

# Pediatric Quality & Safety

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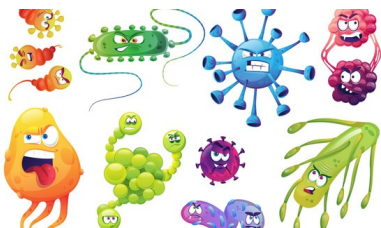
## New! Pediatric Quality & Safety Website

- Website is public facing for transparency and sharing of quality metrics including CLABSI, CAUTI, Falls, Pressure Injuries, Unplanned Extubation, IV infiltrates and Surgical Site Infections.
- All bundles and patient education for quality metrics are posted
- Archive of Newsletters are posted! See all previously shared Pediatric Quality & Safety Newsletters since 2024! 📧 📄
- Link: <https://www.upstate.edu/gch/childs-visit/safety.php>
- Or navigate from [upstate.edu/gch](https://www.upstate.edu/gch) --> Your Child's Visit --> Keeping Your Child Safe



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## Practice Changes/Reminders



Karius Testing



Golisano Security



Central Line Dressings

- Karius is a highly sensitive molecular test that can detect bacteria, fungus, parasite, etc in the blood
- **Positive Karius Tests will soon be included to meet the definition for a CLABSI**
- Karius test results may be excluded as a CLABSI if a routine blood culture is negative either 2 days prior to the Karius being sent or 1 day after. Because of this, **please be sure to send a blood culture with any Karius testing!**
- We now have 24/7 security continuously rounding throughout UGCH
- Vocera commands: "Golisano Guard", "Golisano Security", "Golisano Officer" or "Golisano Public Safety"
- In addition, they will receive and respond to BERT codes! You no longer need to make a separate call to security for BERT codes. 🐞
- PICC Line Dressings: Change by Vascular Access Team
- **All other central line dressings are changed by the bedside RN. This includes short term CVC, Hickman, Broviac, Powerline, Ports, etc.**
- [Pediatric Job Aid: Central Line Dressing Change](#)



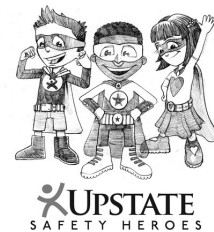
### New: Pediatric Clinical Quality Nurse

- Don't worry...Bridgett isn't leaving! But she is moving from Safety to Quality
- Beginning 4/23, Bridgett will be more focused on sepsis, unplanned extubation, clinical pathway adherence and general QI initiatives!
- The Pediatric Safety Coordinator position is posted! 🤖 Michelle Jeski will cover this position until filled



### Hair Equity - Mixed Chicks

- Mixed Chicks Shampoo and Conditioner is now stocked in UGCH
- Multicultural product for wavy hair, tightly curled hair, and weaves
- No dyes, fragrance, paraben or sulfate



### Pediatric Patient Safety Coordinator

- Do you have a masters degree and at least 3 years of inpatient peds experience?
- Our Pediatric Patient Safety Coordinator position is [posted!](#)
- Reach out to Michelle Jeski with any questions

## Broken Equipment Process Reminder

- We've seen an increase in concerns related to broken feeding pumps!
- **Please be sure to enter a work order ticket through the Healthcare Technology MGMT Request system for all broken equipment**
- Instructions: iPage --> Healthcare Technology Mgmt Request --> Healthcare Technology Mgmt WO Entry link --> SUNY Upstate --> complete the HTM form --> print form and attach to

The screenshot shows the IPAGE dashboard with a navigation bar at the top containing links for ALL STAFF, STUDENTS, FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, ADMINISTRATORS/MANAGERS, and CAREERS @ UPSTATE. Below the navigation bar are sections for Applications, Intra Dashboard, Service Portals, Resources & Forms, and COVID/Health Links. The 'Service Portals' section includes links for IMT SERVICE PORTAL, ASK HR, PROCURE PORTAL, and INSTITUTIONAL COMPLIANCE PORTAL. The 'Resources & Forms' section includes POLICIES & FORMS, HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY, SEARCH / DIRECTORY, PHYSICAL PLANT WORK ORDER, COMMUNITY CAMPUS IPAGE, and HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGY MGMT REQUEST (circled in red). The 'COVID/Health Links' section includes EMPLOYEE/STUDENT HEALTH PORTAL and SUBMIT A COVID POSITIVE.

The screenshot shows the header of the Upstate Medical University intranet. It includes the Upstate Medical University logo, the text 'Inside Upstate', and a navigation bar with links for IPAGE, ALL STAFF, STUDENTS, FACULTY, RESEARCHERS, HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, ADMINISTRATORS/MANAGERS, and CAREERS @ UPSTATE. There is also a search icon and an 'Intranet' link.

Click Healthcare Technology Mgmt WO Entry

The screenshot shows the 'Healthcare Technology Mgmt Request' page. A callout box with a purple arrow points to the 'Healthcare Technology Mgmt WO Entry' link. The page content includes a 'Submit Work Request Here' button, a link to 'Instructions for submitting a Work Order', and a section titled 'Healthcare Technology Management Control Number Sticker Example' which shows a barcode sticker with the number 105503. Below this, there are sections for 'HTM After Business Hours Repair Requests', 'On-Call Scheduling', and 'Procedure for Contacting On-Call Technicians'.

- When administering intranasal medications, be sure to angle the atomizer so that it's slanting up and outward (aim toward the top of the ear).
- The atomizer can also swivel to allow for easier use to administer from any position! (see picture below)



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Pediatric Skills Fair 🚀 April 14th



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## Policies, Patient Education & Forms - oh my!

### Reviewed & Revised

- [CM M-31, Guidelines for Collection, Storage and Use of Human Milk for the Hospitalized Patient](#) - storage temperature and duration updated to current CDC guidelines, references updated
- [CM P-65, Pediatric DKA Guidelines](#) - fixed typo - insulin infusion changed from mg to units

### Deleted

- CM P-60, Pediatric Status Epilepticus Guidelines - archived; refer to [Seizure/ Status Epilepticus Clinical Pathway](#).

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🌟 Culture Corner 🌟

🌟 see Bridgett Langstaff for more safety essentials 🌟

Safety Hero Highlight

Please join us in celebrating **Karen M. on 12E** as our next Safety Spud Recipient! Thank you for using your error prevention tools and recognizing that our resuscitation bags were being delivered without the correct masks. Kudos to you and Jenn M. for digging in to fix the issue at the source. Thank you for taking the time to report the issue & helping to keep our patients safe! #safetyfirst

March 2026

Congratulations,  
Karen!





# Be a Safety Hero



## HOW?

Tell me your spud-tacular catches, what's making you salty, and how you've peeled away safety issues using your ERROR PREVENTION TOOLS!

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## WHAT TOOLS?

**The Name Game:** introduce yourself and request others do the same

**ARCC:** **A**sk a question, **R**equest a change, voice your **C**ONCERN, use **C**hain of Command

**STAR:** **S**top **T**hink **A**ct **R**eview (use a safety pause)

**QVV:** **Q**ualify the source, **V**alidate content, **V**erify with an expert

**Stop and Resolve:** if uncertain → review the plan and resolve the concern *BEFORE* proceeding

**3-Way Communication:** use repeat back to confirm information being sent and received

👉 ASK clarifying questions

**SBAR:** use the tool for safe handoff and communicating concerns

👉 **S**ituation, **B**ackground, **A**ssessment, **R**ecommendation

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11G is ONE YEAR CLABSI Free!! 🙌🙌



## Quick Links

[Submit a Good Catch or Safety Improvement Idea Here!](#)

[UGCH Superhero of the Month Nomination Form](#)

[Pediatric Clinical Pathways](#)



**Michelle Jeski**

Michelle is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters