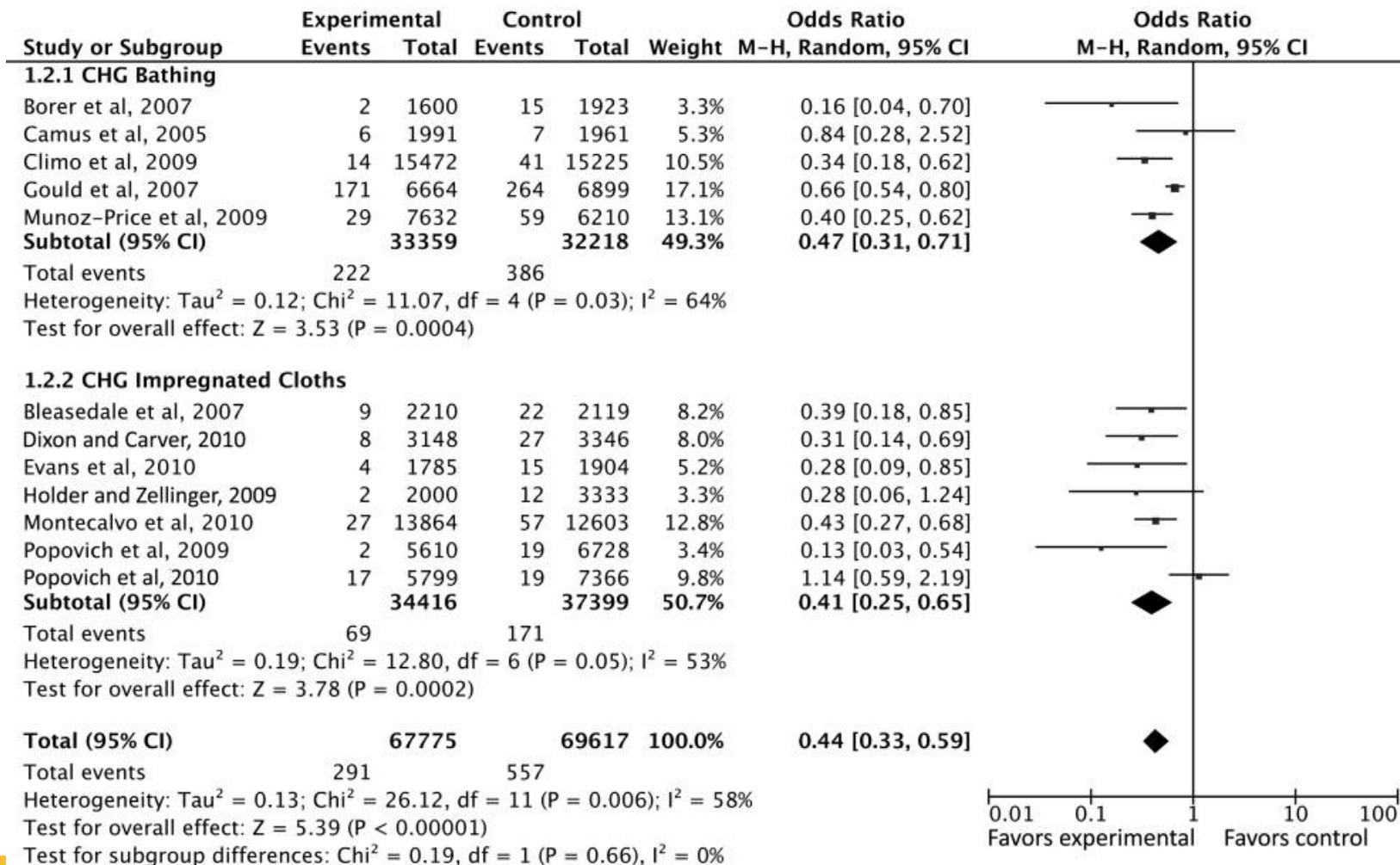
# CVC Maintenance Roadshow



# Daily Assessment of Line Necessity

- Every CVC should be assessed daily to determine if it is no longer necessary.
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- All ICUs (RRUMC and SMH)
- All ACU patients with CVCs
- Barriers:
  - Soapy feel of CHG
  - Low compliance
- Plans:
  - Begin house-wide daily bathing for all inpatients.

# Catheter Removal

- Daily assessment of line necessity
- “Talk the line” as a team—MDs and RNs
- Responding to infection
  - Mini causal analysis form with nursing
  - Infection Prevention assesses each case
  - CLABSIs are discussed w ICUs monthly

# Putting it all together

- Insertion + Maintenance + Removal
- No single intervention works—ALL interventions work successfully as a “bundle”
- Simple measures make a HUGE difference
  - Get the catheter out
  - Scrub the hub
  - CHG bathing
  - CLIP process/documentation
- Other hospitals have done it!



# Sustainability is the key...

- Ongoing educational efforts are crucial
- Continuous reinforcement
  - CVC Insertion technique
  - Removal of unnecessary CVC
  - CVC Maintenance
- Immediate feedback
  - Infection Prevention meetings & case reviews monthly with ICUs
  - Mini-CA process & feedback through nursing
  - Pending CareConnect reports
    - Inappropriate insertion (did not meet indications)
    - CLIP form feedback for fallouts

