EPIQ-Nosocomial Infection

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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- Previous form was outdated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
• ....
Thanks to all EPIQ-NI members...

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