

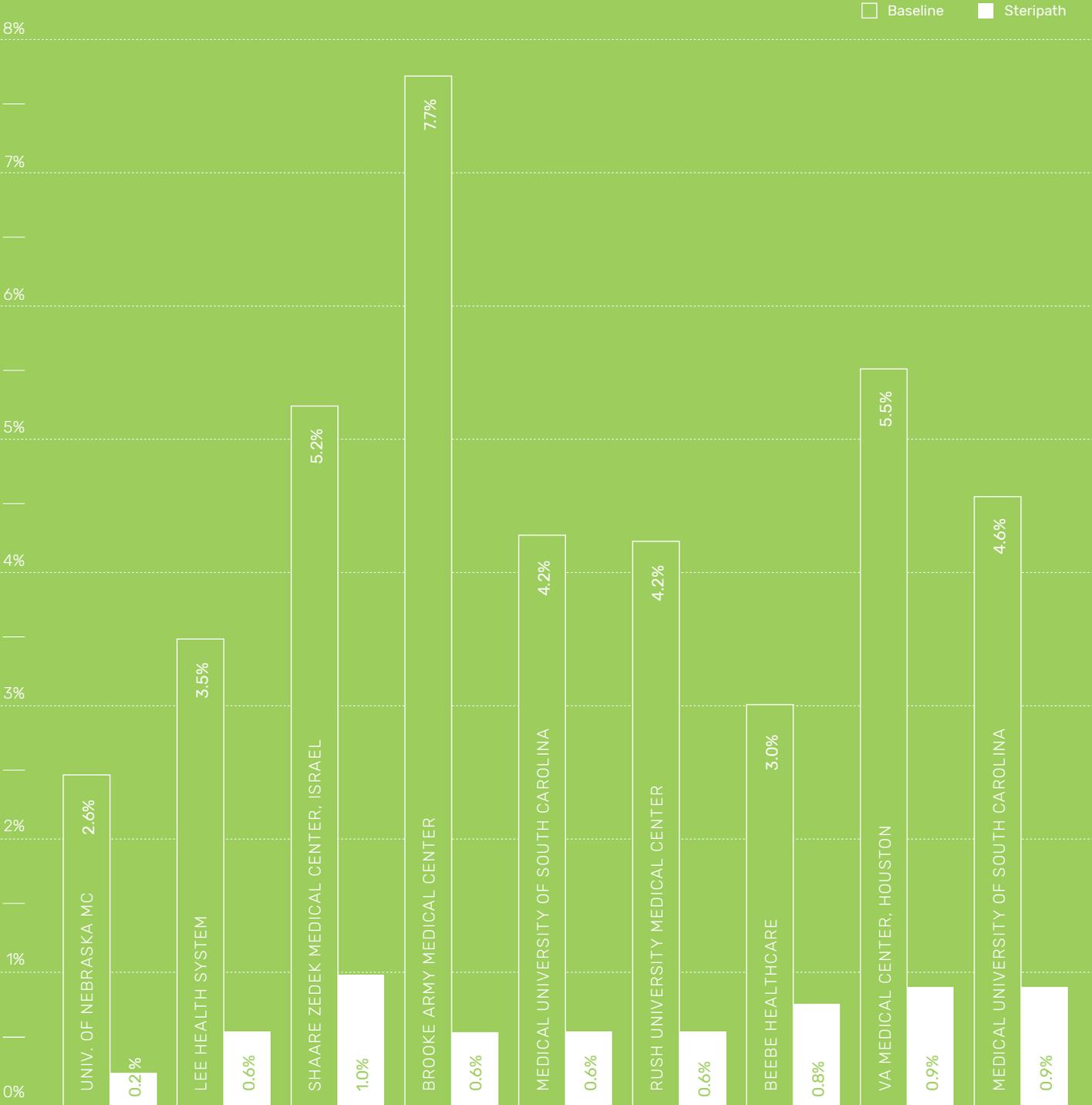
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# CLINICAL & ECONOMIC **EVIDENCE** **REPORT**

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Independent research defining the *new* standard of care  
for preventing blood culture contamination

# CONTAMINATION REDUCTION RESULTS AT A GLANCE



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**Steripath®** (ISDD®) is supported by independent published clinical study results of 12-month sustained rates as low as 0.2% in the ED (*p.4*). With improved test results, patients can benefit from reduced risk of sepsis misdiagnosis and unnecessary antibiotic treatment.

