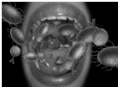



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### IT IS TIME TO CHANGE!!

- 44,000 to 98,000 preventable death in hospitals related to medical errors annually (IOM report, 1999)
- 92,888 deaths directly attributable to safety indicators between 2005-2007 (HealthGrades 2009)
  - Failure to rescue, pressure ulcers and post-op infections (VAP)
- Professional Nursing: Back to the Basics
- Quality organizations
  - Safer HealthCare Now (SHN) & IHI
  - Quebec Campaign: Together, lets improve healthcare safety
- Preventable injury is expensive




### NOTES ON HOSPITALS: 1859

“It may seem a strange principle to enunciate as the very first requirement in a Hospital that it should do the sick no harm.”

Florence Nightingale

Advocacy = Safety

### FORTIFYING HOST DEFENSE



Implement  
 Interventional Patient Hygiene

### INTERVENTIONAL PATIENT HYGIENE

- Hygiene...the science and practice of the establishment and maintenance of health
- Interventional Patient Hygiene....nursing action plan directly focused on fortifying the patients host defense through proactive use of evidence based hygiene care strategies

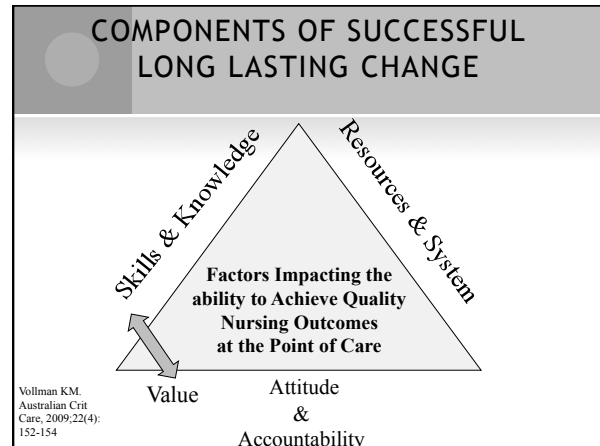
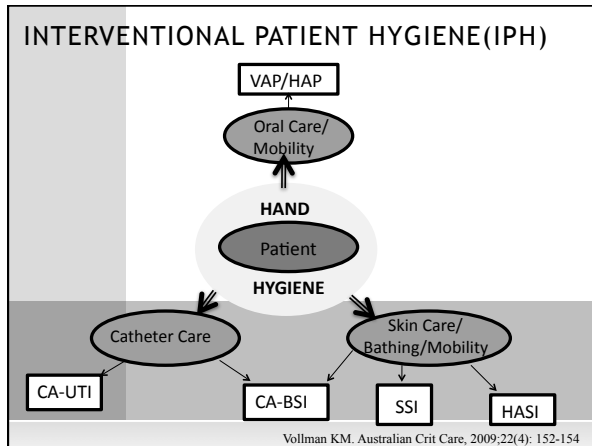
Catheter Care  
 Bathing & Assessment  
 Pressure Ulcer Prevention

**Incontinence Associated Dermatitis Prevention Program**

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## VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA

### HOSPITAL ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA (HAP) AND VENTILATOR-ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA (VAP)

- VAP crude mortality approximately 10-40%.
- HAP crude mortality 15-18%
- Pooled mean ranges 0.7 (Ped CVICU) to 7.4 (Burn ICU) per 1000 ventilator days
- HAP rates 5-15 per 1000 patient days
- Est cost \$30,000-\$40,000 per VAP
- Calculated loss for VAP against matched controls=\$12,780
- Increase LOS up to 4-14 days
- Annual cost \$2 billion dollars.

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Kollef MH, et al. Chest, 2005;128:3854-3862  
Collard HR. Ann Intern Med. 2003;138:494-501  
Restrepo MI, et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol, 2010;31:509-515

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ATS Guidelines for HealthCare Acquired Pneumonia 2006  
Coffin SE, et al. Infect Control & Hosp Epidemiol, 2008;29(1):S31-S40  
Rosenthal VD, et al. Am J of Infect Control, 2008;36:627-37

### VAP IN CANADA

- Adult cases of VAP ~ 4000 per year
- 230 deaths
- 17,000 excess ICU days (2% of all ICU days in Canada)
- Costing 46 billion per year
- If 1 is prevented, cost savings of \$14,000.00
- Controversy over the definition
- Safer Healthcare now supports reporting of VAP rates and compliance of bundle measures

<http://www.saferhealthcarenow.ca/EN/Interventions/VAP/Documents/VAP%20Getting%20Started%20Kit.pdf>

### VAP DIAGNOSIS

#### Preventing VAP in Adult Patients

#### Defining VAP in Adults

Ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) is defined as a pneumonia occurring in patients requiring a device intermittently or continuously to assist respiration through a tracheostomy or endotracheal tube. Further, the device must have been in place within the 48-hour period before onset of infection and for at least two consecutive days.

Diagnostic criteria are as follows:

- a) Radiographic abnormalities:  
New or progressive, and persistent chest radiographic opacity(ies) compatible with pneumonia, e.g. infiltrate, consolidation or cavitation
- b) And at least 1 of the following:
  - WBC ≥ 12,000 or < 4,000
  - Temperature > 38° C with no other cause
- c) And at least 2 of the following:
  - tracheal secretions: new onset of purulence, or change in character, or increase in volume
  - Increase in suctioning requirements
  - Inspiratory crackles (rales) or bronchial breath sounds on auscultation
  - Worsening gas exchange (e.g., O<sub>2</sub> desaturations; PaO<sub>2</sub>/FIO<sub>2</sub> < 240, an increase in oxygenation or ventilatory requirements.

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### DEFINITION IS CHANGING 1/2013: VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED EVENTS

- Foundation:
  - Criteria: objective, clinical data that are expected to be readily available across the spectrum of mechanically-ventilated patients, intensive care units and facilities
- New definition only for the following patients
  - Patients ≥ 18 years of age;
  - Patients who have been intubated and mechanically ventilated for at least 3 calendar days; and
  - Patients in acute and long-term acute care hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities.

