Long-term Catheter Quality Improvement Activity

**Monthly Tasks**
- Complete QAPI report form
- Complete surveys
- Complete LTC education
- Update LTC data in electronic medical record and/or CROWNWeb
- Participate in coaching calls (as scheduled)

**Project period**
January 1, 2020, through September 30, 2020 with final measurement based on July data (July data due Sept.30).

**Goal: to be met by July 31**
- Facility-specific catheter reduction goal (32 focus facilities)
- Reduce LTC by ONE for all non-focus facilities

**Statistics**
- One study based on NHSN data showed that 63 percent of bloodstream infections and 70 percent of access-related bloodstream infections occurred in patients with a central venous catheter.
- CVC use is associated with a 40–70% increased risk of death from any cause compared with AVF use.

**Tips for Success**
- Teach new patients that CVC is temporary access
- Schedule patients for access evaluation as soon as they are admitted
- Discuss LTC reduction activities during monthly QAPI meeting
- Update access data monthly

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