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**CLINICAL  
EFFECTIVENESS:**  
REDUCTION OF BLOOD  
CULTURE CONTAMINATION

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## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER

<b>TITLE:</b>	Reduction in Blood Culture Contamination Through the Use of Initial Specimen Diversion Device® [Steripath®]
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	<i>Clinical Infectious Diseases</i> - 2017:65 (15 July)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Mark E. Rupp, MD, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Division of Infectious Disease, Department of Clinical Pathology, Department of Epidemiology, Emergency Department
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, controlled, matched-pair, open label trial over a 12-month period – 904 patients (1,808 cultures)
<b>METHOD:</b>	Phlebotomists collected two cultures from each subject. (1) One using phlebotomy best practices (2) One using Steripath
<b>RESULTS:</b>	92% reduction in contamination compared to pre-intervention rate of 2.6%. 88% reduction during 12-month study period, 0.2% ISDD vs 1.8% standard practice. Sensitivity was not compromised.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Use of the ISDD was associated with a significant decrease in blood culture contamination. Annual cost savings were calculated to be \$1.8M.

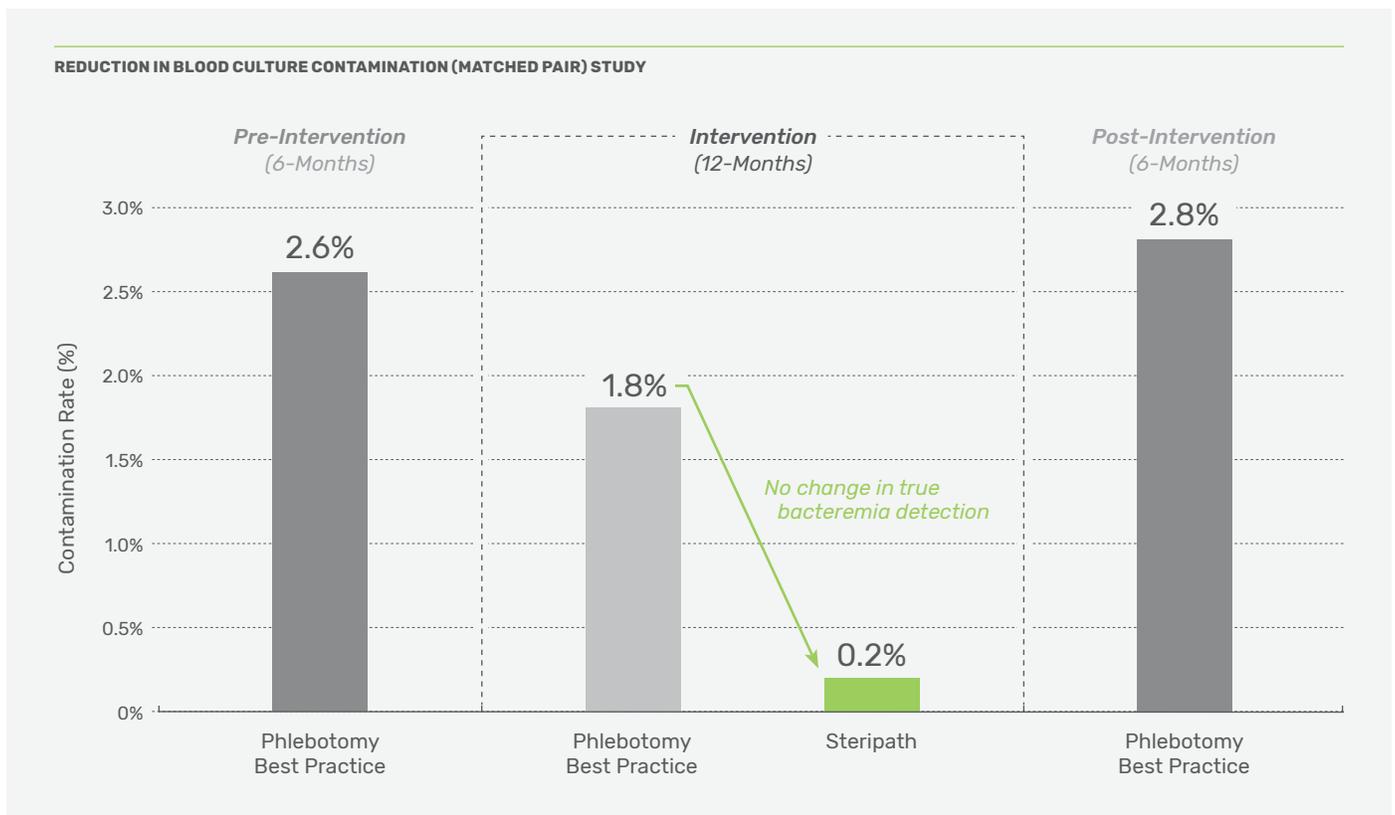
