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## Summary

CDHB had been involved in a locally coordinated ICU CLAB project for two years prior to becoming involved in the national project. This initial project was predominantly run by/for Drs, had an insertion compliance rate of 50% and a CLAB rate of 1-3/1000 line days.

By March 2013 we have established a multidisciplinary CLAB narrative within the ICU, across the DHB and throughout the region. We have a CLAB rate of 0.35/1000 line days, an insertion compliance rate of over 80%, an electronic database and a motivated team.

## Reflection

The future success of the project relies on the wider ICU and hospital community accepting the locally delivered CLAB process. This qualitative aspect of the project is difficult to assess.

Team members and end-users were therefore requested to provide us with feedback. Some of these comments are displayed below

## The Good

- Multidisciplinary collaboration and commitment
- Regional support and sharing of ideas
- Establishing new regional working relationships
- Raising awareness, importance and consequences CLAB
- Improving evidence-based practice
- Team spirit
- Project owned by delivery team (local ICU) not external party
- Saved lives and saved money
- Involvement in national collaborative
- Education
- Positive departmental profile



## The Bad

- No national database
- No dedicated time
- Tight deadlines
- Apathy and exhaustion
- IT problems and unnecessary excess focus
- Tick box exercise perception
- CLAB definition modification differs from historic definition



## The Future

- Part of routine ICU care
- Maintain enthusiasm for data collection
- Pushing out beyond ICU walls
- Empowering all team members to collaborate and contribute
- Embeds a quality culture into standard practice



## Conclusion

Whilst the overwhelming majority of responses were positive, there is genuine concern about sustainability. This is clearly an area that impacts the structure, process and ultimate outcomes of the local and therefore national project. This will need to be the primary focus of our local group over the next few months.