# The OR is no place for compromise:

A comprehensive approach to address HAIs, HOB, and surgical complications

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# HAIs – a growing issue impacting quality, costs and outcomes

HAIs kill more people annually than breast cancer<sup>1,2</sup>
7.4% of patients who experience an adverse event will die<sup>3</sup>



**687,000** patients develop HAIs in the US<sup>1</sup>



**72,000** patients die in the US every year<sup>1</sup>

HAI: Healthcare-associated infection

<sup>1.</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Healthcare-associated infections. CDC website. https://www.cdc.gov/hai/data/portal/index.html. Accessed May 20, 2019.

<sup>2.</sup> Breast Cancer Facts and Statistics. Breastcancer.org. Available at: https://www.breastcancer.org/facts-statistics. Accessed March 3, 2023

<sup>3.</sup> De Vries EN, Ramrattan MA, Smorenburg SM, Gouma DJ, Boermeester MA. The incidence and nature of in-hospital adverse events: a systematic review. Qual Saf Health care. 2008;17(3):216–223.

# The OR is a major source of HAIs with surgical site infections (SSI)

SSIs place your patients and hospital at risk.









# HOB is a proposed metric to track quality in hospitals

Hospital-onset bacteremia & fungemia or HOB is a hospital-onset bloodstream infection (BSI) diagnosed on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> day of hospital admission.



Hospital-onset bacteremia (HOB) and fungemia has been suggested as a **more comprehensive quality metric** for HAIs. It passed the National Quality Forum (NQF) Patient Safety Committee review as a **recommended metric** to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. 1,2



The HOB metric will potentially expand hospital surveillance of bloodstream infections (BSIs) beyond current state and provide an **opportunity** to **re-evaluate infection prevention strategies**.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>•</sup> **1.** Yu KC, Ye G, Edwards JR, et al. Hospital-onset bacteremia and fungemia: an evaluation of predictors and feasibility of benchmarking comparing two risk-adjusted models among 267 hospitals. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2022;43(10):1317-1325. doi:10.1017/ ice.2022. **2.** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. FY 2023 hospital inpatient prospective payment system (IPPS) and long-term care hospitals (LTCH PPS) proposed rule—CMS 1771-0. April 18, 2022. Accessed Feb 22, 2023. <a href="https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/fy-2023-hospital-inpatient-prospective-payment-system-ipps-and-long-term-care-hospitals-ltch-pp **3.** Schrank G, Snyder G, Leekha S. Hospital-onset bacteremia and fungemia: examining healthcare-associated infections prevention through a wider lens. *Antimicrob Steward Healthc Epidemiol.* 2023;3(1):e198.

# Sources of Hospital Onset Bacteremia & Fungemia (HOB)?

## What are some sources of HOB?<sup>1</sup>

## **CLABSI**

Central Line Bloodstream Infection

## **CRBSI**

PIVC, midlines

## UTI

Urine source: UTI, CAUTI

## SSI

Surgical site/ post-procedure infection

## **VAP**

Pneumonia source

## **WOUND**

Skin and soft tissue infections

<sup>• 1.</sup> American Hospital Association (AHA). Hospital Onset Bacteremia, Hospital leaders' attitudes on HOB sources, prevention and treatment. AHA/BD 2023.



\*statistics for CLABSI HOB

## SSI and HOB co-occurrence: Clinical and economic outcomes<sup>1</sup>



## Sample size

- 38 acute care hospitals
- 242 NHSN-reported SSI cases, 30 (12.4%) HOB co-occurrence



### LOS (days) – added LOS per event

- SSI vs control: 11.6 days
- SSI + HOB vs SSI control: 6.3 days



## Hospital costs (\$) – incremental cost per event

- SSI vs control: \$30,689
- SSI + HOB vs SSI control: \$24,586



### Relative mortality risk

- SSI vs control: 3.4 RR
- SSI + HOB vs SSI control: 3.4 RR



## 30-day readmission rates

- SSI vs control: 1.5 RR
- SSI + HOB vs SSI control: 2.7 RR



Patients with SSI had 6-fold higher risk of HOB

HOB + SSI co-occurrence = Increased clinical and economic burden

<sup>• 1.</sup> Ai, C, Jung, M, Bastow, S, Adjaoute, G, Bostick, D, Yu, K. Clinical Outcomes and Hospital-Reported Cost Associated with Surgical Site Infections and the Co-occurrence of Hospital Onset Bacteremia and Fungemia Across US Hospitals. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. 2025 Feb 19:46(4):1-7.

