



Intravenous news: YorkPress.co.uk report “Bug-busting health workers are in the running for a national accolade. Critical care staff at York Hospital are among the finalists in the Patient Safety Awards 2010, which honour initiatives leading to safer treatment in the health service. They were short-listed after devising a project which focused on reducing central-line infections.

This refers to the ways intravenous fluids and medicines are given to critically ill patients, which can also be a gateway for illnesses to enter the bloodstream. The group, which includes nursing and consultant staff, looked at improving the way these lines are managed on York Hospitals NHS Foundation Trusts critical care unit, and put their working practices under the microscope.

It is now more than 200 days since the last infection of this kind was identified at the hospital, compared to an average of two cases per month before the project was launched.”

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