**NOTE:** Patients receiving rescue mechanical ventilation therapies (e.g., high-frequency ventilation, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, or mechanical ventilation in the prone position) are excluded from surveillance using the new, proposed definition algorithm.

Improving Surveillance for Ventilator-Associated Events in Adults Centers for Disease Control and Prevention www.APIC.org

### PROPOSED ALGORITHM

NHSN Surveillance for Ventilator-Associated Events in Adults

**Surveillance Definitions for Ventilator-Associated Events**

- For use in acute and long-term acute care hospitals and inpatient rehabilitation facilities.
- For use in patients ≥ 18 years of age who are on mechanical ventilation for ≥ 3 calendar days.
- NOTE: patients on rescue mechanical ventilation (e.g., HFV, ECMO, mechanical ventilation in prone position) are EXCLUDED.

→ Patient has a baseline period of stability or improvement on the ventilator, defined by ≥ 2 calendar days of stable or decreasing FiO<sub>2</sub> or PEEP. Baseline FiO<sub>2</sub> and PEEP are defined by the minimum daily FiO<sub>2</sub> or PEEP measurement during the period of stability or improvement.

→ After a period of stability or improvement on the ventilator, the patient has at least one of the following indicators of worsening oxygenation:

- Minimum daily FiO<sub>2</sub> values increase ≥ 0.20 (20 point%) over baseline and remain at or above that increased level for ≥ 2 calendar days.
- Minimum daily PEEP values increase ≥ 3 cmH<sub>2</sub>O over baseline and remain at or above that increased level for ≥ 2 calendar days.

**Ventilator-Associated Condition (VAC)** → Public Reporting Definition

→ On or after calendar day 3 of mechanical ventilation and within 2 calendar days before or after the onset of worsening oxygenation, the patient meets both of the following criteria:

- Temperature > 38 °C or < 36°C, OR white blood cell count ≥ 12,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup> or ≤ 4,000 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>.
- AND
- A new antimicrobial agent(s) is started, and is continued for ≥ 24 calendar days.

### PROPOSED ALGORITHM

**Infection-related Ventilator-Associated Complication (IVAC)** → Public Reporting Definition

On or after calendar day 3 of mechanical ventilation and within 2 calendar days before or after the onset of worsening oxygenation, ONE of the following criteria is met:

- Purulent respiratory secretions (from one or more specimen collections)
  - Defined as secretions from the lungs, bronchi, or trachea that contain ≥25 neutrophils and ≥30 squamous epithelial cells per low power field (x400).
  - If the laboratory reports semi-quantitative results, those results must be equivalent to the above quantitative thresholds.
- Positive culture (qualitative, semi-quantitative or quantitative) of sputum, endotracheal aspirate, bronchoalveolar lavage, lung tissue, or protected specimen brushing.

On or after calendar day 3 of mechanical ventilation and within 2 calendar days before or after the onset of worsening oxygenation, ONE of the following criteria is met:

- Purulent respiratory secretions (from one or more specimen collections—and defined as for possible VAP)
  - AND one of the following:
    - Positive culture of endotracheal aspirate, ≥ 10<sup>7</sup> CFU/ml or equivalent semi-quantitative result.
    - Positive culture of bronchoalveolar lavage, ≥ 10<sup>6</sup> CFU/ml or equivalent semi-quantitative result.
    - Positive culture of lung tissue, ≥ 10<sup>6</sup> CFU/ml or equivalent semi-quantitative result.
    - Positive culture of protected specimen brush, ≥ 10<sup>5</sup> CFU/ml or equivalent semi-quantitative result.
  - One of the following (without requirement for purulent respiratory secretions):
    - Positive pleural fluid culture (where specimen was obtained during thoracentesis or initial placement of chest tube and NOT from an indwelling chest tube)
    - Positive lung histopathology
    - Positive diagnostic test for Legionella spp.
    - Positive diagnostic test on respiratory secretions for influenza virus, respiratory syncytial virus, adenovirus, parainfluenza virus

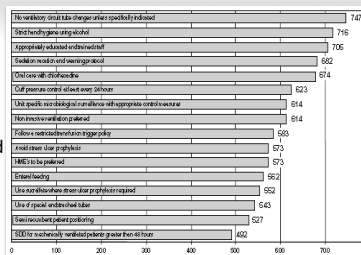
Possible Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia → Internal Quality Improvement → Probable Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

### THE VENT BUNDLE... TO THE VAP BUNDLE

- Applying evidence-based practice
- 5 activities that when done 100% of the time has shown a reduction in
  - VAP
  - LOS
  - Time on Vent
  - Cost
- HOB 30°, Peptic Ulcer Disease (PUD) prophylaxis, DVT prophylaxis, Sedation vacation, Daily assessment for SBT and Oral care with an antiseptic
- Additions: Mobility, EVAC tube, OG vs. NGT

### EUROPEAN VAP BUNDLE

- No ventilator circuit change unless specifically indicated
- Alcohol based hand hygiene
- Appropriately educated and trained staff
- Incorporation of sedation and weaning protocols
- Oral care with CHG



Rello J, et al. Intensive Care Medicine, 2010;36:773-780

### THE VAP BUNDLE JULY 2012!

- SHNs VAP Bundle (not listed in order of importance)
  - Elevation of HOB to 45° when possible, otherwise attempt to maintain the HOB > 30° should be considered
  - Daily evaluation of readiness for extubation
  - The utilization of endotracheal tubes with subglottic secretion drainage
  - Oral care and decontamination with Chlorhexidine
  - Initiation of safe enteral nutrition within 24-48hrs of ICU admission

45% reduction in VAP when using a VAP Bundle

http://www.saferhealthcarenow.ca/EN/Interventions/VAP/Documents/VAP%20Getting%20Started%20Kit.pdf

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### HEALTHCARE ACQUIRED PNEUMONIA

- Risk Factor Categories
  - Factors that increase bacterial burden or colonization
  - Factors that increase risk of aspiration

