

THE VALUE OF DATA



ANTIMICROBIAL USE

Through this initiative, HMS will be assessing the appropriateness of Foley catheter use with the goal of reducing Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) rates.

This initiative has the potential to decrease low risk pneumonia admissions and decrease C. difficile rates in addition to the primary goal of increasing appropriate antibiotic use in hospitalized medical patients.

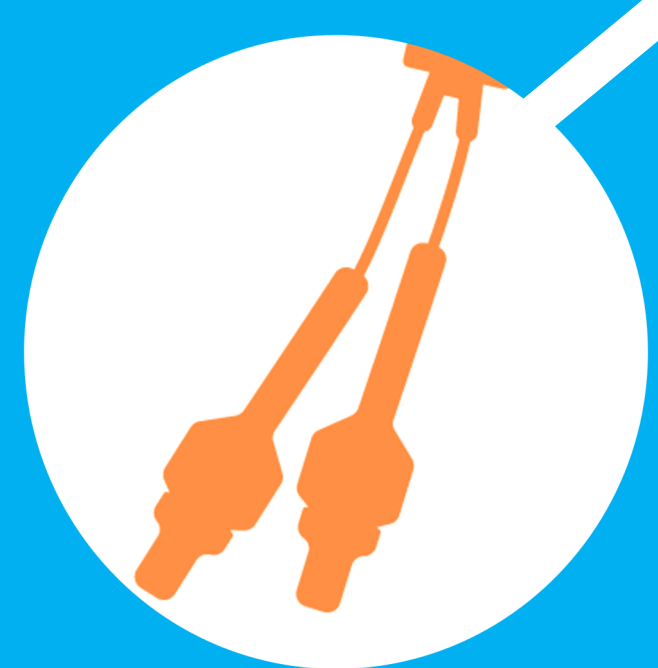


VTE

(Venous Thromboembolism)

HMS hospitals have found that reducing overuse of VTE pharmacological prophylaxis in low risk patients is associated with a significant decrease in major bleeding.

Other benefits include reduced unnecessary drug costs, less nursing time & increased patient satisfaction.

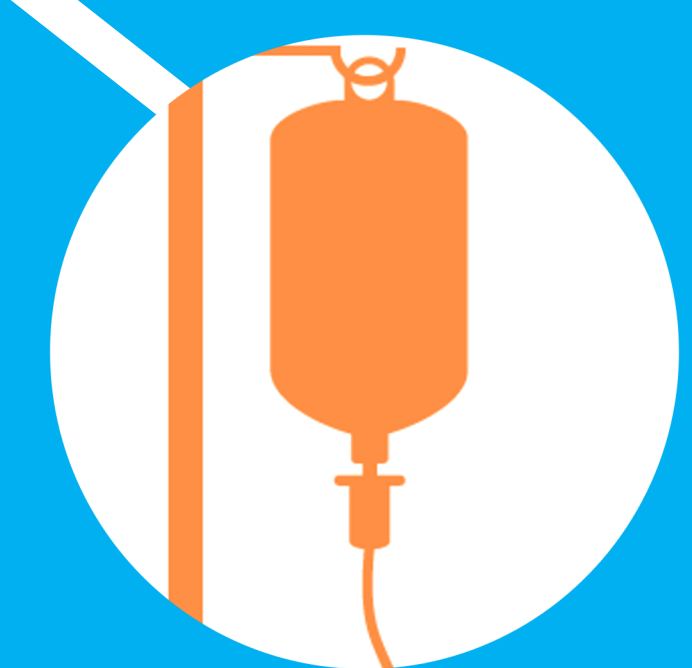


PICC

(Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters)

The PICC initiative measures CLABSI rates related to PICC lines and provides resources/ strategies to reduce CLABSI and other PICC related complications.

Enhancing appropriate use will avoid unnecessary complications for our patients and lower costs.



MIDLINES

An initiative is being launched at the request of HMS member hospitals to better understand the use of midline catheters in HMS hospitals. Midlines are often used as a substitution for PICC lines.

Midline complication rates will be able to be compared against other vascular access devices.



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