

# CAUTI

## Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections

### Importance of Now...

- 2009** CMS classified CAUTI as a Never Event (no reimbursement)
- 2010** IDPH HAI Grant Participation opens
- 2011** Mercy participation starts for ICC
- Future** Computer-automated foley days count by department.

### Costs

#### Antibiotic Resistance

CAUTIs are possibly the largest reservoir of antibiotic-resistant pathogens. (E-Coli, Klebsiella, Enterobacter, Pseudomonas, Staphylococci, enterococci and Candida spp).

([www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol7no2/maki.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol7no2/maki.htm)).

#### Financial Burden

Although most CAUTIs are asymptomatic, rarely extend hospitalization, and add only \$500 to \$1,000 to the direct costs of acute-care hospitalization, asymptomatic infections commonly precipitate unnecessary antimicrobial-drug therapy.

Most common  
HAI  
(accounts for  
40% of  
all infections)

**1 million**  
patients  
affected every  
year from  
CAUTI's

2<sup>nd</sup> leading  
cause of sepsis



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