



Waikato Regional Meeting Central Line Associated Bacteraemia

8th November 2012



Aims

- Understand local issues in relation to data collection, reporting and recording
- Clarify Data validity and Reliability
- Discuss what the Surveillance audit shows us?
- Address local regional challenges

Midland Region

- Gisborne
- Rotorua
- Taranaki
- Tauranga
- Waikato

- Size of the ICU varies between regions
 - Ranging from Level 1 to Level 3 ICU's with variable line days
 - September Combined 519 Line days which contribute 21% to overall national line days
 - Taranaki 59 line days
 - Tauranga 75 line days
 - Waikato 280 line days

- Tauranga – leading the way
 - Excellent buy In from the beginning
- Gisborne, Rotorua and Taranaki with Tauranga have all had ZERO CLAB since January
- Waikato had 2 CLAB
- Despite variable compliance with Insertion and Maintenance bundles

- Communication between regions has not been brilliant.
- Regional meetings generally not well attended - 2/5 of regions were at the Rotorua meeting
 - Commitments
 - Geographical distance
 - Teleconference is ok, but not ideal
 - Not all singing from the same song book

Waikato

- Overall doing well- but plenty of room for improvement

2 CLAB's

- Semi root cause analysis
- Essentially both patients did not have antibiotic coated lines
 - Post cardiac surgery
 - Vas cath for dialysis

Cardiac Surgical Patients

- On going discussions with Cardiac anaesthesia regarding antibiotic coated lines
- Anaesthesia have developed a sticker when inserting lines

Central Line Insertion by Anaesthetic Staff

(circle appropriate responses)

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Patient Label

Name: _____
NHI: _____ DOB: _____ dd/mm/yy
Address: _____

Consent obtained: Verbal _____ Written _____
Reason if not obtained: Emergency _____ Other: _____
Indication: CVP _____ Inotropes _____ Chemotherapy _____
Difficult IV access _____ TPN _____
Long term IV access _____ Other: _____
Line type: PICC _____ VasCath _____ CVL _____ PACath _____
Insertion site: Right _____ Left _____ Subclavian _____ Femoral _____
Int Jug _____ ACF _____ Other: _____
Number of lumens: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ 4 _____
French catheter size: _____
Antibiotic coated: Yes _____ No _____
Local anaesthetic used: Yes _____ No _____
Type: Lignocaine 1% 2% Other: _____ Volume: _____ mL
Skin sterilized with: Chlorhexidine _____ Iodine _____
Precautions: Gloves Mask Gown
Venous cannulation confirmed by: U/S _____ Manometry _____ ABG _____ Xray _____
Catheter length at skin: _____ cm
All lumens aspirated and flushed with: Saline _____ HepSaline 10u/mL _____ Not _____
If not provide details: _____

For PICC lines: Upper arm circumference is _____ cm at mid bicep.
For VasCaths only. All lumens HepLocked with Heparin 1000/5000u/mL: Yes _____ No _____

Comments: _____
Inserter's signature: _____ Date: _____ dd/mm/yy
Inserter's name: _____ Designation: _____

Radiological appearance
Tip position within 2.5cm distal to Right TracheoBronchial Angle: Yes _____ No _____
If no provide details: _____

Pneumothorax: Yes _____ No _____
Other noted pathology not previously reported: _____
Radiology reviewed by: _____ Ok for intended use: Yes _____ No _____
Comments: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____ dd/mm/yy
Name: _____ Designation: _____