# HOB tracking will lead to many questions for key hospital stakeholders



Staff nurse

Will this change my current practices?

How will I learn these new techniques consistently?



ICU clinician

Which of my patients are at greater risk?

How often should we be testing for bloodstream infections?



Infection preventionist



CNO

Will we have the resources to track infections, enforce protocols, and investigate more incidences?

What are the primary causes of **HOB** for us to focus on?

How will this impact our reimbursement and hospital evaluation?

How will **our staff be able to meet** these tracking needs?



"We have not taken concrete steps, but infection control is already working on changes to the EMR dashboard and trying to figure out how to handle reporting peripheral line infections." – CNO



"I think it will be very disruptive given how common peripheral IVs are and how little attention they have been given until now. Nurses are not systematic in changing dressings and following sterile protocols, so it will definitely require training." – Vascular Access Team Specialist

# The clinical challenge in the OR: multiple factors contribute to SSI/HOB risk<sup>1</sup>



### **Patient factors**

- MRSA or MSSA nasal colonization
- Infection at another site
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- Immunosuppressive agents



### **Surgeon factors**

- Use of drains
- Poor surgical technique
- Use of staples
- Lack of redosing of antibiotic



### **Work environment factors**

- Poor staff levels
- Workload and shift patterns
- Design, availability and maintenance of equipment
- Environment and physical plant problems (e.g. air handling system)
- Lack of hand hygiene



### **Care delivery problems**

- Lack of discontinuation of antibiotics at 24h
- Contamination of incision postop
- Contaminated environment
- Inadequate staffing for postop care
- Lack of Foley catheter removal within 48h
- Lack of hand hygiene

Surgical outcome



### **Preop factors**

- Lack of hand hygiene
- Patient body colonization
- Lack of preop shower

### Perioperative team factors

- Lack of traffic control (e.g. too many in room)
- Improper surgical hand antisepsis
- Improper surgical attire
- Unsterile instruments

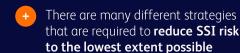
- Insufficient skin antisepsis
- Contaminated environment
- Inadequate surgical prophylaxis
- Non-coated sutures
- Improper mixing of irrigation solutions



### Organizational / management factors

- Financial constraints
- Poor team communication
- Poor leadership
- Increased hospital days

One factor could lead to failure



The most successful method of implementation to prevent SSIs is the use of bundles, i.e, addressing multiple risk factors simultaneously

Perioperative

The time period of a patient's procedure, from pre-op to post-op

<sup>1.</sup> Adapted from Spencer M. Working Toward Zero Healthcare Associated Infections. http://www.workingtowardzero.com/uploads/4/6/4/2/ 4642325/aorn1929\_going\_forward\_-\_preventing\_ssis\_\_dec\_2014.pdf.

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# Parenteral and non-parenteral antimicrobial prophylaxis is essential



- Administer according to evidence-based standards and guidelines<sup>1,3</sup>
- Administer within 1 hour of incision<sup>3</sup>
- Re-dose for lengthy procedures and in cases with excessive blood loss<sup>3</sup>
- Discontinue antimicrobial agents after incisional closure in the OR<sup>1,3</sup>



- Uncertain trade-offs between benefits and harm of intraoperative antimicrobial (e.g. antibiotic) irrigation<sup>1,3</sup>
- Do not apply antimicrobial agents (i.e. ointments, solutions, or powders) to the surgical incision<sup>1</sup>
- Use combination of parenteral and oral antimicrobials for elective colorectal surgery<sup>2,3</sup>

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# Maintaining patient temperature control and glucose is recommended in all care bundles



