



**CIRCLE  
OF EXCELLENCE 2024**



**Jenita Gutierrez**  
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Jenita Gutierrez is an associate director at Cedars-Sinai in California. An advocate for patient-centered care, she championed the creation of a family meeting room in the Neuroscience Intensive Care

Unit that received the 2023 Family-Centered Care Award from the Society of Critical Care Medicine. This private, beautifully decorated space offers families a place to seek respite from the intensity of the care environment and a place to reflect and make challenging care decisions. Jenita's innovative algorithms, such as the Foley catheter assessment and Intermittent Catheter Program Algorithm, promote evidence-based practices for catheter care. Her innovative efforts have led to the following results: Twenty-three cases of CAUTI in 2014; zero to date for 2023. Four cases of CLABSI in 2016; one to date in 2023. Four cases of VAE in 2016; zero to date in 2023. Zero reportable HAPIs since 2020.