You are invited to participate in a research study of surveillance and prevention strategies related to catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI). You were selected as a possible subject because your hospital was randomly selected from a list of hospitals reporting CAUTI rates to the National Healthcare Safety Network and published in CMS Hospital Compare data. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study.

The study is being conducted by Fabio Rojas, Associate Professor of Sociology at Indiana University. It is funded by the Department of Sociology at Indiana University.

**STUDY PURPOSE**

The purpose of this study is to understand how hospitals monitor and prevent CAUTIs. It seeks to examine (1) the types of surveillance systems used by hospitals, (2) why one form of surveillance was chosen over others, and (3) the association between surveillance strategies and changes in infection rates as reported in the CMS Hospital Compare data.

**PROCEDURES FOR THE STUDY:**

If you agree to be in the study, you will participate in a telephone interview about the types of surveillance systems used by hospitals, including outcome surveillance (including the process of identifying, recording, and using data on CAUTIs) and process surveillance (including monitoring of employee behavior), why one form of surveillance was chosen over others, characteristics of the hospital’s infection prevention team, staffing levels, and resources, and background information on you (such as education and number of years of experience). With your consent, these interviews will be audio recorded for later transcription and analysis. The interview will take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

Efforts will be made to keep your personal information confidential. We cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. Your personal information may be disclosed if required by law. Your identity will be held in confidence in reports in which the study may be published and in databases in which results may be stored. The audio recordings and transcripts of interviews will be stored on a secure server and available only to Dr. Rojas and his research assistants.

Organizations that may inspect and/or copy your research records for quality assurance and data analysis include groups such as the study investigator and his/her research associates, the Indiana University Institutional Review Board or its designees, and (as allowed by law) state or federal agencies, specifically the Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP).

**PAYMENT**

We understand that infection preventionists are very busy and we appreciate the time that it will take to complete the interview. To express our appreciation, we are providing a small sum of $5 (you may have already received it with our recruitment letter).

**CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS**

For questions about the study, contact the researcher, Fabio Rojas, at 1-800-258-7691 or frojas@indiana.edu.
For questions about your rights as a research participant or to discuss problems, complaints or concerns about a research study, or to obtain information, or offer input, contact the IU Human Subjects Office at (812) 856-4242 or (800) 696-2949 or by email at irb@iu.edu

VOLUNTARY NATURE OF STUDY

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part or may leave the study at any time. Leaving the study will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits to which you are entitled. Your decision whether or not to participate in this study will not affect your current or future relations with Indiana University.

Form date: April 22, 2014