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RE: New Central Line-associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Prevention efforts

Dear BCH Consultants,

As part of our ongoing efforts to eliminate CLABSIs in the Brigham and Women's Hospital NICU we wanted to make you aware of newly implemented changes as of November 28th. We are asking for your help in these efforts to keep all of our NICU babies infection free. The new changes are:

1. During patient care, all staff must have bare arms below the elbows with no jewelry.
2. Initial 3-minute Chlorhexidine hand scrub by all staff at the beginning of a shift or prior to a sterile procedure.
3. A STOP sign on the door during a sterile procedure to restrict unnecessary traffic.
4. Formal central line bundle focused on line insertion, maintenance and infection control practices.
5. Promotion of hand hygiene with signage, handouts for parents, increased accessibility to alcohol-based hand rub.

How can consultants coming over to Brigham and Women's Hospital NICU help?

1. Let the baby's nurse or doctor know when you arrive to discuss the baby's case.
2. Take off your white coat or fleece and hang outside the baby's room.
3. Make sure that sleeves are rolled up past the elbows prior to patient contact.
4. Perform hand hygiene prior to patient contact.

We thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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