

## 4. ICU Infection Prevention Team

Infection Prevention is a team sport and it takes everyone working for the same goals to win this game. The ICU Prevention Team consists of Winter Haven Hospital staff from varied disciplines that interact in the ICU. The goal of the ICU Prevention consists of preventing Hospital Acquired Infections (HAIs). The team encourages staff members to attend the meetings because their input is vital in preventing HAIs. The leader of the team is Brian Harte, RN MICU.

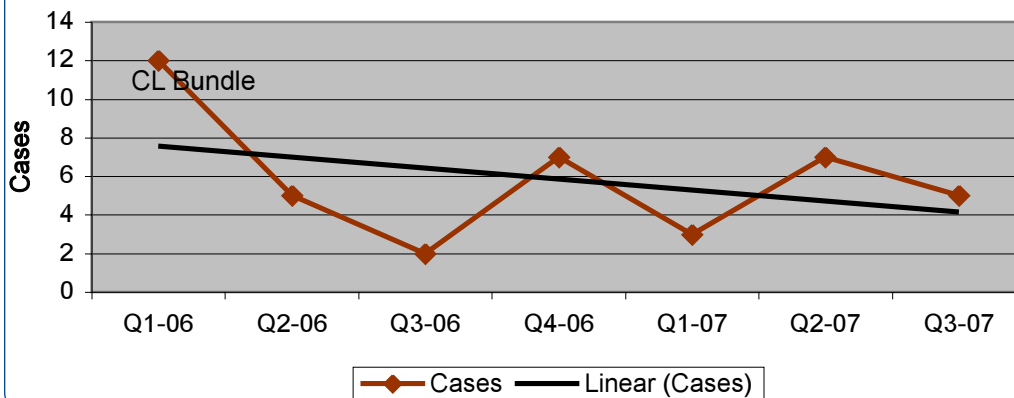


MICU Staff

Hospital-acquired infections cause disability, pain, and death. Nurses can make a critical difference. ICU nurses found ways to dramatically reduce infections acquired in the ICU by taking these evidence-based actions:

1. Adopted the 'Central line bundle' (use of full drapes when central lines inserted)
2. Adopted the 'Ventilator bundle' (daily interdisciplinary rounds, sedation vacations, peptic ulcer prophylaxis, head of bed elevated 30 degrees, and aggressive oral care)
3. Improved care of Foley catheters (labeled measuring pitchers, changed measuring pitchers every 24 hours, maintained gravity drainage, and removed catheters as soon as possible)
4. PICC line dressings changed routinely by the IV team

### Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections



### Rate of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia

