Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
2E-HAI-Clostridium Difficile

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What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 2E - Clostridioides difficile Infection
Commitment Start Date
31/01/2017

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent
1

Commitment Summary
The aim of the commitment is to reduce the incidence of C.diff infections by reviewing suggested best practice strategies and identifying opportunities for improvement of current organizational practices and processes.
*Aim to reduce C.diff infections by 5 % by December 2017

Commitment Description & Detail
A multidisciplinary approach will be taken to evaluate the suggested best practices included on the Executive Summary Checklist, as outlined by the Patient Safety Movement, and to identify opportunities for improvement with the goal of preventing and reducing C.diff infections.

Action Plan
• Perform analysis to compare practices/processes used within our health care organization with suggested best practices, outlined by the Patient Safety Movement.
• Determine gaps between our practices/processes and suggested best practices, and select any suggested best practices for implementation.
• Multidisciplinary approach: involvement from Infection Prevention, Quality Improvement, Pharmacy, Infectious Disease physicians, etc.
• Evaluation of patient care equipment cleaning processes.

Commitment Timeline
By end of calendar year 2017.