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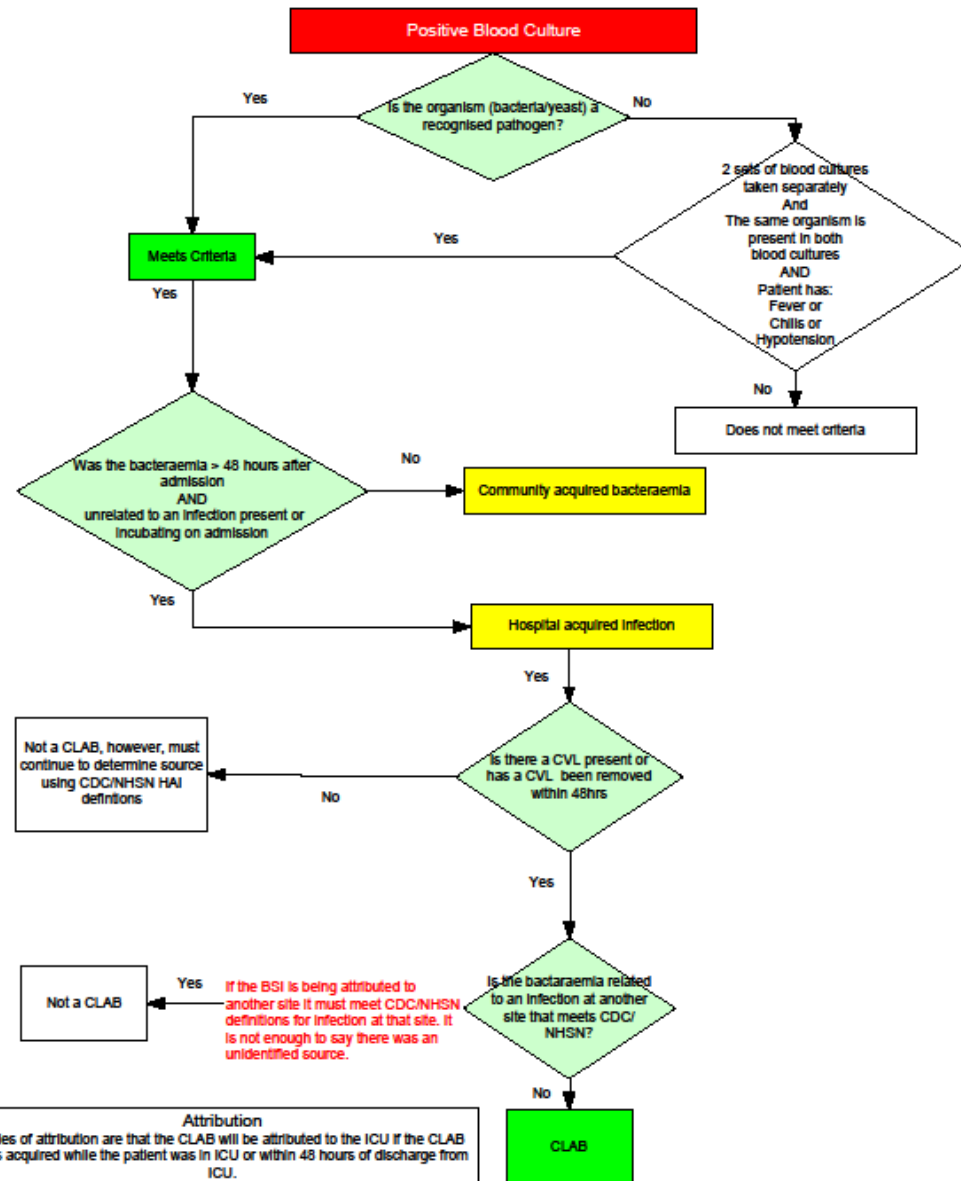


- Interhospital transfer of Critically Ill
 - Line change to antibiotic coated if likely >48hrs in the unit

Counting CLAB

- **Clarify Data validity and Reliability**
 - Critical integration of microbiology with Chris Mansell and the ICU
 - Reliable assessment of positive blood cultures
 - Developed a robust system which demonstrates some holes

Surveillance Process for Determining CLAB



<http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/>
<http://www.cdc.gov/nctdod/dhqp/pdf/nhsn/NosInfDefinitions.pdf>
http://www.asid.net.au/hicsig/wiki/index.php/tte=NHSN_potential_contaminant_organisms

- Protocols pre CLAB were to perform only one blood culture
- Culture change

Microbiology

Blood culture quality summary

Includes both ICU2 and ICU1 (HDU)

Waikato Blood Culture Collection Quality Criteria

2 or 3 sets collected within < 24 hr
> 48 hr gap between collections
desirable: collect before changing antibiotics (not audited)

