

Ohio On the CUSP: CLABSI Statewide Collaborative

The Ohio Patient Safety Institute (OPSI) is pleased to announce that the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) selected Ohio as one of 10 states to participate in a national initiative to reduce central line associated blood stream infections (CLABSI). The project goals are:

- to replicate the success of the Michigan Keystone/John Hopkins project to reduce the mean CLABSI rate within Ohio to less than one per 1,000 catheter days in participating hospitals by implementing the Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP);
- to improve safety culture by 50 percent in participating hospitals, create educational modules regarding CUSP and
- to develop a statewide model for implementing and disseminating patient safety initiatives throughout the state.

This two-year project is led by the Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET) in collaboration with the Johns Hopkins University Quality & Safety Research Group (JHU) and the Keystone Center for Patient Safety and Quality of the Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA).

There is no charge for hospital teams to participate in the two-year *On the CUSP: Stop BSI* collaborative. While there is no charge for the collaborative, teams should be prepared to participate fully in collaborative activities, including implementation of the CUSP and the CLABSI reduction protocols, teleconferences, in-person meetings and data collection and submission.

OPSI, in collaboration with Ohio Hospital Association and Ohio KePRO, will lead the initiative in Ohio. REGISTER TODAY to participate in this opportunity to improve quality and patient safety for your patients.

Deadline for registration is June 30.

Each participating team will be provided with:

- CUSP and CLABSI reduction tools and training, including tools for multidisciplinary rounding, and use of daily goal sheets
- Quarterly reports on hospital performance compared to Ohio and National benchmarks
- Ongoing support through two calls each month: one call devoted to educational content and one focused on Q&A and team coaching
- A total of three educational conferences
- Tools for measuring CLABSI and safety culture at the unit level
- Expert faculty for conference calls and educational conferences
- Detailed operations manual

Even if you have achieved your goals in CLABSI reduction, this program could provide significant benefit to you. Successful teams have experienced marked improvement in effective teamwork and patient safety culture. An additional benefit has been substantial reduction in average length of stay and improvements in patient management.

To register, contact Chanda Dicke at 614.221.7614 or e-mail opsi@ohanet.org. Contact Rosalie Weakland at opsi@ohanet.org or 614.221.7614 with questions concerning the project.