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### **HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS MAY BE LOWER IN CLOSED ICUS**

ATS 2019, Dallas, TX – Three hospital-acquired infections rates appear to be lower in patients admitted to a “closed” intensive care unit, meaning that the ICU team has primary responsibility for the patient, rather than a primary care physician, according to research presented at ATS 2019. Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI), catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) and ventilator-acquired pneumonia (VAP) were lower after a medical center transitioned from an open to a closed ICU, while methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and *Clostridium difficile* (C. Diff) rates remained the same.

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