WE HAVE A CLEAR DEFINITION OF VALUE
WE IMPROVE VALUE THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAMS
ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE
WE GROUND OUR IMPROVEMENT IN A CLEAR BENEFIT TO OUR PATIENTS
OUR ORGANIZATION IS FOCUSED ON IMPROVING VALUE
COMMUNITY’S INFECTION PREVENTION

PROGRAM TEAM & PROJECT SCOPE

Team

Scope
Surgical patients with Foley catheters not removed by post-operative day two.

MEASURES & MONITORING

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PROBLEM & GOAL STATEMENTS

Problem
Surgical patients with Foley catheters are not calling getting their Foley catheter discontinued by POD2, or no order to continue with the Foley catheter with a reason why is being obtained by end of POD2.

Goals
In the next 90 days, 100% of post-op patients will have their Foley catheters discontinued by POD2, or will have an order written to continue the catheter with a reason why.

ANALYSIS & INVESTIGATION

PLAN: Collect data on all surgical patients with Foley catheter. Investigate for catheter removal by post-operative day 2. Trend provider, nursing unit, shift, and diagnosis related group (DRG).

5/25/15: Even though we thought this order had been added to EVERY order set, review of 15 surgery post-op order sets found that many were missing the order to discontinue Foley catheters by post-op day 2. This order included a place for the provider to choose an alternate discontinuation date and space to document reason why.

5/27/15: Discussed with inpatient nursing leaders about nurse understanding of when a Foley catheter should be discontinued post-op surgery, and found that many did not know the standard practice. Many were not requesting orders to discontinue the Foley catheters on POD2.

11/9/2015: Most post-op orders now include a standard order to discontinue the Foley on post-op day 2 or prompts the physician to state a different day with a reason why. Ongoing education occurred in nursing leadership meetings. A few patients did not have their Foley removed by POD2. More analysis is needed. We also need to investigate nursing documentation.

IMPROVEMENT DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

Reviewed a focus group of orders and updated with Foley discontinuation orders that will read:

“Discontinue Foley catheter on post-op day two or on post-op day # _______ because ____________________________”

We have reinforced best practice with inpatient nursing leaders. We have requested staff education on this best practice so that nursing staff can continue to be proactive. Two protocols from affiliate organizations have been reviewed by our Medical Director to consider implementing at our facility.

NOTE

Because this is no longer a Core measure that is reported, data collection is being done on ALL surgical cases, not just those from the SCIP measure.

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