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Infection Prevention:
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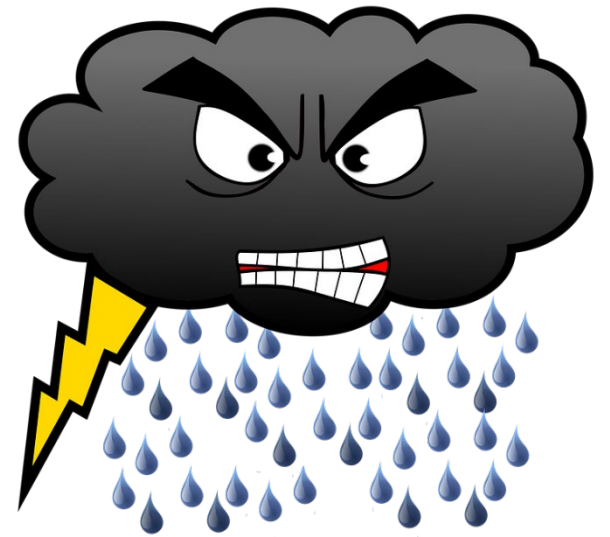
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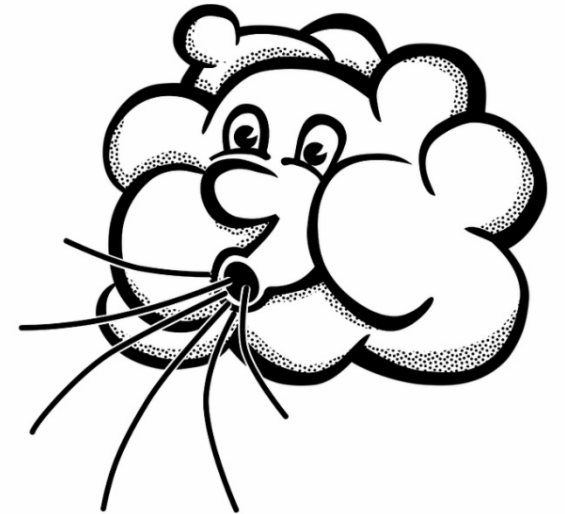


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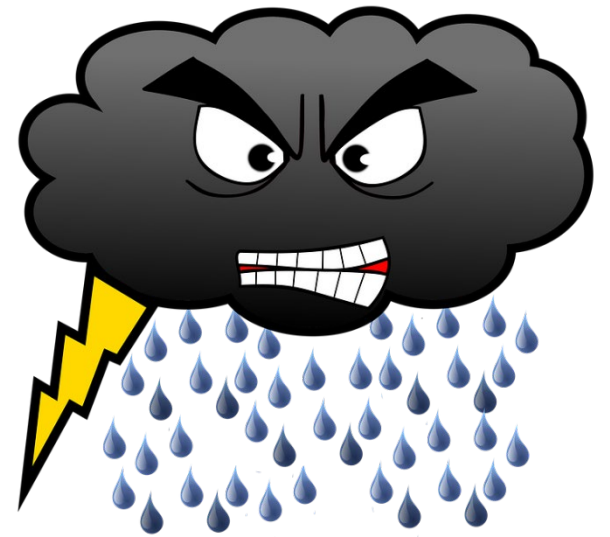


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BACKGROUND

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) performance at a 758-bed adult hospital within a quaternary academic medical center was improving – achieving a standardized infection ratio (SIR) of 0.766 in 2019. CAUTI rates increased during the pandemic and remain elevated even as the acute phase of the pandemic waned, with twice the number of CAUTIs and a near doubling of the SIR to 1.384 in 2022.

METHODS

A multidisciplinary CAUTI prevention committee directed and implemented a “back to basics” approach over a two-year period. Initial strategies included heavy focus on bundle elements for indwelling catheter maintenance, increasing the use of indwelling catheter alternatives and reducing utilization of indwelling catheters (Figure 1), improving appropriateness of urine culture ordering (Figure 2), and developing data dashboards for monitoring progress through tracking trends and common themes (Figure 3).

RESULTS

From 2022 to 2024, there was a 45% reduction in the number of CAUTIs identified in the adult hospital, from 43 in 2022 to 24 in 2024 (Figure 4). The SIR decreased from 1.384 in 2022 to 0.841 in 2024 (Figure 5). The average length of stay (LOS) for patients with CAUTIs during that time period improved from 11.08 to 6.481 (Figure 6). The average LOS for patients with CAUTIs decreased from a hospital average of 14.8% (Figure 7) to 10.3% in 2024 (Figure 8).

CONCLUSION

Following the notable increase in CAUTI rates during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, a focus on basic infection prevention techniques, rather than introducing new products, resulted in a return to pre-pandemic baseline CAUTI performance and catheter utilization rates that were better than pre-pandemic baselines.

