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Background:

Daily bathing with chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) has been shown to reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs). Daily CHG bathing has been recommended for ICU patients and emerging evidence supports daily CHG bathing for other inpatient populations. CHG bathing in non-ICU settings has not been widely implemented. We are using a systems engineering approach to identify barriers and facilitators to implementation along with a step-wedge design to pilot CHG bathing in several VA medical centers in non-ICU settings.

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Reference:

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