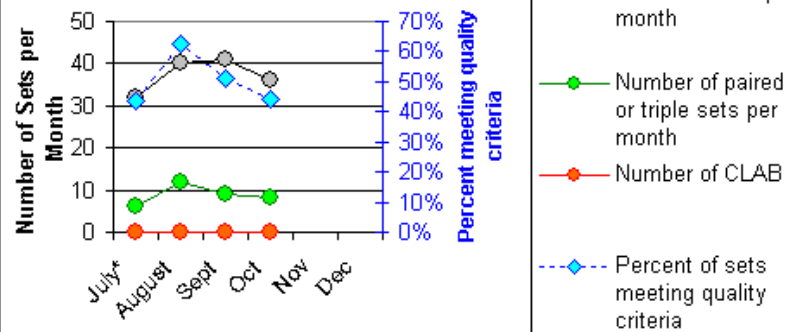
Non Compliance reasons:

S Single sample within 24 hr period
R Repeat sampling between 24 - 48 hr

Quality Indicator Statistics

Number of blood culture sets per month
Percent sampling episodes meeting quality criteria
Number of episodes with paired or triple samples
(opportunities to diagnose CLAB with a commensal)

Blood Culture Collection Quality Indicators



Month	Sets collected per month	Percent of sets meeting quality criteria	Number of paired or triple sets per month	Number of CLAB	Blood cultures in paired sets	Blood cultures in triple sets	Total Isolates of pathogens	CLAB due to pathogen Criterion 1	Total Isolates of commensals	CLAB due to Commensal Criterion 2 or 3	Repeat sets between 24 - 48 hr
July*	32	44%	6	0							
August	40	63%	12	0							
Sept	41	51%	9	0							
Oct	36	44%	8	0	16	0	1	0	1	0	1
Nov											
Dec											

- Significant number of Coag negative staph; probably contaminants
 - August 10% of cultures taken were Coag Neg Staph i.e. 4 sets
 - 3 with single cultures

- As commented and the focus of this session, this is inconsistent across the country
- Comments from the September report, Capital Coast have a similar problem
- Microbiology (Dr Addidle) , similar problem exists for Tauranga and Rotorua



CLAB Surveillance of System Standardisation Checklist

The definition for CLAB used is the CDC NHSN as identified in: http://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/PDFs/pscManual/4PSC_CLABScurrent.pdf

The definition for 'secondary infection source' used is: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/pdf/nnis/NosInfDefinitions.pdf>

The definition for a potential contaminant used is: http://www.asid.net.au/hicsigwiki/index.php?title=NHSN_potential_contaminant_organisms

Important Features	Rationale	OCT	COMMENTS
Objective process for evaluation performed by an identified panel which includes doctor responsible and staff not directly involved in clinical care of the patient	Ensure all clinical information is used and gives opportunity for all avenues to be explored		
System to ensure majority of blood cultures collected are 2 sets from different sites	Best practice. Avoids interpretation difficulties. If two sets are not taken then CLAB definition will never be met for some organisms		
Surveillance of positive blood cultures	Be confident that all positive blood cultures are reviewed, that includes ones recorded up to 48 hours post discharge from ICU CVL infection usually won't become manifest for > 48 hr post insertion and since the typical length of stay in ICU is only 2-4 days, many cases will be detected after leaving the ICU.		
Source from infection at another site is ruled out using CDC/NHSN criteria.	If BSI is being attributed to another site – that infection needs to meet the CDC definition for that, it is not enough to say there was possibility of another source		
Final decision whether CLAB is present is made by objective personnel not directly involved in clinical care of the patient.	Important to assure impartiality is maintained		
Clear approach for investigating new fever/sepsis in your patients.	Need to be confident that blood cultures are being taken when required to be able to capture all possible CLAB		
Hour of admission and discharge are captured.	Enables decision where to attribute CLABSI.		
CVL status of all patients who have been admitted is recorded. Date, time and location of insertion and removal.	1. Denominator data to enable calculation of CLAB per CVL days. 2. BSI occurring up to 48 hr after removal of a line are included as potential CLABSI [CDC CLABSI 2012 p4-1].		
All positive blood cultures up to 48 hr after discharge are captured.	BSI recorded up to 48 hr after leaving the unit are attributed to the ICU [CDC CLABSI 2011 transfer rule p 4-2] CVL infection		