**CONTAMINATION REDUCTION:**



**ANNUAL COST SAVINGS:**

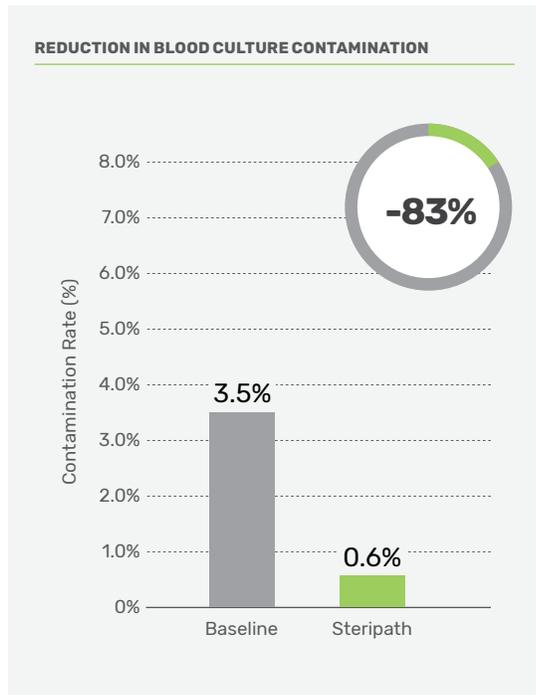
**\$1.8M**

**POSITIVE PREDICTIVE VALUE:**



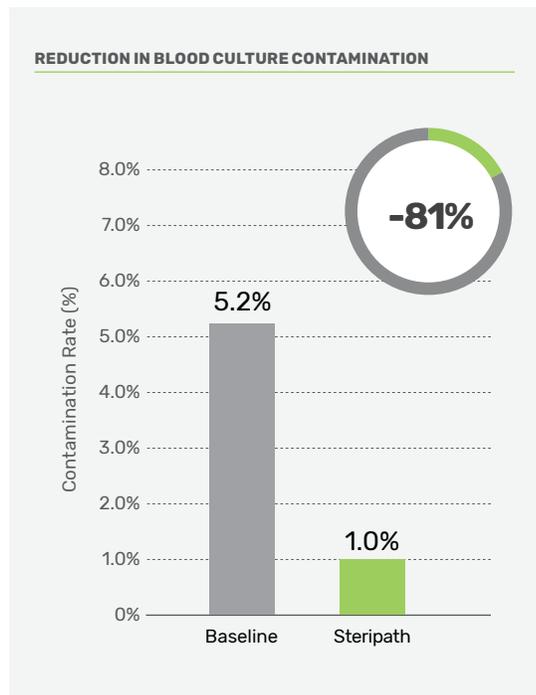
### LEE HEALTH SYSTEM

<b>TITLE:</b>	Effectiveness of a Novel Blood Culture Collection System in Reducing Blood Culture Contamination Rates
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	<i>Journal of Emergency Nursing</i> (2018)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Mary Bell, MSN, RN, CEN, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Department of Emergency Medicine at Lee Health acute care centers (multicenter trial n=4)
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Multi-center, prospective, open label trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	7-month trial in four Lee Health ED's. BCC rates obtained during intervention with Steripath were compared to historical standard method BCC rates.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	83% reduction in contamination with Steripath by both venipuncture and new peripheral IV line. Standard procedure: 3.5% rate for 35,392 cultures. Steripath: 0.6% (P=0.0001) rate for 6,293 cultures.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Steripath use prevented 1,008 false positives annualized basis. Cost savings of \$641,792 during a 7-month period. Annual potential cost avoidance: \$4,351,444 - \$10,818,492



