

Travel Nurse HAI Prevention Guide

Thank you for joining our team!

Here are a few tips to help us prevent Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs) in our patients.

CLABSI

- Perform **Hand Hygiene** before and after touching a Central line. Assist patient in performing hand hygiene frequently.
- Change dressing** every 7 days unless wet, loose, or soiled, then change as soon as possible. Dressing changes are done on Thursdays unless needed.
 - If using gauze under dressing, change every 48 hrs.
- Keep **alcohol caps** on ports when not in use. Use an alcohol scrub when alcohol caps aren't being used, if port becomes contaminated, and with each sequential access.
 - Use a new cap each time one is removed.
- Change needleless connectors** every 96 hours or when occluded or soiled.
- Flush** line every 12 hours when not in use.
- Document** blood return every 12 hours.
- Daily **bathing** is important. **CHG treatment after bathing** required for all patients in ICUs and for patients with Central Lines on acute care.
- When drawing a blood culture, **peripheral sticks are preferred**. Do not draw blood cultures from Central Lines.

CAUTI

- Perform **Hand Hygiene** before and after touching a Foley Catheter. Assist patient in performing hand hygiene frequently.
- Keep foley **below the bladder** during transports and when ambulating.
- Perform peri- cares with Provon wipes** every shift and after incontinence or stooling.
- Keep foley **secure with a Stat-lock** to prevent pistoning.
- Maintain a closed system** (keep tamper seal intact).
- Use **two caregivers during insertion** to maintain sterile field.
- Remove foley** as soon as possible when no longer clinically indicated.
- Perform daily bathing** to reduce bioburden.
- Check with the Charge nurse** before sending a urine sample to assure the correct steps are taken for collection.

CDI

- Perform **Hand Hygiene** before and after any cares. Assist patient in performing hand hygiene frequently. After a Cdiff diagnosis, Hand hygiene should be performed with soap and water.
- Perform daily bathing** to reduce bioburden.
- High touch cleaning** should be performed every shift. After a C-diff diagnosis, high touch cleaning should be performed with bleach.
- If the patient has **diarrhea on admit**, ask the doctor about sending a C-diff sample **before hospital day 4**.
- Check with the Charge nurse** before sending a C-diff sample to ensure the correct steps are taken for collection and that the test has been ordered appropriately.



Please document all interventions!

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