### MECHANICAL VENTILATION/ INTUBATION

- 6-21 times the risk for developing a pneumonia
- Removes normal filter mechanisms
- Facilitates entry of bacteria
- Decreases clearance of bacteria
- Colonization of the endotracheal tube
- Use of non-invasive positive pressure ventilation when indicated (COPD/CHF)
- Early (6-8 days) vs. late tracheotomy(13-15 days) did not reduce the risk of VAP or 28 day mortality in adults with ARF. Early trach > VFD & ↓ stay in the ICU

Tablan OC, et al. CDC 1994  
 CDC. 2003 Guidelines for Prevention of Healthcare Associated Pneumonia; MMWR, 2004; 53(no RR-3)  
 Xue Y. Joanna Briggs Institute, 2010.  
 Terragni PP, et al. JAMA, 2010;303:1483-9

### Mechanical Ventilation Wean Protocol Bundle Element

An automatic weaning protocol should be in place and mechanically ventilated patients should undergo assessment of readiness to wean & spontaneous breathing trial when they satisfy the 2- step process:

- **Readiness to Wean:** Arousable, Low ventilatory and end expiratory pressure requirements, No new potentially serious conditions, Hemodynamically stable without vasopressors, Requiring levels of FiO2 that could be delivered with a face mask or nasal cannula
- **Perform a Spontaneous Breathing Trial:** 30 to 120 minutes with assessment of vent pattern, gas exchange, hemodynamics & comfort

MacIntyre N. Semin Resp Crit Care Med, 2006;27:396-403  
 Ely EW. N Engl J Med 1996;335:1864-69  
 Esteban A. Am J Respir Crit Care 1997;156:459465

### APPROPRIATE SEDATION: IMPACTING VENTILATOR OUTCOMES

- Around the clock sedation administered via a protocol based on evaluation of sedative levels with a reliable and valid tool shorten time on vent, ICU & hospital length of stay, need for a trach\*
- Daily interruption of sedative drug infusions decreases the duration of mechanical ventilation and LOS in the ICU in the group that had daily interruption, the duration of mechanical ventilation was reduced by 33% (2.4 days) and ICU LOS was reduced by 35% (3.5 days) and lower impact on PTSD.
- Wake up and breathe protocol resulted in ↓ time on ventilator, ↓ ICU & hospital stay and reduced 1 year mortality (NNT=7)
- When dexmedetomidine was compared to midazolam in long term sedation, it showed ↓ time to extubation, ↓ ICU stay, ↓ delirium prevalence and ↑ delirium free days, problems with Bradycardia

Kress JP, et al. AM J Respir Crit Care Med, 2003;168:1457-1461  
 Riker RR, et al. JAMA, 2009;301:489-499  
 Girard TD, et al. Lancet, 2008;371:126-134  
 Brook AD, et al. Crit Care Med, 1999;27:2609-2615  
 Kress JP, et al. N Engl J Med. 2000;342:1471-1477

### SNEAK PEEK AT NEW GUIDELINES

- PAD Guidelines Coming (Evidence Based)
- Pain (Non-pharm & Pharmacological-Remifentanyl or Fentanyl)
  - BPS (Behavioral Pain Scale)
  - CPOT (The Critical Care Pain Observation Tool)
- Agitation (non-benzodiazepine, Dexmedetomidine or Propofol) light sedation & interruption
  - RASS
  - SAS
- Delirium (use atypical antipsychotics-Olanzapine/Quetiapine)
  - ICU-CAM
  - ICU Delirium Screening Checklist
- PAD Bundle

Presented at SCCM 2012 February

### ENDOTRACHEAL / NASOGASTRIC TUBE/ SINUSITIS

- Carriage of oropharyngeal bacteria during intubation
- If cuff pressure < 20 cm 4x ↑ risk VAP
- Cuff pressure range btwn 25-40cm (JBI-Level A) with maintenance at 25cm-30cm of H2O pressure.
  - Continuous monitoring resulted in a lower portion of out of range cuff pressure (11% vs. 51.7% p< 0.001)
- NGT increases risk of sinusitis/gastric reflux & increases oropharyngeal colonization
- Use oral ET versus nasal (CDC-Cat IB)
- Sinusitis increases the risk of nosocomial pneumonia by 3 fold

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 Muscedere J & Canadian Trails Group. J of Crit Care, 2008;23:126-137  
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**HEAD OF BED/  
BUNDLE ELEMENT**

**BODY POSITION: SUPINE VERSUS SEMI-RECUMBENT (30-45 DEGREES)**

**Methodology**

- 19 mechanically ventilated patients
- 2 period crossover trial
- Study supine and semirecumbent positions over 2 days
- Labeled gastric contents (Tc 99m sulphur colloid)
- Measured q 30 min content of gastric secretions in endobronchial tree in each position
- Sampled ET secretions, gastric juice & pharyngeal contents for bacteria



Torres A et. al Ann Intern Med 1992;116:540-543

**BODY POSITION: SUPINE VERSUS SEMI-RECUMBENT (30-45 DEGREES)**

**Results**

- Radioactive contents higher in endobronchial secretions in supine patients
- Time dependent:
  - Supine: 298cpm/30min vs. 2592cpm/300min
  - HOB: 103cpm/30min vs. 216cpm/300min
- Same microbes cultured in all 3 areas 32% with HOB vs. 68% supine.

Torres A et. al. Ann Intern Med 1992;116:540- 543

**HOB RESEARCH**

**Methodology:**

- 86 patients
- Randomly assigned to supine position or HOB 45 degrees (39 semi recumbent, 47 supine)
- Monitored clinical suspected & microbiologically confirmed nosocomial pneumonias

**Results:**

- Microbiologically confirmed nosocomial pneumonia lower in the semi recumbent group 2/39 (5%) vs. 11/47 (23%)
- Supine position & enteral nutrition were independent risk factors for VAP & had the greatest number of VAP's 14/28 (50%)

Drakulovic MB. et. al. Lancet. 1999;354:1851-1858

**HOB RESEARCH**

**Methodology**

- Prospective multicenter trial randomly assigned to targeted 45° vs. 10° HOB
- 112 to targeted 45° vs. 109 patients to 10°
- Continuous measurement of backrest elevation first wk of MV
- Dx of VAP by bronchoscopic techniques