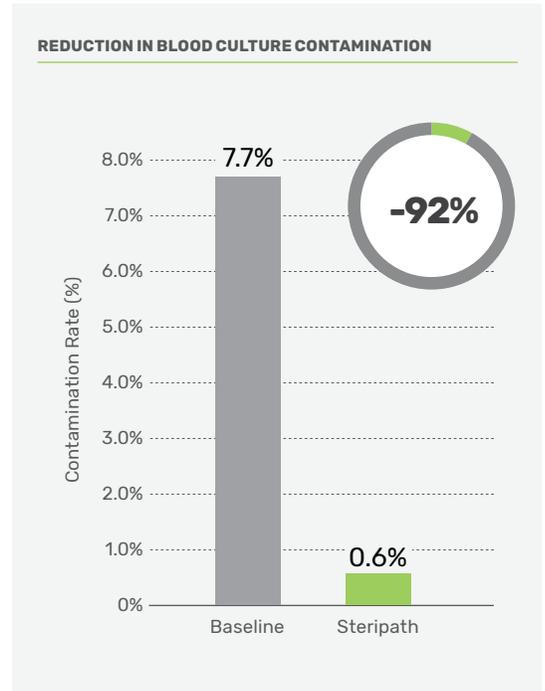
### SHAARE ZEDEK MEDICAL CENTER, ISRAEL

<b>TITLE:</b>	Reducing Blood Culture Contamination Using an Initial Specimen Diversion Device
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	<i>American Journal of Infection Control</i> (2019)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Frederic S. Zimmerman, MD, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Department of Intensive Care, Laboratory of Clinical Microbiology, Department of Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease Unit
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, controlled pragmatic study
<b>METHOD:</b>	Blood cultures were obtained using the initial specimen diversion device, either via integrated needle or attachment to a newly placed intravenous catheter. Cultures taken using standard methods served as the control (n = 671 blood cultures).
<b>RESULTS:</b>	81% reduction in blood culture contamination using Steripath. Standard procedure: 5.2% rate, Steripath: 1.0% (P=0.008) rate.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	The use of the ISDD was associated with reduced culture contamination in hospitalized patients over a 6-month period, without concomitant reduction in true-positive cultures.



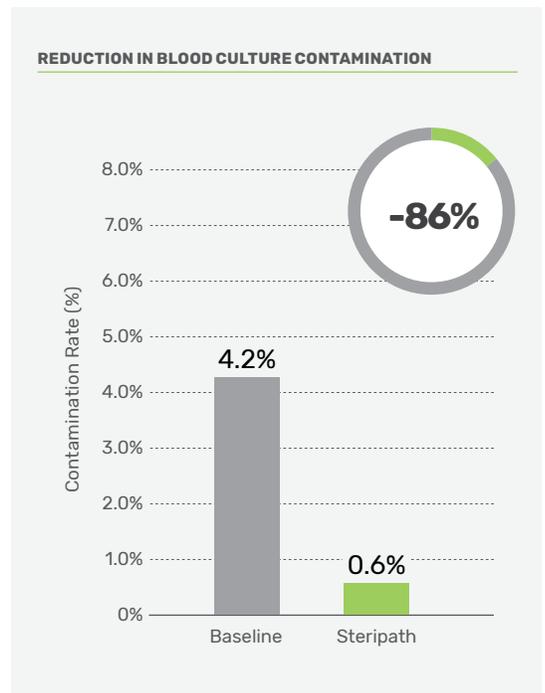
## BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

<b>TITLE:</b>	Reduction of Blood Culture Contaminations in the Emergency Department
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>Department of Defense Healthcare Quality and Safety Award Winner</i> (2016)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	LTC Charlotte Lanteri Ph.D., et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Department of Emergency Medicine
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, open label trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	Blood cultures were collected via venipuncture or peripheral IV starts in the Emergency Department. Patients randomized to either standard method or use of Steripath.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	92% reduction in contamination with Steripath. Standard procedure: 7.7% (52/672) contamination rate, Steripath: 0.6% (5/784) contamination rate.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Hospital savings over \$235,000 during 5-month trial period.



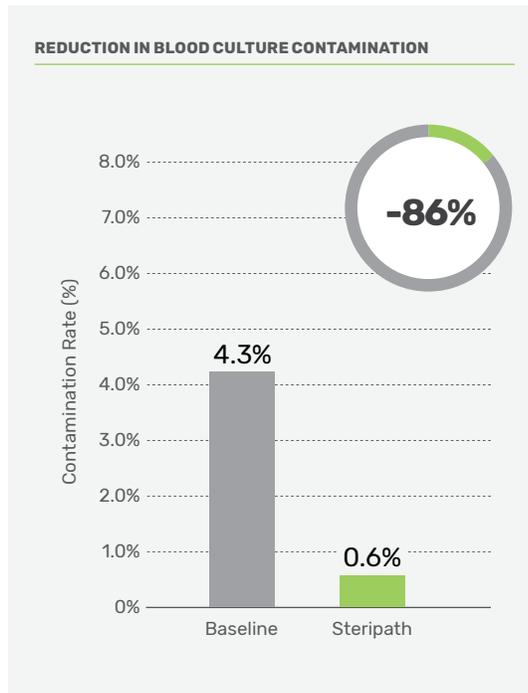
## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>TITLE:</b>	Reducing the Laboratory Cost of False Positive Blood Cultures in the Adult Emergency Department
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>Institute for Healthcare Improvement National Forum</i> (2016)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Lori Gauld, MT, SM, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Adult Emergency Department
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, open label trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	ED nursing personnel were trained on the use of Steripath via venipuncture and peripheral IV starts. Floating nursing personnel were not trained and therefore utilized standard blood collection procedures that served as internal control.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	86% reduction in blood culture contamination using Steripath. Standard procedure: 4.2% rate, Steripath: 0.6% rate.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Steripath was adopted in the adult ED and was expanded to a second, separate adult ED, and the ICU.



