

Dear Practitioner.

Thank you for your interest in the hospital(s) of Medical City Healthcare. The information below and the documents listed on the attached checklist are needed, in their entirety, to complete this request. Your Request for Consideration (RFC) will be sent to you from the HCA Credentialing Processing Center (CPC) based in Houston, Texas. Please contact the Medical Staff Office of the primary facility where you are applying if you have any questions or concerns during this process.

Please return completed form via email

tammy.landry@medicalcityhealth.com or tameka.middlebrooks@medicalcityhealth.com or fax 817-347-5793

OI 18X 617-347-3733				
NAME AS LISTED ON STATE BOARD LICENSE:				
DEGREE:	□MD	□DO		5
SPECIALTY:				
ADVANCED PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL ONLY:	DEGREE AND	SPECIALTY:	PHYSICIAN SPONS	OR NAME:
PRACTICE TYPE CHECK THE BOX THAT APPLIES	Regularly Ad Patients	mit or Treat	☐Occasionally admit or treat patients	☐Refer to hospitalists to admit and manage inpatients
	☐On active sta hospital; provid or ocassionally	des call coverage	Subspecialist on staff at several hospitals	□Locum tenens, telemedicine, midlevel provider

#### **DIVISION-WIDE PRACTITIONER INFORMATION FORM CHECKLIST**

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO BE CONSIDERED A	PAGE #
COMPLETE REQUEST	
Facility Request Form	1
Provider Information Form Signed and Dated	2-3
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Communicable Disease Form and proof of vaccinations	6
and/or titers, etc Please provide copies of all immunizations records	
Authorization and Release	7
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	Medical City Alliance				
	Medical City Arlington				
	Medical City Dallas				
	Medical City Denton				
	Medical City Fort Worth				
	Medical City Green Oaks				
	Medical City Las Colinas				
	Medical City Lewisville				
	Medical City McKinney				
	Medical City North Hills				
	Medical City Plano				
	Medical City Weatherford				
	<u>PRACTI</u>	TIONER INFO	RN	ATION FORM	1
AP	PLICANT NAME:				
TR.	AINING COMPLETE:	□Yes	□N	No - Date of anticipated completion:	
ВО	ARD CERTIFICATION:	□Yes	□Ν	□No - Date of anticipated completion:	
Are you certified by specialty board of ABMS, AOA, ABOM ORABFAS (Formerly ABPS):					
GROUP OR SOLO PRACTICE:		☐ Solo - list covering physician on page 1 ☐ Group — Group name:  Group partners (Attach a separate list if necessary):			
so	CIAL SECURITY #:				
INI	DIVIDUAL NPI#:				
GR	OUP NPI#:				
DATE OF BIRTH:					



PRACTITIONER INFORMATION FORM			
GENDER:	M	F	
OFFICE ADDRESS:			
OFFICE PHONE:			
OFFICE FAX:			
IF OFFICE IS NOT ESTABLISHED LIST	Date:		
ANTICIPATED OPEN DATE:	Expected location	on (City):	
HOME ADDRESS:			
HOME PHONE:			
PROVIDER PREFERRED EMAIL:			
ANTICIPATED START DATE AT HOSPITAL	.:		
TEXAS LICENSE:	□Yes	□No	
	#	Date of application:	
DEA WITH TEXAS ADDRESS ON IT:	□Yes	□No	
	#	Date of application:	
INSURANCE FOR THIS PRACTICE:	□Yes	□No	
(Required: \$200,000/600,000)	\$/	Anticipated Start Date for Coverage:	
on page two of this Physician Information F	Packet. I understand the Staff(s) to make an adm	rivileges to the Medical Staff(s) of the facilities I selected at the information requested on this form is sought to ninistrative determination as to whether I am eligible to m does not constitute an application.	
Signature	_	Date	
Applicant - Print Name			
MSS USE ONLY			
DATE FORWARDED TO CPC:			
SPECIFIC PRIVILEGE FORMS			
REQUESTED:			