**Results**

- Baseline characteristics similar
- Average elevations
  - 10° group day 1 & 7: 9.8 & 16.1
  - 45° group day 1 & 7: 28.1 & 22.6\*
- Target 45° not achieved 85% of the time
- VAP: 10° = 6.5% vs. 45° = 10.7%

Van Nieuwenhoven CA, et al. Crit Care Med, 2006;34:396-402

\*p < .001

**HOB ON VAP COMPARING 45° TO 25°**

- Prospective randomized control trial comparing HOB elevation of 45 to 25 degrees on VAP rates
- There was no continual measurement of HOB or compliance with 45° was not measured
- Small sample size, 46% of randomized patients were withdrawn because of ventilation issues as well as discomfort.
- Results
  - VAP Rates: HOB 45 = 5/17
  - HOB 25 = 7/13

Keeley L. Reducing the risk of ventilator-acquired pneumonia through head of bed elevation. NursCrit Care 2007; 12: 287-94.

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## MAKING IT HAPPEN

- Entire team involvement
- Education on what 30 and 45 really look like
- Standing orders
- Contraindications (make it safe)
- Visual strategies
  - Beds with angles built in
  - Tape on the wall
- Compliance measurements

http://www.saferhealthcarenow.ca/EN/Interventions/VAP/Documents/VAP%20Getting%20Started%20Kit.pdf



## ORAL CAVITY & VAP

- 89 critically ill patients
- Examined microbial colonization of the oropharynx through out ICU stay
- Used pulse field gel electrophoresis to compare chromosomal DNA
- Results:
  - Diagnosed 31 VAPs
  - 28 of 31 VAP's the causative organism was identical via DNA analysis
- 49 elderly nursing home residents admitted to the hospital
- Examined baseline dental plaque scores & microorganism within dental plaque
- Used pulse field gel electrophoresis to compare chromosomal DNA
- Results
  - 14/49 adults developed pneumonia
  - 10 of 14 pneumonias, the causative organism was identical via DNA analysis

Garrouste-Orgeas et. al. Am J Respir Crit Care Med. 1997;156:1647-1655

El-Solh AA. Chest. 2004;126:1575-1582

## ROLE OF SALIVARY FLOW

- ◎ Provides mechanical removal of plaque and microorganisms
- ◎ Innate & specific immune components (IgA, cortisol, lactoferrin)
- ◎ Patients receiving mechanical ventilation have dry mouth which in turn contributes to accumulation of plaque & reduced distribution of salivary immune factors

Munro CL & Grap MJ. AJCC. 2004;13:25-34

## What Does the Evidence Tell Us?

BRUSH  
CHX RINSE ALONE  
CHX RINSE IN COMBINATION  
SWAB/CLEAN/MOISTURIZE  
SUCTION

**All of the above**

## ORAL CARE REDUCES PNEUMONIA IN NURSING HOMES

**Methodology**

- 11 nursing homes in Japan over 2 year period
- 417 enrolled / 366 residents analyzed (death from other causes)
- 184 received oral care program/182 did not
- Tooth brushing after each meal (teeth or dentures) & 1x weekly review by dentist/or hygienist

**Results**

	No Oral	Oral Care	p value
Febrile	29%	15%	p<.01
Pneumonia	19%	11%	p<.05
Death	16%	7%	p<.01
MMSE		Increase	p<.05

Yoneyama et al. JAGS. 2002;50:430-433

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## H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, CETYLPYRIDIDIUM CHLORIDE (CPC) & BIOTENE

**H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>**

- >3% may cause harm, <1% no benefit in plaque removal.
- Must be diluted properly, not with normal saline.
- 3x a day mouth rinse with 1.5% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> revealed no mucosal damage, improved plaque scores and overall gingival health.

**CPC**

- Cetylpyridium chloride had significant antigingivitis effects in several individual studies
- Used in some over the counter plaque reduction rinses (Crest rinse)

**Biotene**

- Contains salivary enzymes
- Moisturize, Some oral care kits

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 Gomes BC et al. Clin Prev Dentistry. 1984; 6:21-25  
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West TL et al. Journal of Periodontol. 1983; 54(6):339  
 Tombes MA et al. Nursing Research. 1993; 42(6):332-337  
 Beck S. Cancer Nursing. 1979; 2:185-189.

## RECENT TRIALS REDUCTION IN VAP OR COLONIZATION WITH CHG OR POVIDONE-IODINE

- 2004: Grap (CHG via swab)
- 2005: Fourier (CHG) (negative trial)
- 2006: Koeman (CHG or CHG/colistin)
- 2006: Munro (CHG via swab & toothbrushing)
- 2006: Sequin (povidone-iodine)
- 2006: Mori (povidone-iodine)
- 2008: Tantipong (CHG)
- 2009, Sona (CHG)
- 2009, Panchabhai (CHG)—no decrease

## PREVENTION OF VAP WITH ORAL ANTISEPSIS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW & META-ANALYSIS

- 14 studies evaluated from 1996 to 2011
- 2481 patients
- All randomized trials
- 9/14 blinded
- 12 trials assessed the effectiveness of CHG (2341 patients, 941 were CABG)
- 2 trials evaluated Povidone-iodine (140pts)
- Variation of additional interventions;
  - toothbrushing,
  - oropharyngeal aspiration
  - mechanical cleaning of the mouth
- Frequency of antiseptic

Labacu SO, et al. Lancet. 2011;11:845-854

## COMPREHENSIVE ORAL CARE PROGRAM/BUNDLE ELEMENT

- Soft suction tooth brush x2 daily
- CHG rinse .12% 2x daily,
- Suction Oral Swab, use of a 1.5% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> peroxide mouth rinse or CPC for in between cleaning
- Deep oral suctioning catheter used 4x daily
- Covered yankauer for non-traumatic oral suctioning
- Dedicated oral suction line for infection control and ease of use.