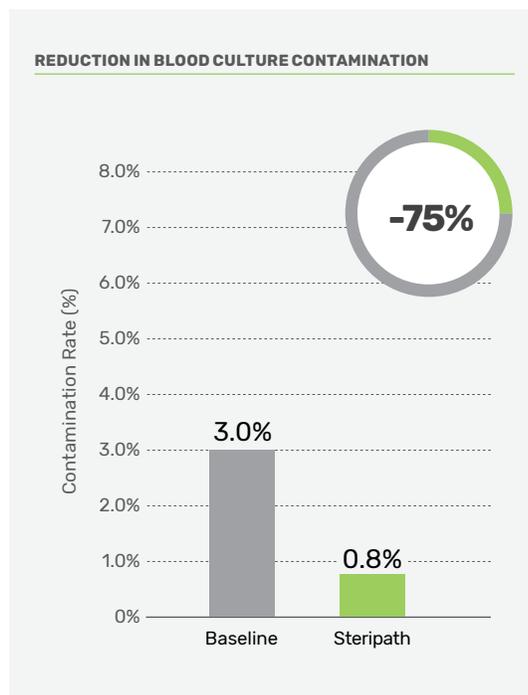
## RUSH UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

<b>TITLE:</b>	Significant Reduction of Blood Culture Contamination in the Emergency Department (ED) Using the Steripath® Blood Diversion Device
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>IDSA IDWeek Conference</i> (2017)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Chawat Tongma, MD, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Emergency Department, Department of Pathology
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, open label trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	3 month pre-post intervention study. Pre-intervention blood cultures were collected using standard aseptic technique by nurses in the ED. During intervention, blood cultures were collected using the Steripath device.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	86% reduction in blood culture contamination using Steripath. Standard procedure: 4.3% contamination rate, Steripath: 0.6% contamination rate.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	The Steripath device represents a simple and effective method for reducing blood culture contamination.



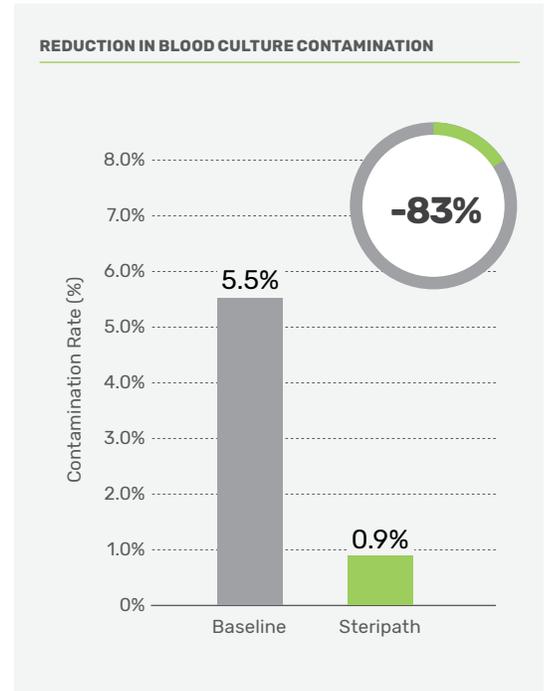
## BEEBE HEALTHCARE

<b>TITLE:</b>	Reduction of Blood Culture Contamination Using Initial Specimen Diversion Device®
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>ASM Microbe Conference</i> (2018)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Jennifer Blakeney, MT(ASCP)SM, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Laboratory, Adult Emergency Department and ICU
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, non-randomized trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	Blood cultures were collected in the Emergency Department over a 4-month period. Patients non-randomized to either standard procedure or Steripath for blood culture collection.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	75% reduction in blood culture contamination using Steripath vs. Standard procedure: 3.0% rate (24/802), Steripath: 0.8% rate (14/1837).
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Hospital-wide adoption of Steripath as the new standard practice.



