

What is catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI)?

CAUTI is an infection of the urinary tract caused by a tube (urinary catheter) that has been placed to drain urine from the bladder.

#### The most common type of Healthcare-Associated infections:

- 30% of HAIs reported to NHSN
- Estimated > 560,000 HAIs-CAUTIs annually.

#### Increased morbidity & mortality:

- Estimated 13,000 attributable deaths annually.
- The leading cause of secondary BSI with ~10% mortality.

#### Excess length of stay –2-4 days

#### Increased cost:

- \$0.4-0.5 billion per year.

#### Unnecessary antimicrobial use



What is the impact of CAUTI?