



**CIRCLE
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Gordon Gartrell
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Gordon Gartrell is nurse manager of the pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) at Children's of Mississippi (COM). Since becoming the manager, he takes on every challenge and looks for a

solution. Post-COVID, the PICU struggled with CLABSI rates. By empowering his staff and using a data-driven approach, Gordon has led his team to decrease the CLABSI rates from seven in 2022 to zero in 2023. Overall, the PICU has improved multiple quality initiatives under Gordon's leadership. They include improved hand hygiene scores year over year, improved guardrail usage for IV pumps greater than 88%, one CAUTI in the last year, a decrease in surgical site infections year over year, and an unplanned extubation rate under 1%. These significant quality improvements helped the PICU at COM achieve AACN's Beacon Award for Excellence in October 2023.