Enhancement Program on IV Catheter Care to Prevent Nosocomial IV Catheter-related MRSA Bacteraemia

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Introduction

- MRSA bacteraemia is one of the most common serious infectious complications of hospitalization.
- IV catheter is a significant risk factor.
- 6 MRSA bacteraemia cases in M&G Department of UCH in 2012 and all were related to IV catheters.
- They were potentially preventable and a professional nursing care on IV catheter was critical.
- We implemented a program to prevent IV catheterrelated MRSA bacteraemia in a M&G ward.

Objectives

- A quality enhancement program was implemented.
- Audit was conducted to review effectiveness of the program before and after.

Method

 The cycle of quality improvement was based on review, action and evaluation.

Review

 An audit was conducted to review the real practices against the standard criteria from February to April 2013. Convenience sampling was used and 180 samples were collected.

Action

- The audit result was systematically analysed and identified the problems accordingly. Focusing actions were taken since April 2013:
 - 1. Skill Enhancement
 - 2. Advertisement
 - 3. Continuous Assessment
 - 4. Patient Education
 - 5. Effective Supervision
 - 6. IV Insertion Team



Evaluation

Post-audit has been conducted at January 2014 to review program effectiveness.

Result

- The overall compliance rate was improved from 93.9 % to 98.9% after program implemented.
- The no of IV-catheter MRSA bacteraemia in that M&G ward was 1 in 2012 and 0 in 2013.

Conclusion

- The compliance of IV catheter care was significantly improved.
- The program was useful to prevent the nosocomial IV-catheter MRSA bacteraemia.