**IV Therapy Report: Does the Tip Of The Month Make A Difference?**
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**Tubing and Valve Changes, "Scrub the Hub" and Documentation**
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this report is to record information obtained from nursing staff representing various units at OHSU to determine if the Tip of The Month impacts nursing practice.

**Method:** IV Therapy staff asked staff members 4 questions and recorded responses of 15 nurses each time in both June and October of 2007. Representative samples from Surgical (14A), Mother/Baby (13C), Trauma (13A), Peds (DCH 9 South and PICU), 8CSICU, 7A and 8DVA were included.

**Conclusion:** IV Therapy Tip of The Month is an effective method of impacting practice at OHSU.

**Results and discussion:**
Majority of nursing staff familiar with amount of time required to "scrub the hub" after an IV Therapy "Tip of the Times" submitted with evidence to support this practice and 4 months after the Tip.

**ACTION:** Continue to submit information to nursing staff to assure Hubs are scrubbed for at least 15 seconds with further rationale.

**Results and Discussion:**
Included the (Policy) timing of the tubing change in the July Tip of The Month and found a change in knowledge. From 27% in July to 80% in October knew how often to change tubing

**ACTION:** Re-introduce with Tip of The Month in the future.
Results and Discussion:
Prior to the Tip Of The Month, 54% of the nurses knew to change the Hubs but after, 86% knew to change them. In addition, pre-data indicated 46% admitted to never changing the hubs and post-data indicated only 14% never changed them.

ACTION: Including this in the July Tip of The Month was an effective method of changing practice and will require additional Tips to assure better understanding.

Results and Discussion:
The Parenteral Access Device Record has a space designed to document Tubing and Valve Changes. Pre-Data, the majority (80%) of the staff indicated they did not document on this sheet. Post-data found the majority (73%) did know to document.

ACTION: The reminder with copy of proper documentation of IV Tubing and Valve Changes was an effective method of changing practice. Staff will still need additional reminders.