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BSI organism is classified as pathogen or potential contaminant according to the standard list.	Organisms not on the list should be discussed among other DHBs to establish consensus for future reference. [some examples are given in CDC CLABSI 2011 p4-4]						
Strain identity of possible pathogens is interpreted according to standard criterion.	[CDC CLABSI 2012 note 4&5 p4-5]						
Decision whether CLABSI or not is made by a panel including the doctor responsible and others not in the treating team or the person who inserted the CVL.	Gives some impartiality while making use of clinical information.						
All positive and negative blood cultures and cultures from other body sites are available to the team deciding whether it is CLABSI or not.	Enables detection of all potential CLABSI and assessment as to whether it is contamination or infection at another site.						
Quality Improvement Activity							
Feedback process for identifying blood culture collection practices	Allows for identification of blood culture collection issues						
Feedback process for identifying number of possible CLABs that did not meet definition	Allows for problem resolution of issues preventing correct identification of CLAB						
Quality Assurance Activity							
Sample scenarios are run through the local protocol to assure consistent interpretation							
A sample of cases are reviewed by another DHB team to check agreement with interpretation.							
A sample of positive and negative cases are audited to confirm accuracy and completeness of data collection.							

DHB
Contact Person:



- Currently we are implementing a double culture drive!
 - 4 bottles will always be bundled together like MMH

Blood Culture Guidelines



When →

Temp \geq 38°C Or Signs of sepsis: \uparrow HR, \downarrow SBP, Rigors Or Suspicion of sepsis

What →

Collect 2 blood culture sets (4 bottles):
10mls of blood per bottle
Take one set at a time
(Paediatric volumes will be different)

Where →

Take blood from:

Preferred:
2 separate peripheral sites or NEW CV line

Difficult access:
1 peripheral line and 1 existing line

No peripheral access
2 samples from any existing line, only to be used in extreme circumstances – least preferred

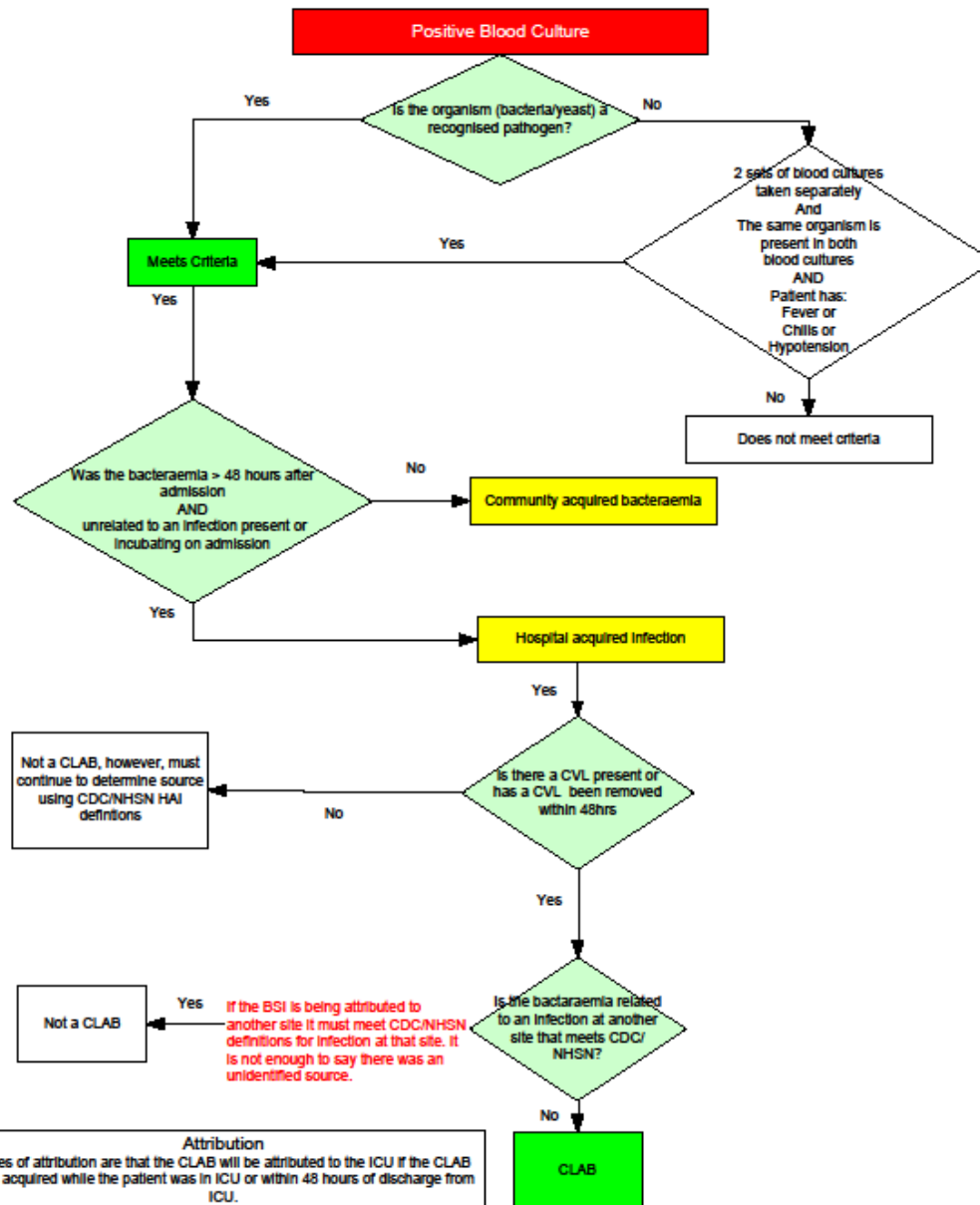
The two blood sets should be taken within 48hrs of each