Schleder B. et al. J Advocate Health 2002;4(1):27-30  
 Murray TM et al. AACN Advanced Critical Care. 2007;18(2):190-199

## COMPREHENSIVE ORAL CARE PROTOCOL: THE GOOD SHEPHERD STUDY

**Methodology:**

- Retrospective study 10 bed Med-Surg
- Protocol included: Covered Yankauer for non-traumatic oral suctioning, soft-suction toothbrush, Suction Oral Swab, use of a 1.5% H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> peroxide mouth rinse for cleansing, subglottic suction catheter used 4x daily, dedicated oral suction line for infection control and ease of use.
- Education provided and presence of clinical champion.

Schleder B. et al. J Advocate Health 2002;4(1):27-30

## LITERATURE REVIEW: ORAL CARE IMPACT OF VAP

**Comprehensive Oral Care:**

- Reduction in VAP from 5.6 to 2.2 (Schleder B. et al. J Advocate Health 2002;4(1):27-30)
- Reduction in VAP from 4.10 (2005) to (2.15) in 2006 with addition of CPC & comprehensive oral care. Vent bundle & rotational therapy already being performed
- Reduction in VAP from 12.0 to 8.0 (p=.060) with 80% compliance, vent bundle already being performed, 1538 patients randomized to control or study group, Additional outcomes; ↓ vent days (p=.05), ↓ ICU LOS (p=.05) ↓ time to VAP (p= <.001) & reduction in mortality (p=.05) (Garcia R et al AICC, 2009;18:523-534)

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## LITERATURE REVIEW: ORAL CARE IMPACT OF VAP

**Comprehensive Oral Care & CHG:**

- Reduction in VAP to zero for 2 years, vent bundle, mobility, oral care & CHG with comprehensive education preformed (Murray TM et al. AACN Advanced Critical Care. 2007;18(2):190-199)
- Dickinson S et al. SCCM Critical Connections, Feb 2008

Figure 1. 2005-2007 University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers surgical ICU ventilator-associated pneumonia rate.

## ORAL SUCTIONING WITH POSITION CHANGE

- Prospective time sequenced non-randomized study
  - 237 control (observation phase 9 months)
  - 227 Interventional (7 months interventional)
  - Difference in nursing protocol was oral suctioning prior to position change (11 additional suction)
  - All other nursing care the same
- Results:
  - VAP: 6.51 to 2.04 per 1000 ventilator days (  $p < 0.002$  )
  - Vent days: 28.8 ± 17.2 vs. 20.2 ± 4.0 (  $p < 0.009$  )
  - ICU LOS: 27.6 ± 17 vs. 20.3 ± 4.0 (  $p < 0.012$  )
  - Suctioning before positional change only independent factor responsible for VAP decrease (  $p = 0.003$  )

Tsai, HH, et al. Am J of Med Sci, 2008;336:397-401

## DOES COMPLIANCE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

**Oral care compliance & use of the ventilator bundle resulted in a 89.7% reduction in VAP**

VAP rates for the years of the study

Year	VAP Rate
May-Dec 2005	4.12
Jan-Dec 2006	3.57
Jan-Dec 2007	1.30

89.7% decrease in VAP rate since 2004

**Compliance rates for the years of the study**

Oral Care Compliance Rate

Year	Compliance Rate
May-Dec 2005	57.80
Jan-Dec 2006	59.21
Jan-Dec 2007	69.15

19.34% increase in compliance since inception of compliance (ie oral care) protocol

Hutchins K, et al. Presented at APIC Annual Conference June 2008

## SUBGLOTTIC SECRETION DRAINAGE / BUNDLE ELEMENT

**5 level 2 trials conclude that subglottic secretion drainage is associated with a reduction in VAP**

Risk of VAP

Mortality

Risk of Early VAP

Risk Ratio (95% Confidence Interval)

Dezfulian C, et al. Am J of Med, 2005;118,11-18

## ENTERAL FEEDING WITHIN 24-48HRS BUNDLE ELEMENT

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- Early EN vs Late EN
  - Decrease in infectious complications
  - Reduced LOS
  - Reduced mortality
- How to Make it Happen
  - Large bore in the mouth/small bore in the nose
  - Confirmation of the tube site and mark it
  - Address issues of intolerance but do not hold feeding until residuals > 500cc's
  - Continuous administration
  - Use of a protocol to drive early EN

<http://www.saferhealthcarenow.ca/EN/Interventions/VAP/Documents/VAP%20Getting%20Started%20Kit.pdf>



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### SSCM NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES (2009)

- Targeted for ICU pts > 2 - 3 day LOS
- ARDS/Severe ALI=EN formula with anti-inflammatory lipid profile (Grade A)
- Nutritional therapy in form of EN should be initiated in patients unable to maintain voluntary intake (Grade C)
- EN preferred route (Grade B), EN start 24-48hrs (Grade C), advance towards goal over next 48-72hrs (Grade E)
- EN withheld until unstable patient fully resuscitated (Grade E)
- Neither presence or absence of bowel sounds, or passage of flatus or stool required before initiation (Grade B)
- Either gastric or small bowel feeding acceptable. If at high risk feed via small bowel (Grade C)
- Hold for gastric residuals > 500 ml in absence of other signs of intolerance (Grade B)

Martindale RG, et al. Crit Care Med. 2009;37:1757-1761

### ADDITIONAL CARE PRACTICES TO IMPACT VAP

#### Ventilator Circuit Change

No Routine Change unless visibly soiled

#### Heat Wired Exchange

Hess DR et al, Respir Care 2003;48(9):869-879  
Kola A. Intensive Care Med, 2005;31(1):5-11.

