Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

**Commitment Name**
Elimination of CAUTI

**What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?**
Challenge 2B - Catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI)

**How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent**
39

**Commitment Summary**
Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) account for 75% of urinary tract infections (UTI) within a healthcare setting. In addition, bacteriuria commonly leads to unnecessary antimicrobial use, and urinary drainage systems are often reservoirs for multidrug-resistant bacteria and a source of transmission to other patients. Over utilization of Foley catheters and inappropriate urine culture testing has been well documented in the literature. Foley catheters are seen as a convenient and efficient device for both healthcare provider and patient as it doesn’t require frequent pad changes or ambulation to the bathroom thus maintaining a Foley catheter is seen as a benefit to the front line staff and patients on occasion. Also, The lack of clinical assessment for true UTI is leading to excessive urine cultures that are in return causing inappropriate antibiotic use due to false positive culture results.

Commitment Description & Detail
Dignity Health plans on addressing this concern by standardizing implementation strategies across the system, increasing accountability by placing this measure as part of the board approved annual goals, and working with a multi-disciplinary team (e.g., Lab, Nursing, Supply Chain, etc.) to approach CAUTI prevention from all angles.

Action Plan
Dignity Health will perform the following: - Produce a gap analysis on all evidence based practices and require all facilities to review and implement action plans as necessary - Create distinct and unique strategies for CAUTI prevention and designate nursing executives as the lead for implementation strategy - Work with laboratory to produce a standardized urine reflex protocol to limit inappropriate testing and antibiotic treatment - Provide a standardized list of alternatives to Foley catheters to all facilities and require staff education on their use

Commitment Timeline
12 months from start date

Impact Details

Lives Saved

Lives Spared Total = 0.7624500000000003

For reporting purposes, the number has been rounded up to the nearest whole number. Lives Spared Total 1