- Use protocols to maintain perioperative glycemic control for both diabetic and non-diabetic adult patients undergoing surgical procedures<sup>1-3</sup>
  - Perioperative Target < 200 mg/dL<sup>1-2</sup>
  - Maintain postoperative level between 110-150 mg/dL<sup>3</sup>
- Ideal method for controlling glucose unknown<sup>3</sup>
  - · Continuous infusion insulin
  - Sliding scale (subcutaneous) insulin



- Maintain perioperative normothermia<sup>1-3</sup>
  - Temperature > 35.5°C
- No specific optimal strategy on how to maintain normothermia<sup>1,2</sup>
  - Fluid warmers
  - Warm blankets
- No standardized duration of warming<sup>2,3</sup>
  - 30 min 2 hours

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# Several strategies utilizing antiseptic prophylaxis are addressed in bundled approaches

## Preoperative Bathing

- Plain or antimicrobial soap for preoperative bath or shower at least night before the operative day<sup>1-2</sup>
- Data are mixed on at-home preoperative bathing with CHG-containing products alone<sup>1-3</sup>

## Nasal Decolonization

- Decolonize in nasal carriers of Staphylococcus aureus<sup>2,3</sup>
  - Intranasal mupirocin and CHG bathing
  - Up to 5 days prior to surgery
- Preliminary data on povidoneiodine intranasal immediately prior to surgery<sup>3</sup>

## Screening for MRSA

- Routine use of mupirocin alone without screening may lead to resistance<sup>3</sup>
- Routine decolonization with antiseptics without screening can be done with antiseptics such as povidone iodine<sup>3</sup>

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# Surgical hair clipping waste: more than a mess, an infection risk

## Identifying the challenge

- Use of razors may compromise the skin and increase the risk of contamination<sup>1</sup>
  - Clippers support patient preoperative hair removal in a single pass and minimize the risk of compromising the skin
- Loose hair can increase the risk of contamination for your patients<sup>2</sup>
- Adhesive tapes, commonly used for hair cleanup, are not sterilized or kept under controlled conditions, and may become colonized with organisms and contribute to HAIs<sup>3</sup>
  - Frequently used on multiple patients
  - Often contain hair from previous patients

## Addressing the challenge

A study compared hair removal using standard surgical clippers with surgical tape vs. clippers fitted with a vacuum-assisted hair collection device and found it resulted in<sup>2</sup>:

- Reduced contamination
  - Significantly reduced microbial contamination by 85% compared to clipping and tape cleanup\*
- Faster clipping and cleanup time
  - An average of 40% faster compared to clipping and tape cleanup
- Less residual loose hair<sup>†</sup>

<sup>\*</sup> Results were measured by  $loq_{10}$  colony forming units (CFU) as recovered from comparative chest and groin sites following clipping.

<sup>†</sup> The mean weight of recovered hair from beneath the test site for the combination of clipping and tape was 0.212 g, while the mean weight of hair recovered from beneath the vacuum-assisted hair collection device was 0.003 g.

<sup>• 1.</sup> Mangram AJ, Horan TC, Pearson ML, Silver LC, Jarvis WR, the Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee. Guideline for the prevention of surgical site infection, 1999;20:247-280. Updated in JAMA Surg. 2017;152(8):784-791 2. Edmiston CE Jr, Griggs RK, Tanner J, Spencer M, Seabrook GR, Leaper D. Perioperative hair removal in the 21st century: utilizing an innovative vacuum-assisted technology to safely expedite hair removal before surgery. Am J Infect Control. 2016;44(12):1639-1644. 3. Redelmeier, DA, Livesley NJ. Adhesive tape and intravascular-catheter-associated infections. J Gen Intern Med. 1999;14(6):373-375

Vacuum-assisted devices help support patient preoperative hair removal needs by minimizing contamination risk in the OR, and reducing the risk of compromising the skin.