### VENTILATOR CIRCUIT CHANGE

Hess DR et al, Respir Care 2003;48(9):869-879

### CONTINUOUS LATERAL ROTATIONAL THERAPY REDUCES VAP

Study or subcategory	Proportion of patients with pneumonia		Odds ratio (fixed)	Weight, %	Odds ratio (fixed) 95% CI
	Rotation	Control			
<b>Pneumonia and prophylaxis</b>					
Demarest et al <sup>1</sup>	1/16	4/14	3.45	0.17	(0.02, 1.72)
Fink et al <sup>2</sup>	7/51	19/68	14.55	0.24	(0.09, 0.65)
Gentileto et al <sup>3</sup>	5/27	13/38	7.58	0.44	(0.13, 1.42)
Kelley et al <sup>4</sup>	5/18	13/25	6.77	0.36	(0.10, 1.30)
Kirschenbaum et al <sup>5</sup>	3/17	10/20	6.52	0.21	(0.05, 0.88)
Summer et al <sup>6</sup>	4/41	7/42	5.38	0.54	(0.15, 2.01)
Traver et al <sup>7</sup>	8/44	17/59	10.24	0.55	(0.21, 1.42)
Whiteman et al <sup>8</sup>	10/23	14/26	8.04	0.68	(0.25, 1.86)
deBoisblanc et al <sup>9</sup>	6/59	11/51	9.95	0.35	(0.12, 1.01)
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>	<b>49/316</b>	<b>108/333</b>		<b>72.49</b>	<b>0.40 (0.27, 0.58)</b>
Test for heterogeneity: $\chi^2 = 4.05$ , $df = 8$ ( $P = .85$ ), $I^2 = 0\%$ Test for overall effect: $Z = 4.68$ ( $P < .001$ )					
<b>Pneumonia Treatment</b>					
Adriens et al <sup>10</sup>	14/87	45/137		27.51	0.34 (0.18, 0.67)
<b>Subtotal (95% CI)</b>	<b>14/87</b>	<b>45/137</b>		<b>27.51</b>	<b>0.34 (0.18, 0.67)</b>
Test for heterogeneity: not applicable Test for overall effect: $Z = 3.12$ ( $P = .002$ )					
<b>Total (95% CI)</b>	<b>63/413</b>	<b>153/470</b>		<b>100.00</b>	<b>0.38 (0.27, 0.53)</b>
Test for heterogeneity: $\chi^2 = 4.16$ , $df = 9$ ( $P = .90$ ), $I^2 = 0\%$ Test for overall effect: $Z = 5.02$ ( $P < .001$ )					

Figure 4 Meta-analysis of pneumonia (with subgroups of prophylaxis and treatment for respiratory dysfunction): rotation versus control

Goldhill DR et al. Amer J Crit Care, 2007;16:50-62

### CLRT TO PREVENT VAP

#### Methodology

- Prospective randomized controlled trial, 3 medical ICUs at a single center
- Eligible if ventilated < 48 hours & free from pneumonia, ALI or in ARDS
- 150 patients with 75 in each group
- 35 CLRT patients allocated to undergo percussion before suctioning
- Measures to prevent VAP were standardized for both groups including HOB

#### Results: CLRT vs. Control

- VAP: 11% vs. 23%  $p = .048$
- Ventilation duration:  $8 \pm 5$  days vs.  $14 \pm 23$  days,  $p = .02$
- LOS:  $25 \pm 22$  vs.  $39 \pm 45$  days,  $p = .01$
- Mortality: no difference

Staudinger T, et al. Crit Care Med. 2010;38:486-490

### PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY PROGRAMS

Journey to tolerating upright position, tilt, sitting, standing and walking can occur quicker through the use of technology

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**OUTCOMES OF A PROGRESSIVE MOBILITY PROGRAM**

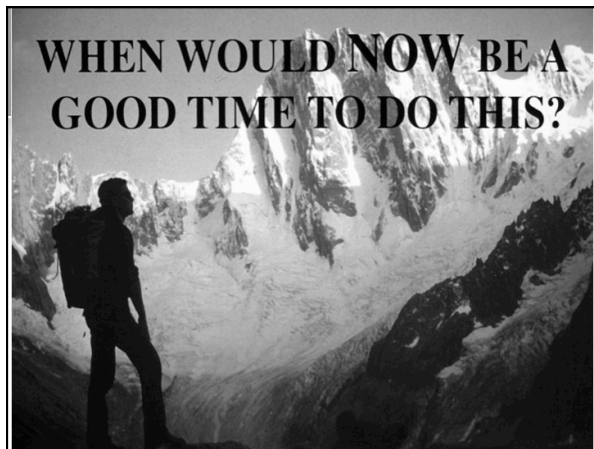
- ↓ incidence of skin injury
- ↓ time on the ventilator
- ↓ incidence of VAP
- ↓ days of sedation
- ↓ delirium
- ↑ ambulatory distance
- Improved function

Staudinger t, et al. Crit Care Med, 2010;38.  
 Abroung F, et al. Critical Care, 2011;15:R6  
 Morris PE, et al. Crit Care Med, 2008;36:2238-2243  
 Pohlman MC, et al. Crit Care Med, 2010;38:2099-2094  
 Schweickert WD, et al. Lancet, 373(9678):1874-82.  
 Thomsen GE, et al. CCM 2008;36;1119-1124  
 Winkelman C et al, CCN,2010;30:36-60

**Intervention to Decrease VAP  
 Statewide Collaborative-Keystone ICU**

- 112 ICU's from 72 hospitals reported data
- Examine 550,800 ventilator days
- Implementation of the CUSP/VAP Bundle/checklist
- **Results: 71% ↓ in VAP rates in MI**
  - Median rate of VAP per 1000 vent days went 5.5 cases to 0.0 at 16-18 months (p<0.001) & 0 at 28-30 months (p<.001)
  - Mean rate of VAP per 1000 vent days went 6.9 to 3.4 at 16-18 month follow up (p<0.001) & 2.4 at 28 to 30 months (p<.001)
  - Composite compliance measured ↑ from 32% at baseline, 75% at 18 months & 84% at 28 months
- Inclusion of oral care was not measured

Berenholtz SM, et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol, 2011;32:305-314



**A AWAKE**

**B BREATHE**

**C CHOICE OF SEDATION**

**D DELIRIUM**

**E EARLY MOBILITY**

**F FEEDING**

**FOUR E'S**

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- Execute: how given the resources and culture they would ensure that all patients received the evidence
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  - Coaching calls
- Evaluate: project leader monitors that teams are using standardized definitions, report their data and make it transparent at the unit level

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**IN GOD WE TRUST!**

**Everyone else please bring data**

And a Story

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### FAQs

*and*  
"Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia"

**What is pneumonia associated with ventilators?**  
A "ventilator" is a collection of the lungs. A "ventilator" is a machine that helps a patient breathe by pushing air through a tube. This air can be pushed in a patient's mouth, nose, or through a tube in the back of the neck. The tube is connected to a ventilator. A "ventilator-associated pneumonia" or "VAP" is a lung infection that occurs in a patient who is on a ventilator.

