
Abstract:

Central line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) are a major problem in hospitals. Initiatives utilizing an evidence based approach to reduce CLABSI are well documented. The program implemented in our Intensive Care Unit (ICU) in 2005 has decreased the rate of CLABSI/1000 days from 17 in 2003 to 1.8 in 2005-2006. We report the sustainability of our efforts as our system has matured over 5 years.