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The Baxter Corporation Award for Excellence in Patient Safety**



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“Enhancing Delirium Awareness and Recognition in the MSICU: An Evidence-based Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Initiative”

In summary, the recipients have identified delirium as a significant problem in the ICU, without which an accurate and reliable identification, its' negative sequelae cannot be mitigated or eliminated. In alignment with published recommendations, their first step in addressing the problem of delirium was creating clinician awareness and creating team dialogue about the problem through the use of a reliable and valid screening tool. Their multi-faceted program, inclusive of education, bedside reinforcement, and audit-feedback, has achieved its outcomes of increased awareness and uptake of the Intensive Care Delirium Screening Checklist. The program components are readily adaptable to other organizations with the desire to address the problem of delirium in their ICUs.

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The authors have recently joined an inter-professional group with representatives from across the Toronto academic ICUs (Sunnybrook, Mt. Sinai, Toronto General and Toronto Western) to share learning and discuss strategies for the enhancement of delirium awareness, as well as delirium prevention and management.

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