**Why do patients get ventilator-associated pneumonia?**  
A patient may get ventilator-associated pneumonia if he or she is on a ventilator for a long time. Ventilators can be life-saving, but they can also make it easier for germs to get into the lungs.

**How can we prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia?**  
To prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia, doctors and nurses should follow these guidelines:

- Keep the head of the patient flat and raised between 30 and 45 degrees when other
- Check the patient's ability to breathe on his or her own every day so that the patient can be taken off the ventilator as soon as possible.
- Check the head of the bed up and water or an alcohol-based hand rub before and after touching the patient.
- Use a clean, sterile circuit and change it every 7 days.
- Use a sterile, single-use connector to connect the patient to the ventilator.

**What are the signs and symptoms of ventilator-associated pneumonia?**  
• Fever, cough, and changes in sputum production. Patients may have changes in their breathing and may need to be on a ventilator longer than you expect. They may also have other symptoms such as low oxygen levels, fast heart rate, and changes in white blood cell counts.

**How is ventilator-associated pneumonia treated?**  
• Antibiotics and antifungal medications. Patients may also need to be on a ventilator longer than you expect. They may also have other symptoms such as low oxygen levels, fast heart rate, and changes in white blood cell counts.

**How can we prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia?**  
• Hand hygiene and proper use of personal protective equipment. Patients should wear gloves and gowns when touching the patient. They should also use hand hygiene and wear a mask and eye protection when they are near the patient.

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### EXECUTE

#### AACN PRACTICE ALERT

#### VENTILATOR ASSOCIATED PNEUMONIA

**Practice Alert Objectives:**

1. All patients receiving mechanical ventilation, as well as those at high risk for aspiration in a "conscious but unable to protect their airway" state, should receive the head of the bed raised to an angle of 30 to 45 degrees.
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**Standardized Definitions:**

**Head of the Bed (HOB):** The angle of the head of the bed, measured from the horizontal plane to the top of the head of the bed.

**Conscious but unable to protect their airway:** A patient who is awake and able to follow simple commands but is unable to swallow or cough effectively.

**Aspiration:** The entry of food, liquid, or gastric contents into the lungs.

**Mechanical ventilation:** The use of a ventilator to provide respiratory support to a patient who is unable to breathe on their own.

**High risk for aspiration:** A patient who has a history of aspiration, a history of stroke, or a history of other conditions that increase the risk of aspiration.

**Practice Alert Summary:** The American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN) has issued a practice alert regarding the use of head-of-bed elevation to prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP). The alert states that all patients receiving mechanical ventilation, as well as those at high risk for aspiration in a "conscious but unable to protect their airway" state, should receive the head of the bed raised to an angle of 30 to 45 degrees. The alert also provides standardized definitions for key terms and lists several practice alert objectives.

## EXECUTE

Board Checklist		Executive/Senior Leader Checklist	
Prevent Ventilator Associated Pneumonia "VAP"	Leader Responsible	Prevention of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia "VAP"	Leader Responsible
1. Set a goal for the unit to reduce ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP) rates by 10% over the next 12 months.		1. Ensure success of safety training for all current and new employees (Scope of practice, etc.)	
2. Hold Executive team accountable for regular updates to ensure safety and teamwork climate. Review progress monthly.		2. Assign leader (CEO or another leader) as an active member of the VAP team. Let the staff know senior leaders are committed and will work as hard as they do to make it a success.	
3. Establish policies that require success of safety training for all current and new employees and hold leaders accountable.		3. Set clear project goals and expectations for the leaders and staff in critical care units. Provide opportunities for project teams to meet with senior leaders and the board to discuss the project.	
4. Set organizational senior leaders as active members of the VAP team and meet with the team at the unit at least monthly.		4. Create a position for unit-level accountability: document learning from at least one deficit per month.	
5. Hold all staff on performance history of errors from infection at each board meeting.		5. Foster organizational learning; disseminate learning from defect to those with good practice for local adaptation.	
6. Meet with CEO and CFO to establish interdisciplinary patient goals to improve standard of practice.		6. Require use of a patient-specific daily goals checklist.	
7. Define expectations goal of VAP reduction over 3 years. Target a 10% VAP rate of <1 infection per 1000 ventilator days and a median of 10.		7. Clearly interdisciplinary results as an organization-level standard of practice; support local interpretation based on unit characteristics.	
8. Review unit-level VAP rates at least quarterly at full board meeting.		8. Acknowledge work of teams; celebrate success through stories in hospital newsletter, opportunities for teams to share with management and other leaders.	
9. Establish accountability process to investigate with infection, close the loop, and report back to the board.		9. Make elimination of VAP an organization-wide goal; include in strategic plan.	
10. Review CEO to provide quarterly review of VAP rates subject to CEO pay for performance within three-year period or less.		10. Develop a coordinated plan for VAP reduction throughout the organization.	
11. Establish unit-level reviews to ensure adherence with infection data quality standards. Review audit performance.		11. Monitor unit-level VAP rates and quality of care; report performance to all employees and the Board.	
12. Hold CEO and CFO to ensure team accountability for VAP reduction through performance-based compensation.		12. Ensure accuracy and timeliness of data collection on outcomes to prevent VAP.	
13. Review monthly report of team that includes the number of cases related with month, compliance rate, feedback on evidence-based guidelines to prevent VAP, and hand hygiene compliance.		13. Conduct active infection surveillance program using CDC criteria.	
14. Assess that the board members of infection-related clinical events, health care, medical and regulatory affairs, equipment, compliance.		14. Collaborate with clinical and administrative leaders to develop a coordinated plan for VAP reduction throughout the organization.	
15. Provide protected time for VAP reduction to team leaders: doctor, nurse, data collector (approx. 10% of time).		15. Collaborate with the top staff on surveillance methods.	
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Infection Preventionist Checklist		Nurse Leader (Unit Director/Manager) Checklist	
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2. Introduce the project to all staff and explain their role.		2. Introduce the project to all staff and explain their role.	
3. Provide evidence of safety training for all current and new staff (Scope of practice, etc.)		3. Ensure success of safety training for all current and new staff (Scope of practice, etc.)	
4. Assign an IP to VAP team; expect them to contribute evidence to safety team meetings.		4. Assign a team leader or unit champion; expect them to contribute actively to monthly team meetings.	
5. Learn from Defects; work with unit leaders to investigate each VAP and report findings across institution.		5. Learn from Defects; work with unit leaders to investigate each VAP and report findings across institution.	
6. Identify and mitigate barriers to prevent VAP. Create Ventilator Management Care. Ask clinicians what is difficult. Collaborate to remove barriers.		6. Identify and mitigate barriers to prevent VAP. Ask compliance to evidence-based VAP prevention bundle. Validate for observing ventilator management care on the bedside. Ask clinicians what is difficult. Collaborate to remove barriers.	
7. Collaborate with Clinical and Administrative leaders to develop a coordinated plan for VAP reduction throughout the organization.		7. Collaborate with Clinical and Administrative leaders to develop a coordinated plan for VAP reduction throughout the organization.	
8. Assume that all staff are skilled in use of CDC VAP definitions and surveillance methods.		8. Collaborate with clinical and administrative leaders to develop a coordinated plan for VAP reduction throughout the organization.	
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The things included in the measurement becomes relevant, the things omitted are out of sight out of mind

