

WISE UP WEDNESDAY

CVICU CLINICAL PRACTICE NEWSLETTER

CVICU INFECTION PREVENTION

- Our hand washing compliance is down a little at **71%**
- We have seen **CLABSI #7**. Stay tuned for more information on our evolving action plan and please send any feedback or suggestions you have for improving our central line insertion and care
- **CAUTI #4** hit the unit last week. The resounding theme is that the CAUTIs have been a result of gastrointestinal bacteria. **Remember to do peri-care every 12 hours and with any bowel movements.**



THIS TRACHEOSTOMY IS MANAGED BY CARDIAC SURGERY

Tracheostomy Type: _____
Size: _____
Date Placed: _____

All patients with tracheostomy should have at bedside:
Emergency Trach Dislodgement kit
Airway Compromised Algorithm
Identical sized tracheostomy and obturator in case of dislodgement

Suspect a compromised tracheostomy?

1. Ventilate patient with resuscitation bag,
2. If difficulty met, pass suction catheter
3. If unsuccessful, attach CO2 detector
4. If no color change, the trach is dislodged. Begin bag/mask ventilation, press code button, and call cardiac surgery fellow on call

In the event of emergency, press the code button and call the cardiac surgery fellow on call: 615-317-2279

CSX TRACH REMINDER

Trachs placed by a cardiac surgeon should have the sign at the HOB that you see on the left. This is the SAME EMERGENCY ALGORITHM as the other trach signs that you are more familiar with, however the EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER is different.

In the event of trach emergency for a cardiac surgery patient, follow the algorithm. However, please call the Cardiac Surgery Fellow On-Call. Their number is on the bottom of the sign.

IMPELLA HEPARIN

We are moving to one standard concentration of heparin for all Impella models.

Abiomed (the company that makes Impella) has determined that a heparin concentration of 25units per mL is safe for ALL Impella models and it is now the only concentration of heparin in D5W available to order from the pharmacy for your Impella purge.

If you have more questions, please reach out!

