



**Challenges of Measuring Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia:  
Improving care while debating measures  
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Audio Conference**

In 2003, the CDC issued guidelines for preventing ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP), including a recommendation that hospitals monitor their VAP rates. With increased focus on public reporting of hospital acquired infections, there has been much debate over the diagnosis and measurement of VAP, which can be both difficult to do reliably and time consuming as well. .

- Where do experts currently stand on our ability to reliably measure VAP rates?
- Are there ways to make VAP surveillance simple and more efficient?
- Why should we emphasize process measures?
- While the experts debate the measures, where should we be focusing our improvement efforts?

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Michael Klompas is an infectious disease physician and associate hospital epidemiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. His research interests lie in novel applications of electronic health information to improve public health surveillance. Recent work has focused on electronic detection of communicable diseases in the community and ventilator-associated pneumonia within healthcare facilities. He directs the Electronic medical record Support Project (ESP) at Harvard Medical School, an effort to automate the detection and reporting of notifiable diseases to health departments via electronic medical record systems.

**Who Should Attend This Call:**

Quality Directors, Infectious Disease physicians, Hospital Epidemiologists, Infection Prevention Practitioners and leaders in critical care.

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