ABBREVIATIONS

ACB- Acinetobacter baumannii
ACCP-American College of Chest Physicians
ADHF- Acute decompensated heart failure
AHRQ-Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AICU-Acute intensive care unit
APACHE-Acute physiologic assessment and Chronic Health Evaluation
ARDS-Acute respiratory distress syndrome
ARF-Acute Renal Failure
BAL- Bronchoalveolar lavage
BT- Body temperature
CCU-Cardiac care unit
CDC- Centre for Disease Control
CHG-Chlorhexidine gluconate
CHX-Chlorhexidine
CI- Confidence interval
CIPP- Context, input, process and product
CLSI-The Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute
COPD-Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPAP- Continuous positive airway pressure
CPIS- Clinical pulmonary infection score
CRBSI-Catheter-related blood stream infection
CVTS- Cardiovascular and thoracic surgery
DA-HAI-Device associated Hospital Acquired Infection
DAI- Device-associated infection
DSI- Daily sedation Interruption
DU- Device utilization
DVT- Deep vein thrombosis
EBG- Evidence based guidelines
ESBL- Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase producing bacteria
ET- endotracheal tube
ETA- Endotracheal aspirate
ETT- endotracheal tube
GCS- Glasgow Coma Scale
GI-gastrointestinal
GICU-General Intensive care unit
GNM-General nursing and midwifery
GRADE- Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation
HAI- healthcare associated infections
HAP- Hospital Acquired Pneumonia
HCW- Health care workers
HIT- Heparin induced thrombocytopenia
HOB- Head-of-bed
HOBE- Head-of-bed elevation
H2RA- Histamine-2 receptor antagonists
ICU-Intensive care unit
INICC- International Nosocomial Infection Control Consortium
IPC- Intermittent pneumatic compression
IVC- Inferior vena cava
LDUH-Low-dose Unfractionated Heparin
LMWH-Low molecular weight Heparin
LOS- length of stay
MD-Doctor of Medicine
MGMIHS-Mahatma Gandhi Mission’s Institute of Health Sciences.
MICU- Medical intensive care unit
MRSA- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*
MSSA- Methicillin-sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus*
MV- Mechanically ventilated
NABH—National Accreditation Board for Hospitals and health care providers
NG-Nasogastric tube
NHSN- National Healthcare Safety Network
NICU-Neonatal Intensive care unit
NIPPV-Non-Invasive positive pressure ventilation
NIV- Non-invasive ventilation
NS- Non significant
PCU-Progressive care unit
PICU-Paediatric intensive care unit
PRO- VAP prevention protocol
PS- Pressure support
PUD-Peptic ulcer disease
RCT-Randomised controlled trial
SAH-Sub arachnoid haemorrhage
SBT- Spontaneous breathing trials
SDD- Subglottic secretions drainage
SICU-Surgical Intensive care unit
SPSS- Statistical Package for Social Sciences
SSD-Subglottic secretions drainage
SSI- Surgical site infection
SUP- Stress ulcer prophylaxis
SV- Sedation vacation
UK- United Kingdom
US- United States of America
VAC- Ventilator-associated complication
VAE- Ventilator-Associated Events
VAP- Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
VTE- Venous thromboembolism
WCC-White cell count
WHO-World health organization