

## Award Application

1	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Decreased Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI)</b>
2	Clinical or Operational Area	Multidisciplinary (Infection Prevention/Inpatient Nursing Services)
3	Healthcare System	Baptist Healthcare System
4	Hospital or Entity Name	Baptist Health Hardin
5	Applicant Name	Vanessa Kelly, MSN, RN, CIC
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10	<b>Please list the names and titles/roles of the additional members of the project team:</b>	
	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title/Role:</b>
	Jasmine Seger, RN, T-Chest	Infection Preventionist
11	Name of Senior Risk Management or Corporate Insurance Representative	Lynn Kolokowsky, Vice President, Risk Management & Insurance Services
12	Mailing Address, City, State, Zip Code	1901 Campus Place Louisville, KY 40299

**13. The best practice/improvement submitted for consideration is a: (Check all that apply)**

- Clinical Policy
- Performance Improvement Strategy (*Six Sigma, etc.*)
- Communication Strategy (*Briefing before surgical procedure, senior management rounds, etc.*)
- Other (*Please specify*)

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**14. Can the project be duplicated to support patient safety/risk mitigation strategies at other organizations?**  Yes  
 No

**15. Briefly describe the project: (two paragraphs maximum, please attach any supporting documentation)**

We saw an increase in CAUTIs from 2020 through 2022. In 2018, there was only one during the year compared to the highest of 14 in 2021. In 2023, we decreased to 4 in the year. Currently we are a little over 7 months CAUTI free. We implemented CHG bathing for patients with a foley catheter house wide, continued education on foley care and early removal, daily emails sent to leaders with their foley numbers and other information, and days free are shared during daily safety huddle.

**16. Describe how this project has reduced the potential for liability and improved patient safety. (one paragraph maximum)**

The concern of increased CAUTI cases in our inpatient population was addressed and reduced. Foley maintenance, assessments for need, and CHG helped decrease the risk of infection and longer hospital stays.

**17. What metric(s) have been used to measure and/or sustain success? (one paragraph maximum)**

Foley days for the month, documentation of care and CHG, days since last infection, communicating with leaders regarding the foleys on their unit and with the staff about the patient involved, surveillance.

**18. Are you willing to share this project with other members of AEIX?**  Yes  No

**19. Was this project an original concept created by the project team?**  Yes  No

**20. Was this project based on successful practices evaluated from literature or other healthcare providers?**  Yes  No

**21. Is this project being implemented in your health system for the first time?**  Yes  No

**22. Do you have plans to publish the project results in a professional publication or networking forum?**  Yes  No

**23. Is there anything else you'd like to share about this project?**

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Thank you for completing the application. Please follow these next steps.

- Please save this document in Word format and gather your supporting documentation.
- Forward the application and documentation to your senior risk management leader or corporate insurance representative. *They will need to complete and sign the Evaluation of Awards Application Form on the final page of the application before submitting it to American Excess Insurance by **Friday August 16, 2024.***

## Evaluation of Award Application

The evaluation must be completed and signed by the senior risk manager or corporate insurance representative. Please evaluate the Award Application by indicating the best answer to the question.

**1. How will this project improve safety and/or reduce liability?**

- Little effect on safety and liability (1)
- Some improvement but metrics are not defined and/or it is not clear that measurable effect can be sustained (2)
- Strong effect with clearly defined metrics (3)

**2. What is the potential to share this project or practice with other AEIX members?**

- Little potential – i.e. *implementation requires major budgetary commitment, topic is highly specialized, and/or metrics are not clearly defined* (1)
- Some potential but process may be hard for another organization to implement, and/or its application may be limited - i.e. *major budgetary commitment, topic is highly specialized, and/or metrics are not clearly defined* (2)
- Strong potential for producing best practices (3)

**3. What level of impact will this project or practice have on the severity of risk exposure?**

- Little chance of impacting severity of risk but could address other issues (1)
- Some potential to impact risk exposure (2)
- Strong ability to impact severe malpractice exposure caused by significant risk events (3)

**4. What level of innovation best describes this project?**

- Project/practice is new to this organization and is based primarily on firmly established best practices (1)
- Project/practice was created primarily by applicants with some assistance from an outside vendor and contains well-established best practices with additional innovative features (2)
- Project/practice was created solely by applicants and could be included in established literature or industry best practices (3)

**5. Share your comments or recommendations.**

**Lynn Rikhoff Kolokowsky VP Risk Management & Insurance Services 8/16/24**

**E-Signature**

**Title**

**Date**

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**Phone**

**Email**

Send the completed application in Word format, supporting documentation, and signed evaluation to [ana\\_taylor@premierinc.com](mailto:ana_taylor@premierinc.com) by **Friday August 16, 2024**.

**Thank you for your submission. In continued pursuit of our mission and vision to partner with forward-thinking healthcare leaders, inspire innovation, and provide the leading pathway for managing risk, we may share your project with other members of American Excess. However, this project will not be shared outside of the American Excess Insurance membership without your prior consent.**