



AHRQ Safety Program for Intensive Care Units: Preventing CLABSI and CAUTI

Interested in Discussing the Hard Work Behind the Bundles?

Beyond the CLABSI and CAUTI Bundles: How to Get to Zero When Change Is Hard is a session that will allow you to speak to experts in the field to have real conversations about how to work toward eliminating CLABSIs and CAUTIs. Below are example challenges we hear from ICUs working to reduce these infections. Come join the conversation.

There are only a few individuals that have committed to work on reducing CLABSIs and CAUTIs. They are having minimal influence on the rest of the team. Solutions they propose are not reducing the numbers of infections nor being implemented with success by the rest of the team. **How can you engage a multidisciplinary team that influences others to get to zero infections?**

Your unit has trouble maintaining the work that needs to be done to get to zero. Members of the team support infection prevention work but not consistently across the team or for extended periods of time. **How can you get your entire team to maintain key efforts for infection prevention?** Is your work set up to support resiliency in these efforts?

Your team has been working for a long time to get to zero infections but you have not achieved it. You worry that your team doesn't really believe that getting to zero is possible. How can you help your team truly believe this is possible? Also, **how can you uncover the actions that don't fully support infection prevention that are contributing to your unit's culture?**

Your efforts to reduce infections are held back by work across units or with certain departmental resources or policies. **Do you have the engaged support of a senior leader within your organization that can help mitigate these barriers?** Do you have a collaborative relationship with key influencers across your department?

Staff know what to do to reduce infections but don't always act on it. **Do you have a culture in which people feel compelled and safe to speak up to reinforce that all staff consistently support the actions to reduce infections?**

Additional resources:

[AHRQ Core CUSP Toolkit](#)

[AHRQ TeamSTEPPS](#)

[AHRQ Toolkit for Reducing CAUTI in Hospitals](#)

[AHRQ Toolkit for Reducing CLABSIs](#)

[IHI Appoint a Safety Champion for Every Unit](#)