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#### **HCA Credentialing Online-Provider's Authorization for Delegate**

# Step 1 The contact information listed below has been pre-populated on your information in our credentialing system. If changes are needed, please indicate below. Provider Name: Provider Phone: Provider Email (required): NOTE: Provider e-mail must be unique to the provider; it cannot be the same address as a delegate. Step 2 I do not want to select any delegate at this time. I will personally provide re-credentialing information. Initial and skip to step 3 I understand that one delegate for all entities is preferred; however I have different people handle my credentialing at different entities. I here authorize: **Delegate** Name: E-mail: Phone: ext hereinafter, individually referred to as "Delegate") to access the HCA Credentialing Online web portal to enter data and submit documents for the HCA Request for Considerations (RFC) and HCA Reappointment Requests for Information (RRFCs) requests on my behalf. I understand that I will need to review the date and documents and attest to their accuracy before I submit them to HCA via the HCA Credentialing Online web portal. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily provided the above information and I have carefully read and understand the Authorization. I understand and agree that a facsimile or photocopy of the Authorization shall be as effective as the original. PROVIDER SIGNATURE «Full Name»

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

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SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR NPI



# **INVOICE**

Name		
Address		
City, ST Zip		

Mail & Make Payment addressed to: **Medical City Fort Worth** 

Attn: Medical Staff Services 900 Eighth Avenue Fort Worth, Texas 76104 Phone: 817-347-1911

Medical City Fort Worth charges a fee for both new applications and reappointment applications. Please note that fees should be paid at the time your application is submitted.

QTY	Description	<b>Unit Price</b>	Total
Basic fee inc	N (MD, DO, DPM, DDS) - Initial Application Fees & Services cludes normal processing times estimated to be 60-90 days from the receipt of approval time from the Privileges & Credentials Committee to the Board of Tru	f a <b>COMPLETED</b> credentialing ap	
O	Active Staff  • Please select Active staff privileges if you plan to have more than 12 patient contacts per year	\$300.00	
O	Affiliate Staff  • Please select Courtesy staff privileges if you plan to have less than 12 patient contacts per year	\$300.00	
0	Ambulatory Staff  • Please select Affiliate staff privileges if you are applying for membership without privileges.	\$300.00	
Basic fee inc	ED PRACTICE PROVIDER – Initial Application Fees & Service dudes normal processing times estimated to be 60-90 days from the receipt of approval time from the Privileges & Credentials Committee to the Board of Tru	a COMPLETED credentialing app	olication. Processing time does
•	APP Initial Application	\$200.00	
D.I.		Subtotal:	
	ontact the Medical Staff Office at 817-347-1911 if e any questions regarding fees.	Tax:	\$0.00
y ou nav	carry questions regarding rees.	Total Due:	

Initial application fees not refundable once application submitted and processing has begun.



**Communicable Disease Screening and Immunization Record** 

DOCUMENTATION OF EACH MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH PRE-APPLICATION OR REQUEST IS CONSIDERED INCOMPLETE AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

