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Bio: Angela Miranda, speaker and former Infection Practitioner with 15+ years' experience and a master's degree in Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine is a Microbiologist who worked at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Cleveland Clinic. President of ABZ Health Frontiers she travels cross country as a speaker, educator and consultant, on strategies to prevent MRSA transmission, including surveillance programs and update of risk mitigation protocols to incorporate recent technologies. Her unique experience is helping institutions bring innovative technologies from the lab to the patient's bedside.

Presentation Title: Update your MRSA Risk Mitigation programs and help reduce transmission and sepsis risks

Presentation learning objectives:

1. Understand new strategies in reducing MRSA from its primary reservoir the nasal vestibule.
2. Understand how nasal decolonization can help break the sepsis chain of infection.
3. Understand the limitations of current practices.
4. Describe recently deployed updated protocols to include recent technology advances.
5. Review case studies and clinical evidence from facilities utilizing these updated protocols.

Summary:

In this presentation attendees will learn about new strategies for using an alcohol based nasal antiseptic to reduce MRSA in the nasal vestibule, its primary reservoir. How nasal decolonization helps disrupt transmission and reduce self-infecting can break the sepsis chain of infection will be discussed. In addition, attendees will learn strategies for using antiseptic nasal decolonization to safely reduce contact isolation precautions (CP) in the ICU and other critical care areas. Case studies and clinical evidence from facilities utilizing these protocols will be reviewed. Demonstrations of significant direct cost savings from safely reducing screening and contact isolation precautions will also be presented. Benefits of universal nasal and skin decolonization as part of an ICU protocol vs screen and isolate protocols including improved patient care and satisfaction, staff utilization and satisfaction will be discussed.

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