How →

- Perform hand hygiene
- After removing blood culture bottle lids, swab with alcohol, allow 20 seconds to dry
- Disinfect skin, allow 60 seconds to dry
- Take cultures before taking other blood samples (no discard required)
- Fill Aerobic bottle first, then Anaerobic, repeat for second set.
- 10 ml blood per bottle (adults)
- Clearly label each culture bottle and form with site of origin
- Repeat at next site



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CLAB or not to CLAB

- Positive Blood Cultures Identified by Micro Team
- Discussed at Thursday Morning Micro Meeting
- Any Questionable Cases sent to me
- Pull charts/notes/cultures
- Discuss them with micro group
- Allocate/disregard them as CLAB
- Interrogate cases- why was there CLAB
 - Discuss the case at consultant meeting
 - How can we improve

- Structures and personnel are in place to deal with
 - Blood culture taking audit
 - Blood culture interpretation
 - Insertion and maintenance bundlesData is interpretable and reliable
- Roll Out' would not be so easy to manage

- 48hr post ICU discharge is still somewhat hit and miss, but now existent.

Within Regions

- Taken Waikato 12 months to develop a robust system- developed a large team
 - Trial and error
- Difficult to know how the regions fare without good microbiology input
 - Blood culture taking audit
 - Blood culture interpretation
 - Follow up of BC's after discharge
 - Insertion bundles
 - Maintenance bundles



- With multiple people and systems in place
 - Small amount of our time
 - Policing/collecting/interpreting/auditing
- Smaller centres
 - 1 or 2 people dealing with current systems
 - Significant proportion of their time
 - Policing/collecting/interpreting/auditing

Sustainability

- The data collected must be meaningful
- An important barrier to ongoing success is perception of data validity across regions and the country
 - X CLAB free days or CLAB per/1000line days as conclusion- How valid is this knowing what I know?
 - Our retrospective data provided for the previous year is likely rubbish, and data for the first 6 months of the year is not accurate for reasons explained

- We are talking the same language
- Are we still missing CLAB?

- Only now, would I be confident in going to the other centers and explain what we do, and how we can potentially work together as a group.
- Roll out plan for HDU

- To create a video re CLAB
- But script only

Summary

- Region appears to be progressing well
- Are we too relaxed and satisfied there is no CLAB?
- Waikato is doing better
 - Blood culture taking audit
 - Blood culture interpretation
 - Insertion and maintenance bundles
- Roll out to other areas
 - Who will provide on going surveillance of all
 - the blood cultures as described?



- Local evidence to continue with Antibiotic coated lines