WILL NOT BE PROCESSED	
TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING	FREQUENCY
Attach proof of a previous tuberculosis skin test (TST) within the last 12 months or an Interferon	ANNUAL
Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) blood test.	
• If you have a history of a positive TST, initially you must provide a recent negative IGRA or	
negative chest Xray. After that, at each credentialing request you will complete a TB	
questionnaire regarding symptoms and/or exposures.	
• If you have a history of positive TST with a positive IGRA, a positive chest x-ray, or any	
symptoms of tuberculosis, you must provide documentation of a recent negative chest x-ray	
and physician clearance.	
INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION	
Please <u>attach proof</u> of your current influenza immunization within the last year (or most recent flu	ANNUAL
<b>season)</b> (Flu Season is between November 1 <sup>st</sup> – March 31 <sup>st</sup> )	
HEPATITIS B VACCINATION PROGRAM Based on risk	
ATTACH PROOF OF HEPATITIS B SEROLOGIC TESTING.	ONCE IN LIFETIME
If your serologic testing is positive, no further documentation is needed;	
If your serologic testing is <u>negative</u> , please provide the following:	
<ul> <li>Obtain a 2<sup>nd</sup> Hepatitis Vaccine series, recheck titer and submit documentation <b>OR</b></li> </ul>	
Complete the Hepatitis B Declination form.	
REQUIRED VACCINATIONS - ATTACH PROOF OF THE FOLLOWING ACCORDING TO DOCUMENTATION	N REQUIRED:
VARICELLA: ATTACH WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF:	ONCE IN LIFETIME
<ul> <li>Vaccination With 2 Doses Of Varicella Vaccine; OR</li> </ul>	FOR ALL
<ul> <li>Laboratory Evidence Of Immunity Or Laboratory Confirmation Of Disease; OR</li> </ul>	
Diagnosis Or Verification Of A History Of Varicella Disease By A Healthcare Provider Who	
Diagnosed The Disease; <b>OR</b>	
Diagnosis Or Verification Of A History Of Herpes Zoster By A Healthcare Provider Who	
Diagnosed The Disease	
RUBEOLA: ATTACH WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF:	
<ul> <li>Vaccination With 2 Doses Of Live Measles Or MMR Vaccine Administered At Least 28 Days</li> </ul>	
Apart; <b>OR</b>	
Laboratory Evidence Of Immunity; <b>OR</b>	
Laboratory Confirmation Of Disease; OR	
Birth Before 1957 Is Not Required To Provide Documentation	
MUMPS: ATTACH - SAME AS RUBEOLA	
RUBELLA: ATTACH WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION OF:	1
<ul> <li>Vaccination With 1 Dose Of Live Rubella Or MMR Vaccine; OR</li> </ul>	
Laboratory Evidence Of Immunity; OR	
Laboratory Confirmation Of Rubella Infection Or Disease; OR	
Birth Before 1957(Except Women Of Childbearing Potential Who Could Become Pregnant,	
Although Pregnancy In This Age Group Would Be Exceedingly Rare).	
Meningococcal: Attach written documentation of 2 doses of MCV4 vaccine series followed by	LABORATORY ONLY
booster every 5 years for microbiology staff working with these microbes- Laboratory Members	EVERY 5 YEARS
Only.	
TDAP: ATTACH PROOF OF ONE CURRENT ADULT BOOSTER OF TDAP FOLLOWED BY TD BOOSTER	EVERY 10 YEARS
EVERY TEN YEARS	
If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact the medical staff office of the p	primary facility where
you are applying for medical staff privileges.	

NAME:			



#### CONFIDENTIAL PEER REVIEW DOCUMENT

#### AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

Note: This form is to be provided <u>only</u> to the Practitioner to whom the information pertains. The Practitioner must complete the document and return it directly to the Medical City Health Care Entity before the Confidential Information may be provided.

I hereby authorize the hospitals in the HCA North Texas Division ("Hospitals"), the Credentialing Processing Center ("CPC"), the Hospitals' Credential Committees and persons serving those committees to share and evaluate information they receive during the credentialing process ("Confidential Information") related to my Practitioner Information Form(s) ("PIF"), Provider Action Form ("PAF"), Request(s) for Consideration ("RFC") and Recredentialing Request(s) for Consideration ("RRFC") and authorize the Hospitals, the CPC, and the Credential Committees and other medical peer review committees and medical committees, and persons who serve those committees (collectively, "Hospital medical peer review committees"), to utilize such Confidential Information in the credentialing and peer review process for the privileges and membership requested and granted by the Hospitals.

I agree that this Authorization and Release does not supercede or take the place of any other authorization and release I have signed and/or will sign in connection with seeking privileges and membership at a Hospital(s) and will merely supplement such authorization(s) and release(s).

I release the Hospitals and the Hospital medical peer review committees from any and all liability and agree not to sue any of them for the sharing, evaluation and utilization of the Confidential Information during the credentialing and peer review process.

