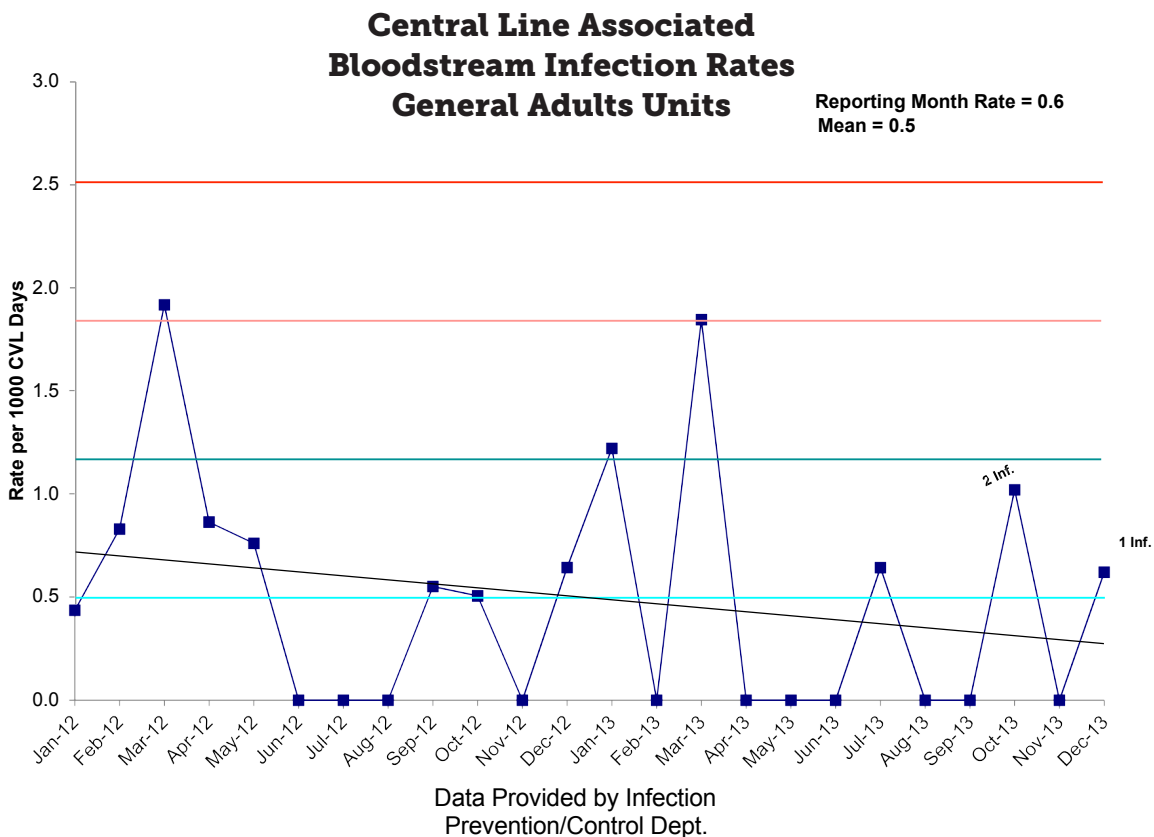


Accountability

Utilizing resources in a manner that demonstrates respect for fiscal responsibility and people, as well as the recognition of the interdependence of life on earth.

Preventing Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLASBI)

MUSC was nationally recognized for reducing organizational Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSI) rates at the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN) National Teaching Institute in February 2013. Several departments demonstrated their ongoing commitment to eliminating CLABSI.



The Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) recognized an opportunity to impact CLABSI rates and dedicated themselves to improving practice in 2009. This was the beginning of the journey to zero. Staff members joined the South Carolina Cohort of the National Stop Bloodstream Infection (BSI) Collaborative and instituted mandatory education of evidence-based central venous line (CVL) insertion, care and maintenance bundles. Unit leaders explored the concepts of a culture of safety and decided to humanize and personalize infection prevention practices. CLABSI rates became stories of real patients and outcomes instead of just numbers. Each staff member committed to providing the best evidence-based care to every patient every day. They stopped using the word "only" as a descriptor when reporting the number of CLABSIs since anything other than zero affected a child's well-being. Additionally, establishing an inter-professional culture of safety team including unit champions from nursing, medicine, pharmacy, respiratory therapy, infection prevention and administration resulted in 29 of the 30 months having zero CLABSIs.