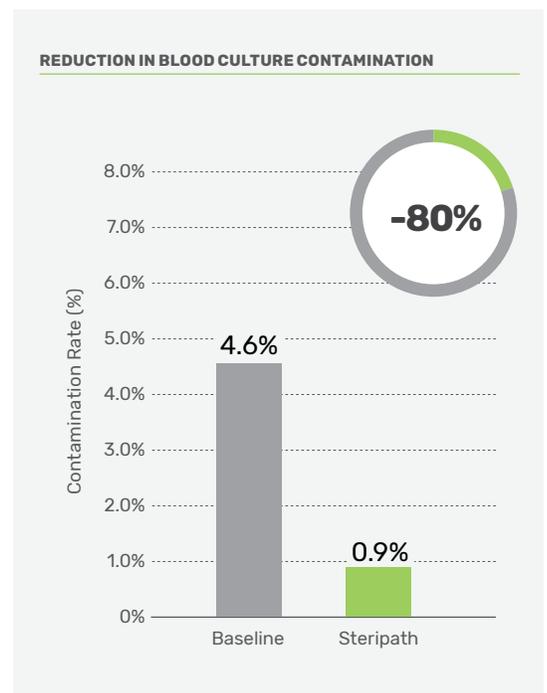
## VA MEDICAL CENTER, HOUSTON

<b>TITLE:</b>	ER Pilot Leads to Hospital-Wide Implementation of Blood Culture Device
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>Emergency Nursing Conference</i> (2018)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Karen Stonecypher, PhD, MSN, RN, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Emergency Department, ER Quality Improvement Committee
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, non-randomized trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	Blood cultures were collected via venipuncture and new peripheral IV lines in the Emergency Department over a 2-month period. Patients non-randomized to either usual care or Steripath for blood culture collection.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	83% reduction in blood culture contamination using Steripath Standard procedure: 5.5% rate (13/237), Steripath: 0.9% rate (3/321)
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Hospital-wide adoption of Steripath as the new standard practice



## MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

<b>TITLE:</b>	Novel Blood Culture Collection Device Reduces False-Positive Blood Cultures, Saves Costs, and Increases Accuracy of Bloodstream Infection Diagnosis
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>Institute for Healthcare Improvement National Forum</i> (2017)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Lisa L Steed, PhD, D(ABMM), et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine, Adult Emergency Department
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, prospective, open label trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	ED nurses were trained on the use of the Steripath ISDD for blood culture collection via venipuncture and peripheral IV starts. Once trained, ED nurses used their judgment when to use ISDD.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	81% reduction in blood culture contamination for 20-months using Steripath. Baseline: 4.6% rate, Steripath: 0.9% rate.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	Steripath ISDD use decreased false-positive blood cultures below 1% in a busy adult ED, well below the national benchmark of 3%. This reduction has been sustained for 20 months.



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## **THE IMPACT:**

ANTIBIOTIC USAGE,  
LENGTH OF STAY &  
COST EFFECTIVENESS

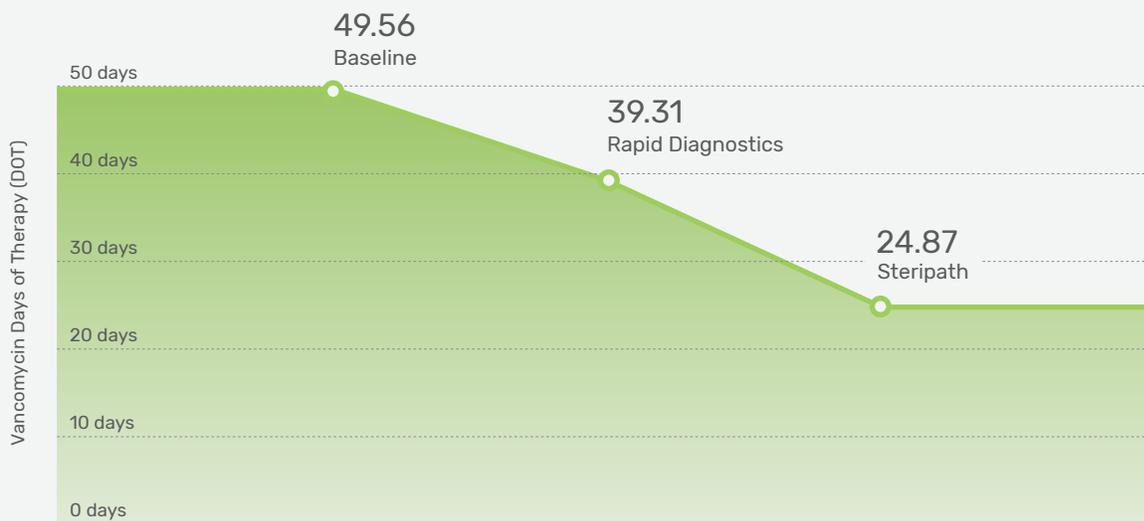
**BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Impact of Blood Culture Diversion Device and Molecular Pathogen Identification on Vancomycin Use
<b>PRESENTED AT:</b>	<i>SHEA Conference</i> (2017)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	David Chang, MD, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Infectious Diseases, Clinical Microbiology, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Single center, retrospective, non-randomized trial
<b>METHOD:</b>	Comparison of vancomycin DOT before and after interventions to reduce pathogen detection time (RDT) and blood culture contamination (Steripath) in ED. Hospital wide vancomycin DOT was collected through EMR.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	Vancomycin DOT per 1,000 patient days decreased 20%, 49.56 to 39.31 (P=0.001) after implementation RDT. Steripath resulted in an incremental decrease in vancomycin DOT by 37%, 39.31 to 24.87 (P=0.007).
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	De-escalation of vancomycin DOT was best achieved through a combination of a molecular detection assay (RDT) and use of Steripath for both venipuncture and new peripheral IV line blood culture draws.