Peter F. Drucker

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**2.0 Adult VAP Bundle Compliance - Worksheet**

VAP 2 - Adult VAP Bundle Compliance

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Month: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective April 2012 this measure has been revised. See OSK for updated definitions. The percentage of adult intensive care patients on mechanical ventilation for whom all four elements of the VAP Bundle are implemented and documented on the daily goals sheet and/or elsewhere in the medical record through regular audit processes.

Denominator:

1. Enter the total number of patients who received mechanical ventilation in the selected Intensive Care Units included in this sample population.

Numerator:

2. Record which of the four VAP bundle elements listed below have been fully implemented in your healthcare facility and were audit for this 1-month sample:

1) Head of bed elevation to 45 degrees when possible, otherwise maintain between 30 and 45 degrees \_\_\_\_\_

2) Daily evaluation of readiness for extubation \_\_\_\_\_

3) Initiation of safe extubation within 24-48h of ICU admission \_\_\_\_\_

4) The utilization of endotracheal tubes with subglottic secretion drainage (CASS) \_\_\_\_\_

5) Oral care and decubitus prevention with C/COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

3. Enter the total number of patients in #1 for whom ALL of the VAP Bundle Checklist elements listed below were fully implemented in your healthcare facility as recorded in IC. Were compliance at the time of the survey:

Numerator for Compliance with Individual VAP Bundle Elements and automatic calculation:

4. Enter the total number of patients in #1 that were in compliance with the head of bed elevation to 45 degrees when possible, otherwise maintain between 30 and 45 degrees bundle element: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Enter the total number of patients in #1 that were in compliance with the Daily evaluation of readiness for extubation bundle element: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Enter the total number of patients in #1 that were in compliance with the initiation of safe extubation within 24-48h of ICU admission bundle element: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Enter the total number of patients in #1 that were in compliance with the Utilization of endotracheal tubes with subglottic secretion drainage (CASS) bundle element: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Enter the total number of patients in #1 that were in compliance with the Oral Care and Decubitus prevention with C/COMMENTS bundle element: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Result: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Numerator/Denominator x 100 = % \_\_\_\_\_

Your Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal: 95% of all patients on mechanical ventilation in the intensive care unit(s) receive all four elements of the VAP Bundle.

## EVALUATE

# Congratulations

It has been...


53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65
66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78
79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91
92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	102	103	104	

weeks since \_\_\_\_\_ Unit last VAP!!!!

## POTENTIAL BARRIERS

- Perception of lack of time or the importance
- Lack of evidence based education...just do it!!!!
- Absence of a define protocol/procedure
- Staff turnover/Replacement staff
- Inaccessibility of needed supplies
- No real clinical lead on the unit
- Lack of feedback on progress
- Lack of accountability/responsibility


O'keefe-McCarthy S, et al. Worldviews on Evidence Based Nursing, 2008:193-204  
Abbott CA, et al. Worldviews on Evidence Based Nursing:2008:193-204



## INTERVENTIONS TO ENSURE PATIENTS RECEIVE EVIDENCE

- Evidence based education
- Recognition of value and reinforcement
- Products/Processes that make it easy for the frontline caregiver to provide the care (make it part of the bundle)
  - Bathing kits
  - Placement on the med record
  - Automated charting with flag reminders
- Frequent rounding/reinforcement of standard
- Multidisciplinary rounds/Checklists


Westwall S. Nursing in Critical Care, 2008;13(4):203-207  
Abbott CA, et al. Worldviews on Evidence Based Practice, 2006:139-152  
Fuchs MA, et al. J Nurs Care Qual, 2011;26:101-109



## INTERVENTIONS TO ENSURE PATIENTS RECEIVE EVIDENCE

- Setting targets/Celebrating successes
- Placement of new practice/education in orientation
- Attractive signs to outline protocol in the patient rooms near the products
- Compliance program with feedback to all caregivers
- Outcome measurement/Feedback\*
- Include RN's in Morbidity & Mortality peer review for VAP increased compliance/accountability & ↓VAP rates

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Nolan SC, et al. JONA, 2010;40(9):374-383



## BE COURAGEOUS

We all are responsible for the safety of our patients.....Own the Issues

- "If not this, then what??"
- "If not now, then when??"
- "If not me, then who??"

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**'Contagion' ... the Movie, How Realistic Is It?**  
Speaker: Prof. Lance Jennings, University of Otago, New Zealand

5 September (*Free WHO Teleclass ... North America*) **Successes and Challenges in Developing and Implementing Bundles in Infection Prevention**  
Speaker: Prof. Don Goldmann, Harvard University School of Public Health  
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