

EPIQ-Nosocomial Infection

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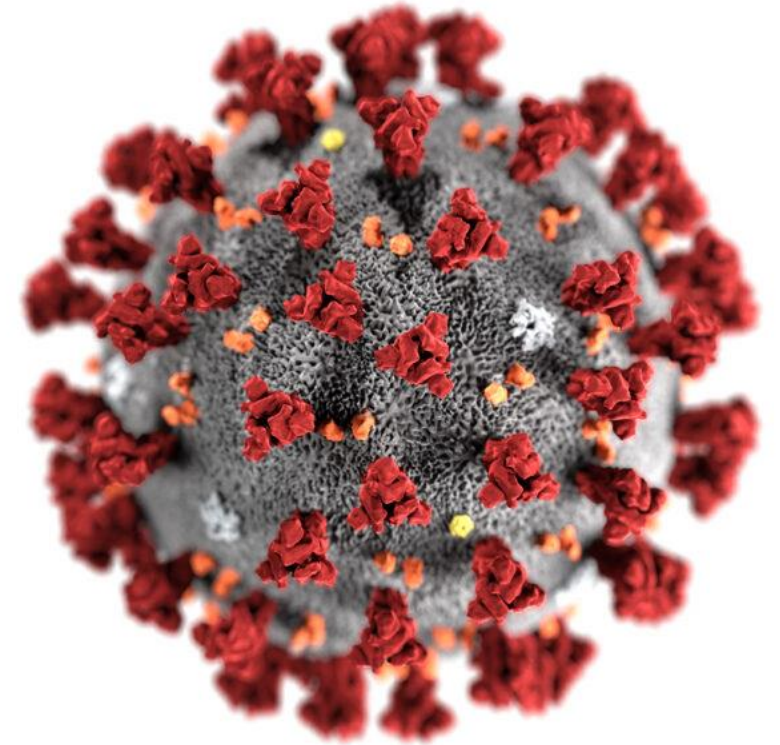
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One year ago...



COVID-19 and the NICU

- Many unknowns
- Rapidly changing information
- Development of new protocols
 - Supporting parental presence while decreasing exposure
 - Changes in rules regarding parental presence and visiting policies
 - Use of PPE
 - Masking staff
 - Masking parents
 - Supply shortages
 - Process if current parent develops COVID-19
 - Isolation and testing baby
 - Contact tracing with staff
 - Care of babies born to COVID-19 positive parent
 - Admission process
 - Isolation and testing baby
 - Appropriate PPE
- **MAIN GOAL**
 - Protect the babies, families and staff
 - Support everyone's mental and emotional well-being



CLABSI Sentinel Event Review

- Previous form was outdated
- Multiple variations being used
- Standardize information gathered

- Plan for the future
 - Electronic database/application



Sentinel event review form for VAP

- There are substantial interests in VAP - big thanks to the sub-group.
- Questions brought up in the last meeting:
 - Variation in definitions
 - Encourage sites to follow and track VAP rates
 - Appetite in benchmarking?
- Sentinel event review form has been drafted and is under review

Update on antibiogram across NICU

- Nationwide antibiogram project underway
- Understanding of microbials' susceptibility in NICU
 - ?are we using the right empirical antimicrobial coverage

Hot (ad hoc) infection topics

- COVID-19 and related infection control
- Staphylococcus aureus infections
- Definition of sepsis
- Bacillus cereus infections
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Thanks to all EPIQ-NI members...

Questions?

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