



# CAUTI CHRONOLOGY



JULY  
2002

At an estimated >560,000 cases annually, nosocomial UTIs are the most common HAI (Healthcare-Associated Infection) per the CDC.<sup>1</sup>

JUNE  
2004

Over 50% of hospitalized patients have an indwelling catheter placed unnecessarily; fewer than 50% have an indication recorded in their chart.<sup>2</sup>

JAN  
2008

Hospital survey shows 56% of hospitals do not monitor patients with indwelling catheters; 74% do not track catheter duration; less than 1/3 of non-VA hospitals use portable bladder scanners to help prevent unnecessary catheterization.<sup>3</sup>

APRIL  
2008

Up to 380,000 infections and 9,000 deaths related to CAUTI per year can be prevented with recommended infection control measures.<sup>4</sup>

OCT  
2008

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issues new regulation ending reimbursement for CAUTI, spurring hospitals to implement new practices.<sup>5</sup>

FEB  
2009

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 becomes law to support states in the prevention and reduction of HAI.<sup>6</sup>

JUNE  
2009

Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) releases Guideline for Prevention of CAUTIs; includes portable bladder volume ultrasound to help prevent unnecessary catheterization.<sup>7</sup>

OCT  
2009

Diane Newman, RNC, MSN, CRNP, FAAN, and co-director of the Penn Center for Continence and Pelvic Health, issues a step-by-step clinical pathway for nurses to safely remove indwelling catheters in acute care.<sup>8</sup>

DEC  
2009

UroToday, the leading global urological disease focused online resource, and Verathon, manufacturer of BladderScan® portable bladder volume ultrasound, launch the CAUTI center.<sup>9</sup>

MAY  
2010

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) releases first State-Specific HAI Summary Data Report.<sup>10</sup>

JAN  
2011

The Southern California Kaiser Foundation Health Plan elected to make bladder ultrasonography available in all of its EDs after a pilot project demonstrated an 80% reduction in IUC insertions with the use of bladder ultrasound.<sup>11</sup>

MAY  
2011

The Joint Commission announces new 2012 National Patient Safety Goal that focuses on implementing evidence-based practices to prevent CAUTI in hospital and critical access hospital accreditation programs.<sup>12</sup>

SEPT  
2011

To date, 37 states have enacted laws relating to reporting of HAIs (27 of these states have mandated public reporting of infection rates).<sup>13</sup>

OCT  
2011

HAIs continue to affect more than 2 million patients in the U.S. annually at a cost of more than \$5.5 billion according to the APIC.<sup>14</sup>

JAN  
2012

A national hospital survey examined prevention practices in use between 2005 and 2009. While CAUTI prevention practices remain inadequate, the only practice used by 50% or more of the hospitals was portable bladder volume ultrasound.<sup>15</sup>

## REFERENCES:

1. Klevens. *Public Health Reports* 2002.
2. Gokula. *Am J Infect Control* 2004.
3. Saint. *Clin Infect Dis* 2008.
4. Umscheid. Congressional Testimony April 2008.
5. Office of Public Affairs. CMS Web site. Accessed October 2011.
6. CDC Web site. Accessed September 2011.
7. Gould. CDC Web site. Accessed September 2011.
8. Newman. UroToday Web site. Accessed October 2011.
9. UroToday Web site. Accessed October 2011.
10. National Healthcare Safety Network. CDC Web site. Accessed September 2011.
11. Lee. The Permanente Journal Web site. Accessed October 2011.
12. Infection Control Today Web site. Accessed September 2011.
13. RID Web site. Accessed September 2011.
14. Garman. APIC Web site. Accessed October 2011.
15. Krein. *J Gen Intern Med* December 2011.

[bladderscan.com](http://bladderscan.com)

BladderScan and the BladderScan symbol are trademarks of Verathon Inc. © 2012 Verathon Inc. 0900-4069-00-86