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RE: STOP CAUTI Study
"Stop Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections"

Dear Ms. Graf,

I am writing to express my strong support for the important study, "Stop Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections." As the patient care manager of the study unit, 14 Long, I offer my support to conduct the study here. 14 Long is a medicine unit and many of the patients have indwelling urinary catheters.

We have been working diligently on preventing hospital acquired infections at UCSF Medical Center and on 14 Long. This research will help us better understand our data, create automated systems for surveillance, and provide automated notification for timely catheter removal. In addition, an educational program for the nursing staff on best practices for preventing urinary tract infections will be offered.

I am in full agreement to offer 14 Long as a study unit.

Yours sincerely,

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