Quick, clean and comprehensive solution for pre-op hair removal



Up to 40% faster clipping and clean up time compared to clippers and adhesive tape<sup>1</sup>



A vacuum-assisted device can capture an average 98.5% of hair and airborne contaminants at the source, eliminating the need for extra clean up with tape or mitts<sup>1</sup>

# Addressing the clinical challenge requires a holistic approach<sup>1-3</sup>



# Important advances continue to be made

### Older standards

### Latest advancements

Antiseptic formulations

### Single agents

Lack either immediate or persistent activity<sup>1</sup>

### **Dual formulations**

More effective at killing bacteria<sup>2,3</sup>

Delivery methods

### **Bulk solutions**

High risk of contamination and manipulation<sup>4</sup>; application method may result in hand-to-site contact

### Single-use applicators

Eliminate cross-contamination; does not allow for solution manipulation; no-touch application

Recent evolution of patient preoperative skin preparation

Solution sterility

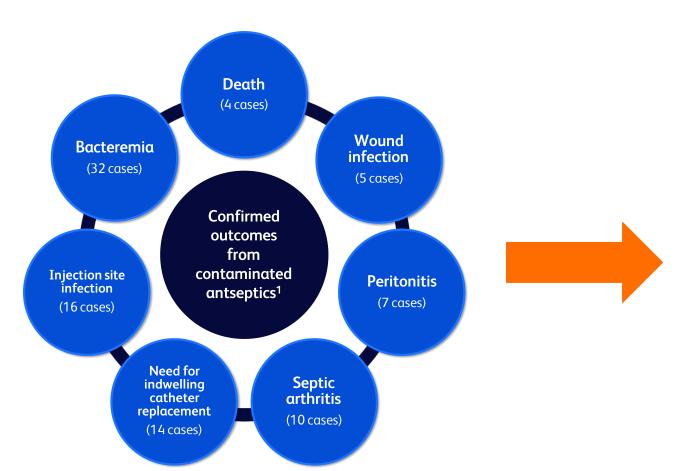
### Nonsterile solutions

Risk of intrinsic contamination during manufacturing<sup>5</sup>

### Sterile solutions

Minimizes risk of intrinsic microbial contamination<sup>5</sup>

# Contaminated antiseptics are a documented cause of HAIs



# Outcomes may be underreported for a range of reasons, including<sup>2</sup>

- Disposal of contaminated product before infection is discovered
- Inconsistent contamination within the same lot

# Antiseptic sterilization minimizes the risk of intrinsic bacterial threats

# Maintains the efficacy and purity



of the antiseptic solution<sup>1</sup>

# Less than a 1 in a million chance



Chance that a viable microorganism can exist<sup>1</sup>

# Sterility assurance level of 10<sup>-6</sup>



—the same level required for injectable products<sup>1</sup>

1 Degala, et al. United States Patent 9,078,934. July 14, 2015.

# Persistence is another important consideration of antiseptic skin preparations



## Definition of Persistence

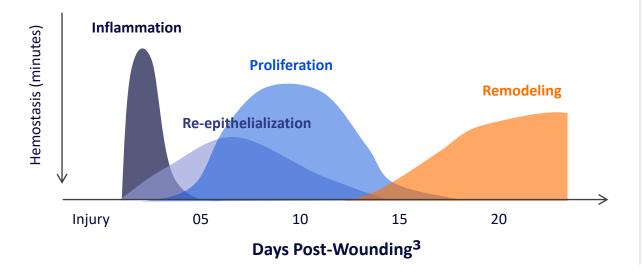




## Why is persistence important?



Antimicrobial persistence defined as posttreatment microbial counts less than or equal to pre-treatment counts.<sup>1,2</sup>



Necessary to limit bacteria on the skin and help minimize its entry into an incision or device-insertion site after application.



### **SURGICAL**

Healing takes time.

Re-epithelialization can take up to 2 weeks<sup>3</sup>



### **VASCULAR**

## Dressing

Changes can occur between 2-7 days

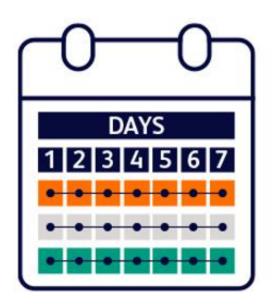
# A recent study shows at least 7 days persistence for 2% chlorhexidine and 70% isopropyl alcohol<sup>1</sup>

A clinical study to evaluate the persistent antimicrobial properties of **2% chlorhexidine** and **70% isopropyl** alcohol.

