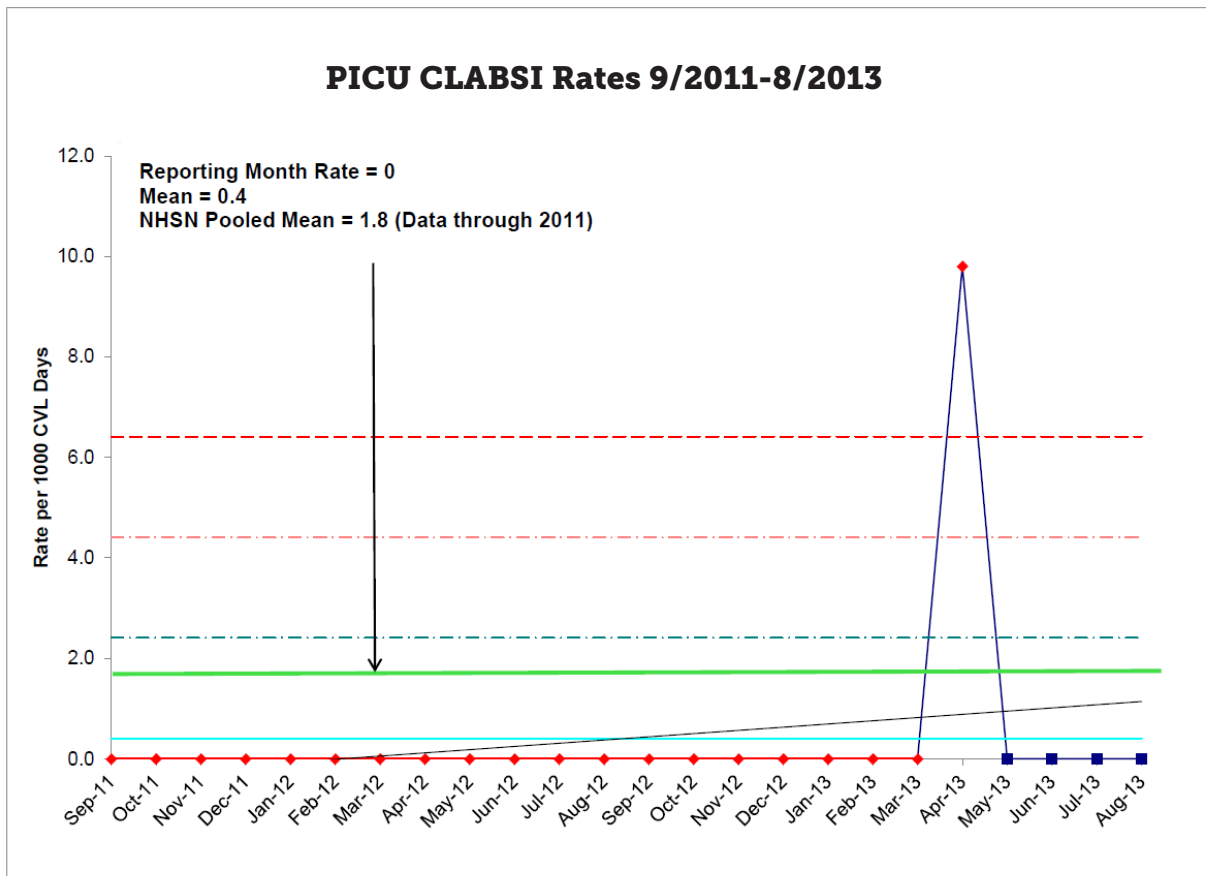


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Infection Prevention and Control Manager Linda Formby, BSN, RN, CIC, and Hospital Epidemiologist and Medical Director Cassy Salgado, M.D., MS, accepted the Outstanding Achievement and Leadership Award for Elimination of Central-Line Associated Bloodstream Infections on behalf of MUSC. This award was sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Critical Care Societies Collaborative and was presented in conjunction with the National Teaching Institute and Critical Care Exposition.

The application was one of eight selected to receive this prestigious award; however, while most were recognized for elimination of health care-acquired infections (HAI) in a single intensive care unit (ICU), MUSC was recognized for elimination of CLABSIs in four ICUs. This is quite an accomplishment reflecting continued dedication and collaboration between all care providers among the ICUs, infection preventionists, as well as support provided by hospital administration and leadership.

Highlighted collaborative efforts to improve CLABSIs include adoption of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) line insertion bundle, service line leadership goals, formation of a multidisciplinary zero BSI team, development and implementation of a line care maintenance bundle and participation in state and national CLABSI prevention projects. These efforts resulted in significant improvements in culture of safety and awareness of HAI. MUSC sustained significant reductions at 62 percent over 36 months in CLABSI rates, a 66 percent relative decrease in overall ICU CLABSI rates, as well as a 92 percent relative decrease in overall pediatric ICU CLABSI rates.



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