Provider			
Date	 /	/	
(MM/DD/YYYY)			



Instructions to Provider:

- 1. PRINT/SIGN YOUR NAME AT THE BOTTOM; PLEASE FORWARD THIS FORM TO THE PHYSICIAN WHO WILL COVER YOUR PATIENTS IN YOUR ABSENCE.
- 2. THE PHYSICIAN MUST HAVE OR IS APPLYING FOR CURRENT PRIVILEGES AT **Medical City** Fort Worth.

#### **CALL COVERAGE**

Below you will find the excerpt from the Medical Staff Bylaws regarding coverage requirements at **Medical City** Fort Worth:

BASIC OBLIGATIONS ACCOMPANYING STAFF APPOINTMENT AND/OR THE GRANTING OF CLINICAL PRIVILEGES By submitting an application for Staff membership and/or a request for clinical privileges, the applicant signifies agreement to fulfill the following obligations of holding Staff membership and/or clinical privileges. The applicant shall agree to:

2.2.6 Be available on a continuous basis, either personally or by arranging appropriate coverage, to respond to the needs of inpatients and Emergency Department patients in a prompt, efficient, and conscientious manner. ("Appropriate coverage" means coverage by another member of the Medical Staff with specialty-specific privileges equivalent to the Practitioner for whom he or she is providing coverage.) Compliance with this eligibility requirement means that the Practitioner must document that he or she is willing and able to:

Please complete this section including your covering physicians name and signature and return via fax to: 817-347-5793. Thank you!

Applicant name (Please Print)	Signature
I agreed to provide coverage for his / her page	atients during any absences.
Name of covering physician (Please Print)	Specialty of covering physician
Signature of physician agreeing to cover	Date

Please return the completed form to  $\pmb{\mathsf{Medical}}$   $\pmb{\mathsf{City}}$   $\pmb{\mathsf{Fort}}$   $\pmb{\mathsf{Worth}},$  Medical Staff Service by fax to 817-347-5793

or by email to tammy.landry@hcahealthcare.com

Thank you!

Medical Staff Services

Medical City Fort Worth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EMTALA



#### MRSA STATEMENT/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Signatures within this document represent review and acceptance that the MRSA nasal screening protocol will be implemented for the patient populations defined below:

- Patients admitted/transferred from Nursing home, Long Term Care Facility, Other Healthcare Facility (Rehab and Assisted Living Facility), Other Hospital, Jail/Prison or Homeless Shelter
- Patients undergoing total hip, total knee, open spine, and CABG procedures
- Patients with a history of MRSA (defined as a positive nasal swab within the last 365 days) may be placed directly into isolation with a nasal screen
- Dialysis patients, patients with open wounds

Physician Signature	Date	
Printed Name	<del></del>	



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# AND CHECKING APPLICATION STATUS





	FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CREDENTIALING PROCESS
QUESTION	ANSWER
How long will it take to receive the full application (RFC)?	24-48 Hours from request Once the completed Provider Information Form is received by Medical Staff Services and assured minimum documentation for a Request for Consideration is received, Medical Staff Services will notify the Central Processing Center (CPC) to send a Request for Consideration
	Depending on how the Delegate Authorization form is completed, an Request for Consideration can be via the On-line application (HCO), emailed or sent regular mail. On average this takes approximately 24-48 hours once the request is made by Medical Staff Services.
Once I submit the application (RFC) to the CPC, how long is the process?	<ul> <li>45-60 Days from receipt of complete application (RFC)</li> <li>The Central Processing Center (CPC) will determine if Request for Consideration packet is complete. They will not begin processing without the following forms:</li> <li>Request for Consideration (The Texas Standard Application – all 20 pages)</li> <li>The HCA Addendum to the State Application with a current signature and date.</li> <li>Delineation of Privileges form</li> <li>Authorization, Attestation and Release form with a current signature and date.</li> </ul>
	Upon the determination of completeness, the verification process can begin and will take approximately 45-60 days. A deadline will be set and the CPC will release the file to Medical Staff Services by that date regardless of if the verification process is completed or not.
How can I assist in expediting my application process?	<ol> <li>Assure your Request for Consideration (RFC) is complete.</li> <li>Other helpful tips include the following:         <ol> <li>Don't leave anything blank or unanswered on your Provider Information Form Request for Consideration (Texas Application) or HCA addendum.</li> <li>Provide full contact information for all training, affiliations and references including emails, phones and faxes.</li> <li>Submit a case log from the prior 2 years from your primary facility and assure that it meets the criteria on the privilege form. The privilege form provides criteria details. Please review it carefully.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Provide written explanations for any adverse responses.</li> </ol>
What will happen if I do not respond timely to requests for clarification or missing information?	Your application will be in jeopardy of being deemed voluntarily withdrawn. The application, verification and privileging process is a time sensitive process. It is important to respond to requests made by Medical Staff Services as soon as possible. When you do not respond or information is missing, the Chairman and Committees reviewing your application may not have enough information to make a decision. If your file continues to be incomplete, your application can be voluntarily withdrawn. The consequence of a withdrawn applications is that you may have to begin the process from the beginning again and because each document in your file has an expiration date there may be items that have to be re-verified, re-signed or re-attested to. This can most importantly cause additional work for you as well as the CPC and Medical Staff Services. Medical Staff Services does not want this to happen so please keep in constant communication with the Coordinator working your file.
How often does the Chairman review Credentials files and how often do the Committees meet?	Monthly.  Typically, the Chairman will begin reviewing all completed files in the first week of the month.  The Credentials Committee, MEC and Board of Trustees at each hospital you are applying have an independent decision to make regarding your application.
Can temporary privileges be granted if I need to start work sooner than the committee schedule allows?	Generally, temporary privileges are not granted.  Temporary privileges are reserved for issues arising from an urgent patient care need and granted rarely. An example where temporary privileges may be considered include but is not limited to:  1. A patient in critical need of a highly specialized physician, where no others are on staff.  2. A shortage of physician staff in a high risk/high volume specialty where daily services are required.
How soon can I begin working in the hospital after my application is approved?	Activation of system accounts may take a couple of days. Therefore, if you anticipate being schedule to work on the day of approval or shortly thereafter, please notify Medical Staff Services ahead of time. Medical Staff Services can proactively have your accounts created and access ready to start on the first day if necessary.

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# OF YOUR APPLICATION





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# **Credentialing Portal**

#### Portal Login & General Navigation

#### PROCESS:

#### Process for Existing HCO Users:

- Go to Portal's Login page: https://credentialing.parallon.com
- Enter your current email address in the Username field.
- Enter your current password in the password field.
- 4. Click Login.
- Establish a new password and answer security questions as prompted.

#### Notes:

- Under Existing HCO Users, Please login with your username and password. If you do not remember, please click <u>here</u>.
   Please do not click this link if you have never used HCO before, as you will need to use the Create Account process for new users.
- Existing HCO Users are referring to delegates/providers that currently have access to HCO.

#### Process for New Users:

- Go to Portal's Login page: https://credentialing.parallon.com
- Click Create Account or under New Users, use the click <u>here</u> to create an account link.

Note: Follow prompts to complete the process.

#### SCREEN SHOT:





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## **Credentialing Portal**

#### Portal Login & General Navigation

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#### 1. Left Navigation

PROCESS:

- · Home click to return to the Home page.
- Message Center click to view important messages.
- Credentialing Status click to view the status of open packets.
- Outstanding Items click to view all outstanding required packet items during the verification process.
- Expiring Items click view expiring items.
- Facilities click to view facility and privilege details.
- Resources click to access helpful tips and tools.
- Provider Profile click to update your address, email, phone numbers, and date of birth.

#### 2. Center Navigation

- Messages click to view credentialing process related messages.
- Credentialing Status click to view the status of open credentialing packets.
- Outstanding Credentialing Items click to view all outstanding packet items.