## Antimicrobial log<sub>10</sub> reductions on groin and abdomen post-

Modified from Beausoleil C, et al. Journal of Hospital Infection, 2022.







## Design

Randomized, single-center, partially blinded, clinical study 101 healthy volunteers between the ages of 18 and 69. Evaluated the antimicrobial persistence of prep stick out to 7 days.

Evidence-based, recommended properties of patient preoperative skin antiseptics enable clinicians to reduce microorganisms on patients' skin that may cause infections.



Choose a dual formulation



Broad-spectrum, rapid-acting patient preoperative skin preparation with persistent antimicrobial activity for at least 4 days (PVP-I+IPA) and 7 days (CHG+IPA).<sup>1</sup>



When possible, choose a terminally sterile product. A sterility assurance level (SAL) of  $10^{-6}$ , is the same level of sterilization required for injectable products - there is less than 1-in-a-million chance that microorganisms can exist. The sterilization process does not adversely affect the strength, quality, safety, efficacy or purity of the solution.

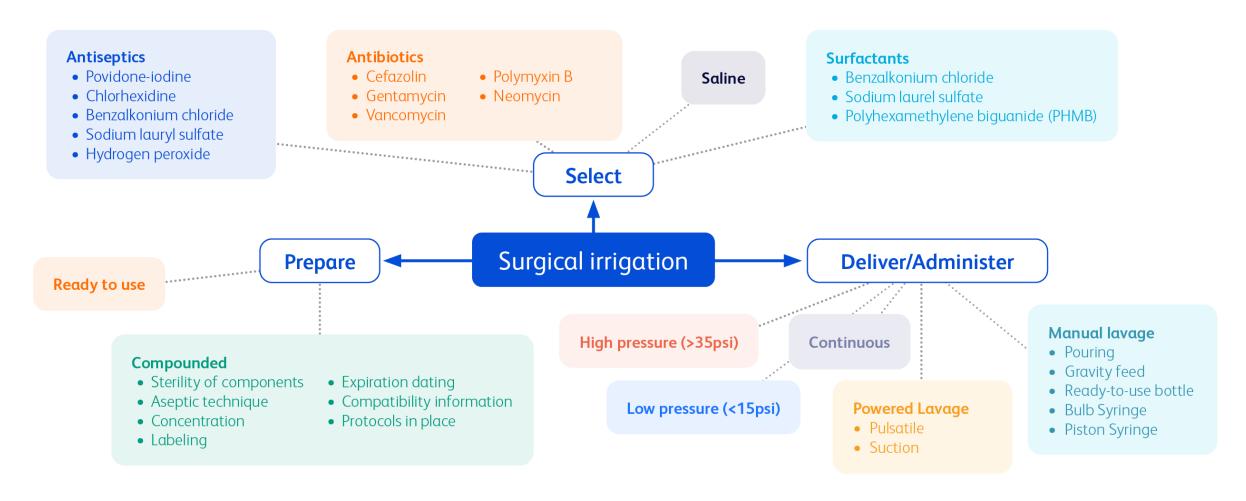
CHG: chlorhexidine gluconate PVP-I: povidone-iodine

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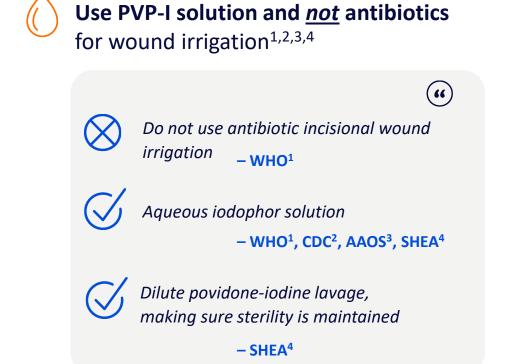


**<sup>1.</sup>** Berríos-Torres SI et al. *JAMA Surg.* 2017;152(8):784-791. **2.** World Health Organization. Accessed in September 2022 at <a href="https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/277399">https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/277399</a>. Calderwood MS et al. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2023;44(5):695-720.

# Surgical irrigation is a process that is often overlooked in bundled approaches and in the literature



# Align your choice of surgical irrigation with the latest best practice guidelines





**PVP-I:** Povidone Iodine; **WHO:** World Health Organization; **CDC:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; **AAOS:** American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons; **SHEA:** Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America; **USP:** United States Pharmacopoeia; **AHCPR:** Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

# Including the many operational challenges with surgical irrigation

## Identifying the challenge

A recent study of over 400 scrub nurses and techs identified opportunities to address challenges with homebrew irrigation:



**50%** made the wrong mixture<sup>1</sup>



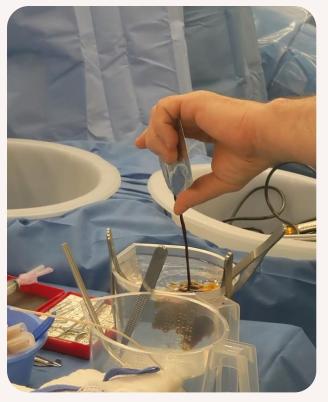
1 in 12 cases, respondents needed to leave the OR<sup>1</sup>



**90%** reported using non-sterile PVP-I, violating regulatory standards<sup>1</sup>



**45%** wore non-sterile or no gloves at all<sup>1</sup>





# And numerous steps and risks along the way

# Every step and variation in homebrew irrigation preparation can increase risk.<sup>1,2</sup>



Non-sterile formulations



Bacterial contamination



Medical errors



Non-standard irrigation concentrations



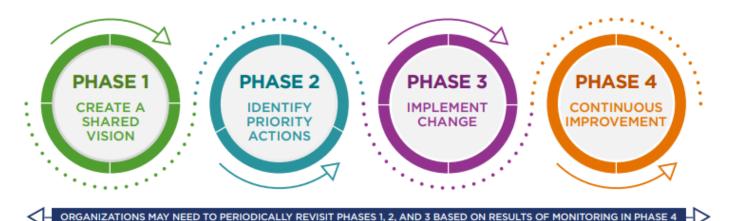
Inconsistent aseptic technique

Example steps and associated compliance risk for compounding povidone-iodine surgical irrigation solutions in the OR





# Build on your existing HAI program to address HOB<sup>1</sup>



#### **ACTION AREA 1:**

Develop Buy-In and Ownership

#### **ACTION AREA 2:**

Review Data Infrastructure

#### **ACTION AREA 3:**

Assess Organizational Culture

#### **ACTION AREA 4:**

**Build Awareness** 

#### **ACTION AREA 5:**

Define the Current State

#### **ACTION AREA 6:**

Identify Opportunities for Improvement

#### **ACTION AREA 7:**

Set Organizational Goals

### **ACTION AREA 8:**

Engage Patients and Families in HOB Management

#### **ACTION AREA 9:**

Prevent HOB—Recognize and Mitigate Risk

#### **ACTION AREA 10:**

Identify HOB—Assess and Recognize Symptoms

#### ACTION AREA 11:

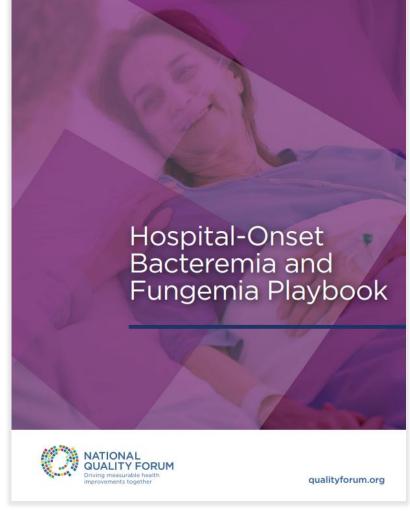
Treat HOB—Guide Timely and Accurate Care