**INCREMENTAL REDUCTION IN VANCOMYCIN DOT:**



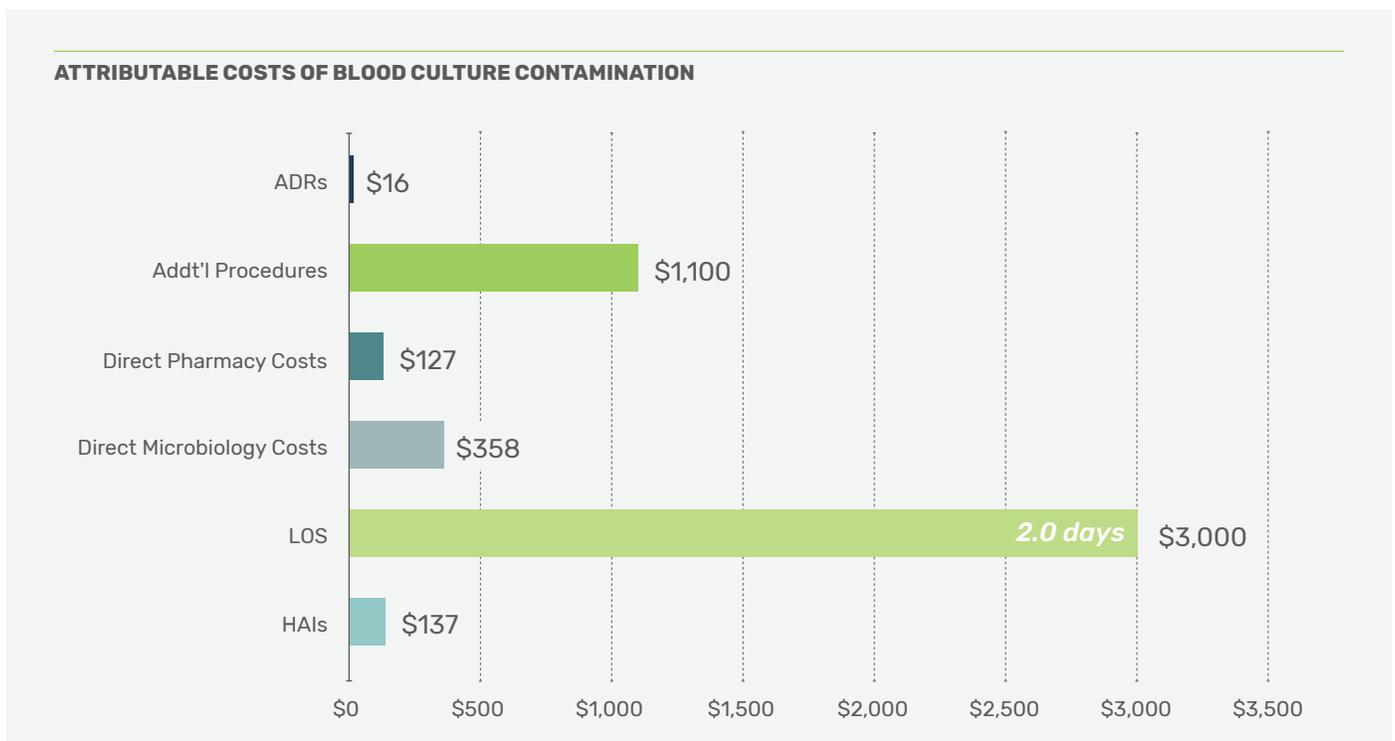
**REDUCTION IN VANCOMYCIN DAYS OF THERAPY (DOT) STUDY**



**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (COLLEGE OF PHARMACY)**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Estimated Clinical and Economic Impact through Use of a Novel Blood Collection Device To Reduce Blood Culture Contamination in the Emergency Department: a Cost-Benefit Analysis
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	<i>Journal of Clinical Microbiology</i> (2019)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	Erik Skoglund, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	Pharmacy Practice and Translational Research, Pharmaceutical Health Outcomes and Policy, College of Pharmacy
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Decision tree analysis model
<b>METHOD:</b>	Decision tree health care economic model to assess the cost benefit of routine use of Steripath ISDD in a health system ED and to evaluate the downstream clinical and economic impacts of routine ISDD.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	Total costs of \$4,739 per contamination event with a length of stay increase of 2.0 days. Estimated costs savings of \$79-\$367 per blood culture after adoption of Steripath.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	These findings support the routine use of the Steripath ISDD for the collection of blood cultures in the ED as a cost-beneficial strategy to reduce the clinical and economic effect of blood culture contamination.

