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Abstract:

Blood culture contamination is a serious patient safety risk that can result in unnecessary antibiotic administration, increased cost to the patient, and prolong hospital stays. The hospital experienced a steady increase in blood culture contamination rates for 2012 and 2013, 2.36% and 2.84% respectively. The benchmark was set at $\leq 2\%$. The purpose of this project was to reduce blood culture contamination rate for the hospital.

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Gibson, D.A. and Cooke, C.R. (2016) Reduction of Blood Culture Contamination Rate for a 300 Bed Community Hospital. American Journal of Infection Control. 44(6), Supplement, p.S30.

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