

Mini RCA CAUTI Process Improvement Discovery Tool (Minimum 5 charts/Maximum 10 charts)									
Note: Do NOT spend more than 20-30 minutes per chart!									
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PROCESS - Urine Culture Lab Tracer	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #
(LAB ORDERS) There is:									
An order for a urinalysis and urine culture									
(SIGNS/SYMPTOMS) The patient has:									
At least one of the following: new onset or worsening of fever, rigors, altered mental status, malaise or lethargy with no other identified cause; flank pain, costovertebral angle tenderness; acute hematuria; pelvic discomfort									
A urinalysis that demonstrated at least one abnormality (e.g. + Nitrite, + Leukocyte esterase (LE), ≥ 5 WBC/hpf)									
(SPECIMEN COLLECTION and TRANSPORTATION) The following was observed:									
The urine specimen was collected from the sampling port									
The sampling port was scrubbed with a disinfectant (e.g. alcohol wipe)									
A dedicated transfer device designed to luer-fit directly onto the sampling port was used									
The current urinary catheter was removed, need for replacement was confirmed, and a new catheter was inserted before the urine specimen was collected									
The specimen is labeled correctly as clean catch or catheterized									
The urine specimen was either analyzed by the clinical lab within two hours of collection or was refrigerated (2-8°C) or in a tube containing a preservative									
(LAB INTERPERETATION)									
Does the lab perform a culture only if UA is abnormal? (e.g. + Nitrite, + Leukocyte esterase (LE), ≥ 5 WBC/hpf)									
(TREATMENT)									
The urine sample was obtained from the urinary catheter BEFORE initiation of antibiotics									
(OTHER) - Please specify:									

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PROCESS - CAUTI Audit Tool	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #	Chart #
(INSERTION) The patient had:									
An order to insert a urinary catheter									
A hospital-defined clinical indication for a urinary catheter									
Urinary catheter inserted using sterile technique. Perineal wash and meatal cleansing performed prior to insertion									
Alternatives to urinary catheter (e.g. external catheter) considered and documented									
(SIGNS/SYMPTOMS) The patient had:									
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A urinalysis that demonstrated at least one abnormality (e.g. + Nitrite, + Leukocyte esterase (LE), ≥ 5 WBC/hpf)									
(DOCUMENTATION) The patient had:									
Assessment and documentation for the clinical necessity for continued use of urinary catheter per hospital policy									
Documentation of catheter care (e.g. closed system maintenance with seal intact, bag and tubing off the floor, no dependent loops, drainage bag secured) per hospital policy									
Peri-care done and routinely documented (e.g. per hospital policy after fecal incontinence)									
(TREATMENT) This patient was:									
Given antibiotics for a CA-UTI AND also had clinical signs/symptoms of a UTI (see above)									
(OTHER) - Please specify:									
What department was the patient in when the catheter was inserted?									