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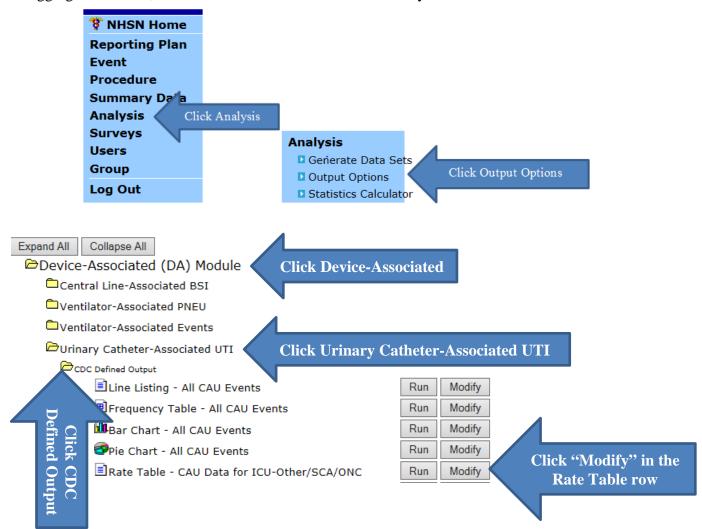
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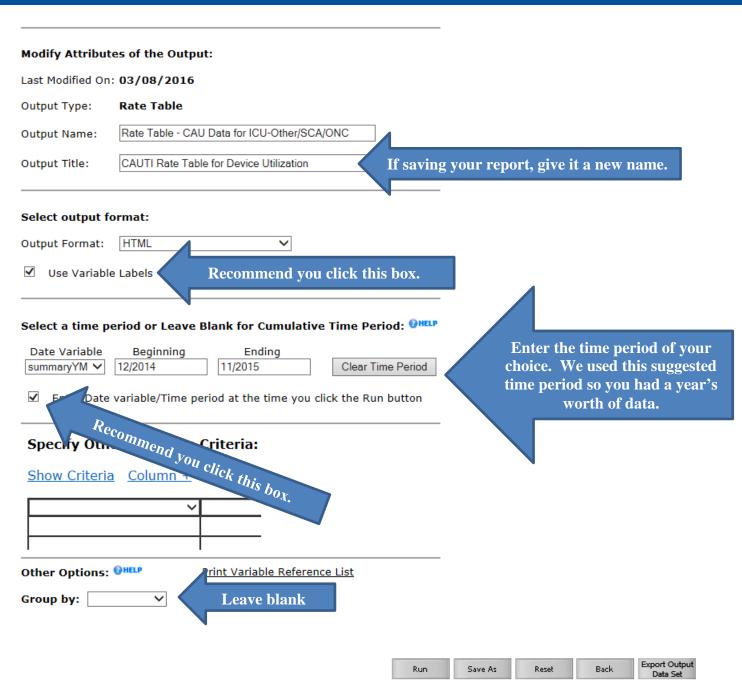
Re-energizing CAUTI Reduction First Step in Reduction

National experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) just shared with our organization last week that the first step to CAUTI reduction to validate you do not have problem with overuse of indwelling urinary catheters. "How do you do this?" you may ask. Well, luckily for us, NHSN has a report that can be run to determine a unit's Device Utilization (DU).

The national average catheter use varies by hospital unit type and hospital characteristic and is stored in NHSN as a variable "CathDU_Mean." Currently, the pooled mean uses national data from 2013.

After logging into NHSN, follow these instructions to determine if your CathDu_Mean needs attention.





Remember to click Save As before you run your report. This way, it will appear in "My Custom Output" section of the Analysis Output Options and you will only need to modify your time period for your next report run. Click "Run" to receive your report.

If your CathDU is greater than CathDU_Mean, that particular unit is using an indwelling device more frequently than the same type of units across the nation. Focus your attention on these units in validating the device is necessary regardless of your infection rate or SIR.

ocation	summaryYu	CAUCoup	numucathdays	CAURate	CAU_Mean	IDR_pval	IDR_pct	numpatdays	CathDU	CathDU_Mean	P_pval	P_pctl
BICU	2005M11	0	387	0.0	7.7	0.0516		421	0.92	0.65	0.0000	-
BICU	2005M12	0	377	0.0	7.7	0.0557		494	0.76	0.65	0.0000	
BICU	2006M01	0	299	0.0	7.7	0.1012	2	507	0.59	0.65	0.0015	
BICU	2006M05	2	300	6.7	7.7	0.5965	- 2	352	0.85	0.65	0.0000	-
BICU	2009M03	1	200	5.0		-	-	600	0.33			-
BURN	2006M01	3	304	9.9	7.7	0.4116		386	0.79	0.65	0.0000	-
BURN	2009M08	0	10	0.0				100	0.10		1041	

CathDU is the Device Utilization of the hospital for the row of data. You may also calculate DU for other time periods by aggregating rows of data and using infections (CAUCount) and Catheter Days (numucathdays) to make a DU calculation.

CathDU_Mean is the national pooled mean for this the type of hospital unit type (loccdc) and hospital characteristics. Do not make assumptions about this value. You should always use the CathDU_Mean value of the hospital unit you are monitoring for CAUTI.