Aim of the project

- Improve communication between dialysis facility and hospitals to retrieve information about the positive blood cultures (PBC) identified in hospitals
- Improve the reporting of positive blood cultures to NHSN for the dialysis patients identified on the 1st and 2nd day of hospital admission

Project Goal

- Achieve a 2% improvement over baseline in the reposting rate of PBC identified in the hospitals by June 2017
- Baseline data period used for the baseline rate: January 2016 to June 2016 (from NHSN)
- Re-measure rate (goal rate) comes from: January 2017 to June 2017 (from NHSN)

Project requirements

- Attend and / or view the Culture exchange NHSN data Quality QIA Introductory Webinar and complete the Webinar attestation form by December 15, 2016
- Complete the RCA via Survey Monkey by December 19, 2016
- Based on the results of the RCA, Network staff will work with every facility individually to develop an action plan and this will start in the 1st week of January 2017
- Attend the Community Coalition meetings hosted by TMF Quality Innovation Network

Monthly Monitoring Activities

- Network will track facility’s BSI reporting rate via NHSN
- Facilities will be required to mail in the patient log (hospitalized and patients that missed treatments for the month) to the Network
- Network will evaluate the NHSN data for improvements in BSI reporting
- Facilities that fail to show improvement in BSI reporting by first quarter of 2017 will implement RCI to facilitate increase reporting of BSI identified in hospitals

Activities after June 2017

- Facilities will be monitored every quarter after June 2017 until 2020 for sustained increase in reporting of PBC identified in hospitals

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