#### Note:

Numbers represent the count of items in each category.

#### SCREEN SHOT:



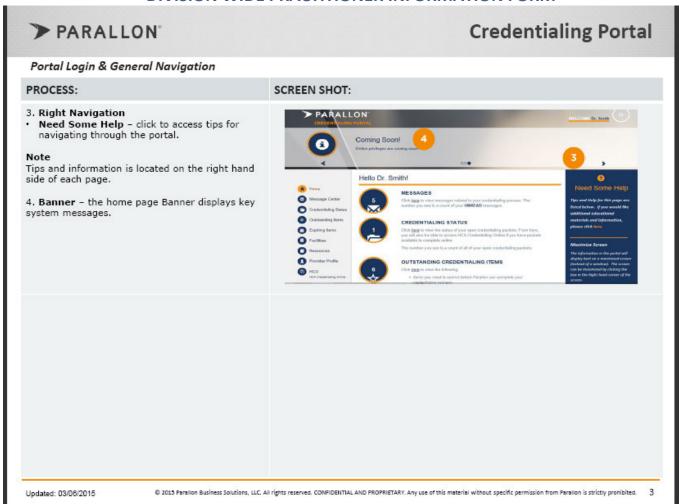
OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALING ITEMS

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#### Credentialing Portal & HCO User Login Tips

	Tip	Troubleshooting Steps
1	What are the steps to follow if I can't view some of the information on the screen?	The Portal performs best with Internet Explorer 10, Mozilla Firefox, Safari or Chrome  Determine the web browser you are using by clicking on Tools in your browser or perform an Alt+x  If you are using Internet Explorer, select "About Internet Explorer" to identify the version. If it is anything less than IE 10, you will need to upgrade to IE10 for full functionality  NOTE: the Portal displays best on a maximized screen (instead of a window); to maximize the screen, click the box in Right Hand corner of the screen
2	What are the Password Rules for the Portal?	Passwords must contain all of the following elements:  Minimum Length must be 7  Must contain both Uppercase and Lowercase  Must contain a Number  Must contain a Special Character
3	What are the Login Rules?	Provider  You must be appointed or in the request for consideration process at an HCA affiliated entity  if either of these two criteria are not met, you will not be able to login and will receive an error message  Your Email address must match the address on file as the Username is the Email Address  Delegate
		You must have at least one active provider who has a minimum of one active facility to login if this criteria is not met, the delegate will not be able to login and will receive an error message Your Email address must match the address on file as the Username is the Email Address
4	What happens on the first login to Portal for the Provider and Delegate?	Go to Portal's Login page: https://credentialing.parallon.com  Your User Name is your Email Address that is currently on file  If you are not an established HCO user, click on Create Account  If you are an established HCA Credentialing Online (HCO) user and:  If you do remember your password, you will be asked to establish a new password and answer security questions—this is due to enhanced security standards. Note: selecting answers that you can easily remember for future authentications is recommended  If you don't remember your password, don't use the Forgot Password option. You haven't had a chance to setup your security questions and won't get past the security question screen. You should return to the Login screen and enter an incorrect password which will then allow you to reauthenticate  If you aren't sure if you are an established HCO user, please follow the
		instructions in #2 above first. If the system allows you to re-authenticate than you were an established user. If the system does not allow you to re-authenticate please click on Create Account  Providers and Delegates should access HCO from the Portal to avoid login issues
5	How do I access HCO?	Providers: access from the HCO link on the left hand navigation on the provider home page     Delegates: access from the HCO link on the left hand navigation on the delegate home page
6	What happens if I access HCO from the Portal and a screen is displayed with "Old password, New password, Confirm new password" and I attempt to make a change?	You will receive a User Authentication Error. To resolve this, follow these steps:  Go to the HCO Login page and click Restore Password  Wait for the HCO email with the encrypted link and then restore access with the link
7	What steps should be taken if I am locked out of my account?	You will be locked out when either the maximum number of attempts of login to the account or to answer security questions  Contact Client Support Services 1-800-265-8422, options 2, 7 they will help you unlock your account  Return to the Portal Login page and enter your username, then enter any 7 characters in the password field and follow the prompts on the screen
8	How do I find access user tips and training materials?	You will find quick tips, job aids and video training materials at:  http://hcahealthcare.com/credentjaling/  Scroll to the bottom of the page, click on the topic and the hyperlink will take you to the training material

