



# The Quarterly BUG

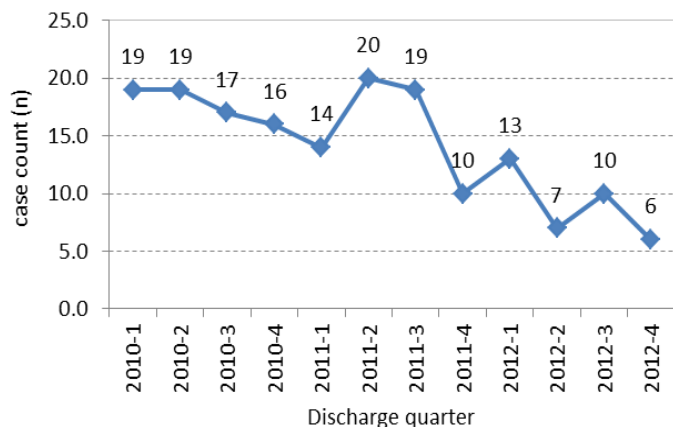
## Infection Prevention Newsletter

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### SPECIAL FEATURE! SMH-OH COMBATING CLABSI

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In April 2013, the UHC collaborative "Partnership for Patients" recognized SMH-OH as a good example of improvement re: CLABSI. At one point, the rates were higher than the national average compromising patient safety and outcomes. Factors contributing to these infections included a substantial heterogeneity of practices related to both the insertion and care of central venous lines.

Working with the UCLA CLABSI Task Force, SMH-OH learned that it is imperative to have stakeholder buy-in and investment. SMH-OH was successful in standardizing practices for MD line inserters and nursing practice with line care. Added value is that Nursing has gained a new level of autonomy and empowerment through thoughtful and detailed monitoring and adherence to policies and guidelines. The improvement we have achieved is a result of collaboration and team work. **Way to go SMH-OH!!**

### Q1 HEROES in INFECTION PREVENTION (HIP) AWARD

**Mary Lawson-Nichols** for her outstanding work in the Santa Monica ICU. Mary got this award due to her tireless work on behalf of infection prevention, especially on CLABSI. This unit has seen a substantial drop in rates of hospital-associated infections over the past several months.



**Melissa Moore** for her role as Team Leader on the Reagan 7ICU's 18-month CUSP CAUTI national collaborative. With Melissa's leadership, the 7ICU CAUTI team led the way to a substantial decrease in CAUTI. **The 7ICU recently achieved the important milestone of 100 days w/out a CAUTI!!!!**

Compared to other major U.S. hospitals involved in the collaborative, the 7ICU received top honors for having one of the safest unit-based cultures!



## Blood Culture Volumes: How Much is Enough?



How much blood you put in a blood culture bottle is the most important factor in organism recovery. In fact, an increase in blood volume from 1 to 10 ml increases the positive culture yield by 30-50%. UCLA recommends a volume of **10 ml per bottle** for adult patients and **5 ml per bottle** for pediatric patients. **Less than half of the blood cultures received by microbiology contain sufficient blood for optimal recovery.** How do you know if there is enough blood? *Line your Bruin ID card up with the bottom tick line of the blood culture bottle. If the fill level reaches the top of the picture box, you have drawn enough blood.*

## Policy to reduce Surgical Site Infections! [HS IC 0010](#)

The aim is to decrease environmental contamination in the OR in an effort to help prevent surgical site infections. This policy brings UCLA in line with infection prevention standards widely met at most hospitals in the U.S. and ensures that we are in compliance with national standards (i.e. updated AORN guidelines and our upcoming Joint Commission survey). Policy details include:

### EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

*Change into hospital laundered scrubs upon arrival to the restricted area.*

*Wear a cover garment when leaving the restricted area.*

*No long sleeve shirts under scrubs.*

*No fleece jackets in the O.R.*

*Backpacks/briefcases brought into the restricted area must be placed in plastic bag.*

*Usage of light green scrubs should be in semi-restricted and restricted areas only.*

*When traveling between RRUMC & SMH, change scrubs when arriving to the restricted area.*



### JOINT COMMISSION SURVEY IS FAST APPROACHING.

*Please **DON'T**...wear, bring, or leave PPE in common areas. We are all responsible for reminding each other to remove these items prior to exiting patient care areas.*