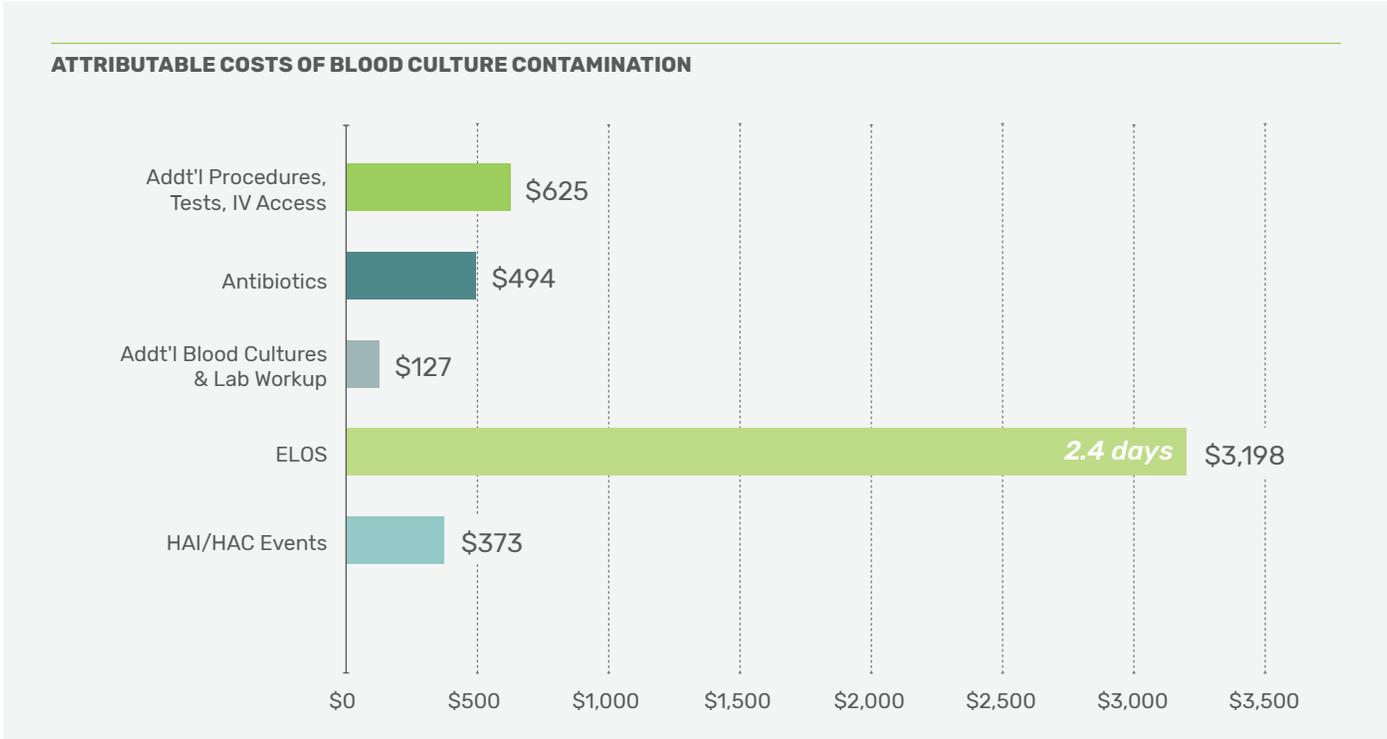
**TOTAL ATTRIBUTABLE COSTS PER CONTAMINATION EVENT:**



**MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL, HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, WING TECH INC**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Model to Evaluate the Impact of Hospital-Based Interventions Targeting False-Positive Blood Cultures on Economic and Clinical Outcomes
<b>PUBLICATION:</b>	<i>Journal of Hospital Infection</i> (2019)
<b>AUTHORS:</b>	B.P. Geisler, et al.
<b>AFFILIATIONS:</b>	General Medicine and Infectious Diseases, Mass General Infectious Diseases, Harvard Medical School
<b>DESIGN:</b>	Retrospective matched survival analysis
<b>METHOD:</b>	Based on hospitalized patients with septicemia-compatible symptoms. BCC costs, HACs and potential savings were calculated based on the primary LOS data, a modified Delphi process and published sources.
<b>RESULTS:</b>	Total costs of \$4,817 per contamination event with a length of stay increase of 2.4 days. Estimated costs savings of \$186 per blood culture after adoption of Steripath.
<b>SUMMARY:</b>	The use of Steripath ISDD is the single most effective intervention so far explored for reducing costs related to false-positive blood cultures, saving the typical 250- to 400-bed hospital \$1.9M or \$186 per blood culture, and preventing 34 HACs (including three <i>C. difficile</i> cases)

TOTAL ATTRIBUTABLE COSTS PER CONTAMINATION EVENT





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