# CLABSI: Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection

CLABSI is associated with significant increases in patient morbidity, mortality, and associated healthcare costs. ICU patients are at an additional risk of CLABSI, as 48% of all ICU patients have an indwelling central venous catheter, which amounts to 15 million central line days per year. Annually, complications arising from CLABSI result in:

- · 84,551-203,916 preventable infections,
- 10,426-25,145 preventable deaths, and
- \$1.7-21.4 billion in additional costs.

#### **CLABSI Reduction tools:**

- · Hand hygiene
- · CHG Bathing
- · CL dressing kits with Biopatch
- · Line necessity and prompt removal
- DO NOT draw blood from CL

#### CAUTI: Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infection

CAUTis are among the most common of healthcare—associated infections, and it is estimated that approximately 50%-70% of all CAUTIs may be prevented. Nearly one quarter of all hospital patients have an indwelling urinary catheter placed during their hospital stay, a significant portion of which are placed without appropriate indications. Complications as a result of CAUTI include:

- 2-4 additional LOS days,
- · patient discomfort,
- · additional \$1,300-\$1,600 cost per patient, and
- an estimated \$340-\$450 million per year in additional costs (throughout the US)

#### **CAUTI Reduction tools:**

- · Hand hygiene
- · CHG Bathing
- Use of Stat Lock
- Nurse-driven Foley protocol
- Catheter necessity and prompt removal

#### FY 2017: C. difficile Infection

According to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, nearly 65.8% or all occurrences of C. difficile infections studied were healthcare-associated, with 24.2% being hospital-onset. Study results concluded that healthcare-associated infections of C. difficile are higher than community-associated. The national estimated incidence of healthcare-associated C. difficile infections are 95.3 per 100,000 population, resulting in an estimated 293;300 healthcare-associated cases annually, with 104,400 being an estimated hospital-onset.

#### C diff Reduction tools:

- Hand washing with soap and water
- Following contact isolation precaution.
- C diff policy
- Use of bleach for cleaning & disinfection
- Judicial use of antibiotics

#### SSI: Surgical Site Infection

SSIs account for an estimated 20% of all hospital-acquired infections, with as estimated 290,485 SSIs per year. Nearly 11% of all deaths occurring in ICUs each year are associated with SSI. Additionally, SSIs result in:

- 8.205 deaths per year.
- · \$25,546-\$34,670 in additional costs, per SSI, and
- \$7-\$10 billion annually.

#### **SSI Reduction tools:**

- Skin prep with Chloraprep
- Administration of prophylactic antibiotics no sooner than 30 mins prior to incision
- Weight-based antibiotic dosing
- CHG bathing prior to surgery.

#### MDROs: Multi-drug Resistant Organisms

Hospital- acquired invasive MRSA (Methicillin-resistant Staph aureus) infections declined by 54% in recent years. Prevalence of VRE (Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus) isolates from hospitalized patients have increased from <1% to 15%. Pseudomonas aeruginosa resistance to fluoroquinolone antibiotics increased from 23% to 29.5%. 53% of A. baumannii strains exhibited resistance to Carbapenem. Infections caused by CRE (Carbapenem resistant enterobactericae) are associated with high mortality rates, up to 50%.

#### **MDRO Reduction tools:**

- Hand hygiene before and after
- Following contact isolation precaution
- Judicial use of antibiotics.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces & equipment with disinfecting wipes.



#### References:

http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/hais/tools/cauti-hospitals/index.html

http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/education/curriculum-tools/clabsitools/index.html

http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/final-reports/ssi/ssiapu.html

http://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa1408913#t=articleResults

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