Surveillance To Reduce Urinary Tract Infections: The STRUTI Project

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An estimated 65 to 70% of healthcare associated urinary tract infections (HAUTIs) may be prevented using infection control measures (Umscheid et al. 2011). Point prevalence surveys (PPS) are a useful cost-effective surveillance method for prevention and control of HAUTIs. The data can help inform policy and nursing practice thereby reducing the risk of HAUTI acquisition (Smiddy & Murphy 2013).

Utilisation of surveillance findings with the use of care plans will support delivery of a quality and safety-orientated healthcare service (Smiddy & Murphy 2013) consistent with Standard 3.2 of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards (ACSQHC, 2011). The researchers, through continued collaboration with hospitals and aged care facilities, will continue to progress work in developing a national surveillance system for HAUTIs.

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