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Figure 1: Bundle elements developed to promote catheter care and reducing urinary infections

Figure 2: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

Figure 3: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

Figure 4: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

Figure 5: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

Figure 6: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

Figure 7: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

Figure 8: CAUTI rate by month for Adult Hospital

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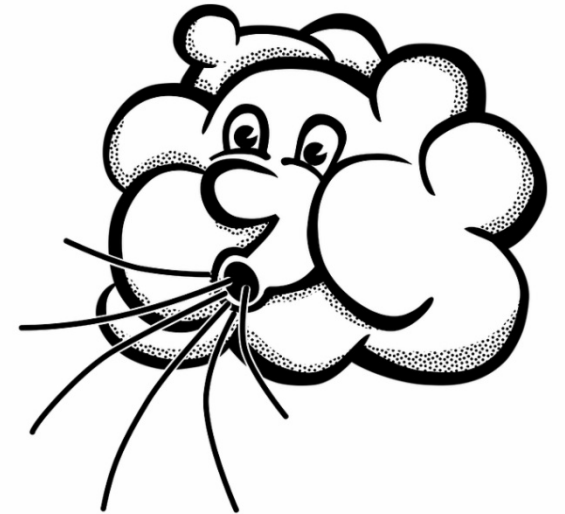
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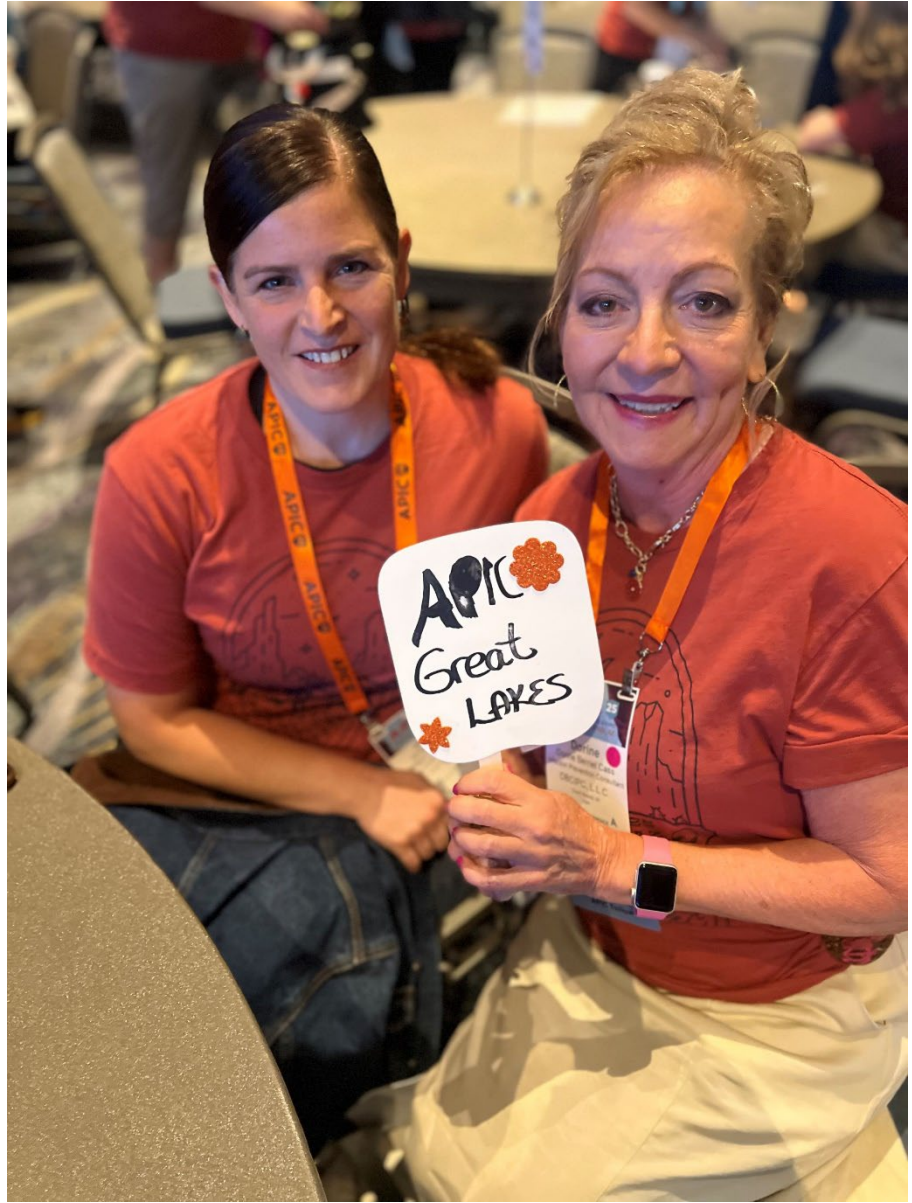
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