### ACTION AREA 12:

Monitor Progress

#### **ACTION AREA 13:**

Promote Sustainability



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- Characteristics, costs, and outcomes associated with central-line—associated bloodstream infection and hospitalonset bacteremia and fungemia in US hospitals
- Implementation of a multi-modal intervention adopting new technologies, clinical services, and feedback improves catheter-associated urinary tract infections
- Prevalence of Hospital-Onset Bacteremia Pre-and Post-Implementation of a Needleless Blood Sampling Device From Existing Peripheral Catheters
- Clinical outcomes and hospital-reported cost associated with surgical site infections and the co-occurrence of hospital-onset bacteremia and fungemia across US hospitals



compared to no SSI had significantly higher incremental hospital-reported cost of \$30,689 and length of stay (LOS) was 11.6 days higher. The incidence of HOB was 6-fold higher in admissions with SSI compared to no SSI. For SSI admissions with HOB vs. no HOB, HOB added

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# BD ClipVac™ Fair & Balance Statement

Intended Use: The intended use of the BD ClipVac<sup>™</sup> System is to vacuum clipped hair and airborne contaminants generated from the clipping process. It should be used with the BD Surgical Clipper (REF 5513E). Only trained healthcare personnel should use BD ClipVac<sup>™</sup> System and the BD Surgical Clippers. If the BD Surgical Clippers and BD ClipVac<sup>™</sup> System are being used for the first time, see the training materials provided by BD.

**Operating Instructions:** The bottom side of the clipper blade should remain flat and gently rest on the surface of the skin while clipping. To ensure hair is properly collected by the vacuum, never tilt the blade edge into the skin. For optimal performance, use on dry hair.

**Disinfection Instructions:** The BD ClipVac™ Vacuum Unit should be disinfected after each use, using one of the recommended disinfectant solutions listed below:

- Isopropyl Alcohol/Quaternary Ammonia solution
- Chlorinated bleach solution

Inspection/Maintenance: The BD ClipVac™ Vacuum Unit requires no routine maintenance aside from cleaning system after each patient use. If a replacement is needed, contact your local BD representative or customer service. Service or attempted repair performed by unqualified personnel may result in a risk of injury, electric shock, fire, or permanent damage to the equipment and will void any warranty.

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### Cautions:

- Use the BD ClipVac™ system as described in the Operating Instruction. Avoid direct patient contact with the nozzle. Direct patient contact should be with the bottom side of the clipper blade.
- Never use BD ClipVac™ Vacuum Unit, battery or charging adapter that appears to be defective, damaged, or not working properly.
- Do not cover vacuum unit to prevent obstructing air flow as this made cause overheating of the vacuum unit.
- Do not re-use disposable filter assembly, it is intended to be single use only.
- Clean the vacuum unit after each patient use, refer to cleaning and disinfecting instructions.
- Do not submerse or spray the vacuum unit, battery, or charging adapter with any liquid.
- Do not sterilize the vacuum unit, battery, or charging adapter.
- Do not short the battery terminals.
- Avoid excessive physical shock or vibration to the battery.
- Do not place the battery and charging adapter in a location where it is subjected to direct sunlight and keep away from other external heat sources.
- Do not dispose the battery with general waste. Never incinerate the lithium-ion battery.
- Do not replace charging adapter cord. Use only the battery and charging adapter supplied by BD.
- Do not attempt to modify or repair the vacuum unit, battery, or charging adapter as this can result in damage of the BD ClipVac™ system and will void the warranty.

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**EMC Information of REF 5500:** The BD ClipVac™ System is intended for use in the electromagnetic environment specified in the Instructions For Use (IFU) provided with the BD ClipVac™ System.

**Warning:** REF 5500E should not be used adjacent to or stacked with other equipment. If adjacent or stacked use is necessary, REF 5500E should be observed to verify normal operation in the configuration in which it will be used.

REF 5500E has been tested and found to comply with the limits for the medical devices to the IEC 60601-1-2. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed or used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to other devices in the vicinity. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to the other devices which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures;

- Reorient or relocate the receiving device.
- Increase the separation between the equipment.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the other device(s) are connected.
- Consult the manufacturer or field service for help.