



On The CUSP: STOP CAUTI- LTCF

AHRQ National Implementation of Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP) to Reduce Catheter- associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI) in Long Term Care Facilities (LTCFs)

Reducing Patient Harm and Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI) in South Carolina Long Term Care Facilities

Important Dates:

Friday, February 21st at 3:30pm, Informational Webinar for Facilities either committed or thinking about joining the collaborative.

Monday, March 10th, Deadline for Recruiting the first Cohort, the South Carolina Project

Second week in April, Learning Session #1
An in-person meeting for all facilities participating

What are the Expectations for Participating Facilities?

- Participation in content and coaching teleconferences
- Compliance with data collection and submission requirements:
 - Outcome measure:
 - CAUTI rates
 - Process measures:
 - Hygiene practices
 - Indwelling catheter stewardship (appropriate indications and maintenance and prompt removal)
 - Appropriate urine lab tests and antibiotic prescribing
- Active leadership support for:
 - Staff participation in free coaching sessions and educational sessions with CEUs
 - Staff implementation of infection prevention and safety culture improvement tools
 - Data collection and reporting
 - Prioritization of infection prevention, including CAUTI and overall UTI prevention within the framework of preventing all HAIs including C. difficile

Who is Leading this Effort?

The program is being led by Health Research & Educational Trust (HRET), and its partner, the South Carolina Hospital Association (SCHA). They are developing and implementing an infection prevention and safety program to support long-term care facilities in adopting evidence-based infection prevention practices. Participating facilities will also learn how to use teamwork and communication tools to improve safety culture in their institutions.

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is funding this national long term care (LTC) safety program to reduce Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) and other healthcare acquired infections (HAIs) in long-term care facilities (LTCFs) across the country, so all resources for the LTCF are free.

Key Deadlines and Dates

- Informational Webinar for all Interested Facilities: **February 21st**
- Facility Registration: **March 10th**
- Project Kickoff: **late March- early April**

**** Interested in enrolling or learning more?**
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