



ON THE CUSP: STOP CAUTI

Why Should my Hospital Participate?

- Our patients and communities deserve the **highest quality, safest care**.
- CAUTI numbers are too high!
 - Over **600,000** patients nationally develop urinary tract infections (UTIs) each year. *
 - **40 percent** of all hospital acquired infections are UTIs. *
 - **80 percent of all UTIs are catheter associated infections (CAUTI)**. *
 - In FY 2010, Maryland reported more than **4,300 UTI complications**, at a total cost of close to **\$37 million**.
(Source: Health Services Cost Review Commission)
- Achieving a zero CAUTI rate is a key goal of the Maryland Hospital Association's three-year strategic plan.
- The American Hospital Association's Health Research and Educational Trust coordinates **On the CUSP: Stop CAUTI**; it is offered to you with **no registration or materials costs**.
- The majority of Maryland's hospitals are already participating in **On the CUSP: Stop BSI**; this project is very similar.
- Like **On the CUSP: Stop BSI**, this project utilizes the **Comprehensive Unit-based Safety Program (CUSP)**, which is transforming care and patient safety in hospital units by improving patient safety culture and practices.
- This program brings key benefits to hospital teams:
 - **Learning:** How to implement the CUSP program and reduce CAUTI in their units.
 - **Networking:** On a state and national level with other hospitals enrolled in the project.
 - **Expertise:** Access to expert faculty and data collection and monitoring support throughout the state's 18-month participation.
- **Expected outcomes:**
 - Better patient experience and outcome
 - Greater accountability to assess initial and ongoing patient need for urinary catheter devices
 - Reduced use of indwelling urinary catheter
 - Reduced incidence of bacteriuria
 - Reduced rates of symptomatic UTIs
 - Shortened LOS and decreased cost per stay

Help Make Maryland a Success Story

**Source: American Hospital Association's Health Research and Educational Trust*