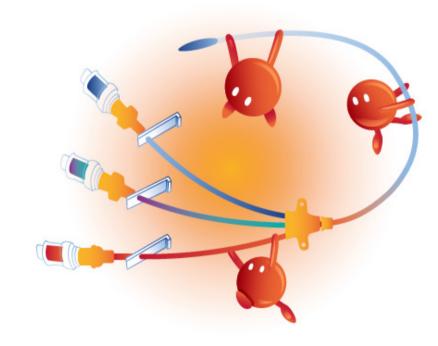




venzione delle infezioni ociate a catetere vascolare bambino e nel neonato

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# L'ACCESSO VENOSO CENTRALE NEL NEONATO E NEL BAMBINO

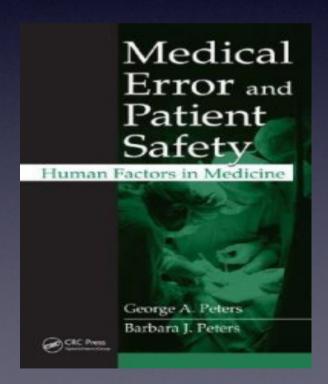














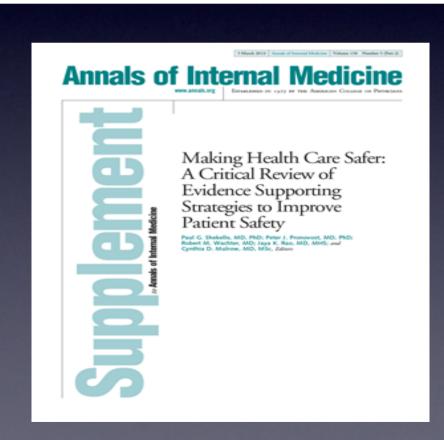


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# Supplement

# The Top Patient Safety Strategies That Can Be Encouraged for Adoption Now

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# Table 2. Patient Safety Strategies Ready for Adoption Now

# Strongly encouraged

Preoperative checklists and anesthesia checklists to prevent operative and postoperative events

Bundles that include checklists to prevent central line-associated bloodstream infections

Interventions to reduce urinary catheter use, including catheter reminders, stop orders, or nurse-initiated removal protocols

Bundles that include head-of-bed elevation, sedation vacations, oral care with chlorhexidine, and subglottic suctioning endotracheal tubes to prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia

Hand hygiene

The do-not-use list for hazardous abbreviations

Multicomponent interventions to reduce pressure ulcers

Barrier precautions to prevent health care-associated infections

Use of real-time ultrasonography for central line placement

Interventions to improve prophylaxis for venous thromboembolisms

# Encouraged

Multicomponent interventions to reduce falls

Use of clinical pharmacists to reduce adverse drug events

Documentation of patient preferences for life-sustaining treatment

Obtaining informed consent to improve patients' understanding of the potential risks of procedures

Team training

Medication reconciliation

Practices to reduce radiation exposure from fluoroscopy and CT

The use of surgical outcome measurements and report cards, such as those from ACS NSQIP

Rapid-response systems

Use of complementary methods for detecting adverse events or medical errors to monitor for patient safety problems

Computerized provider order entry

Use of simulation exercises in patient safety efforts





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# Proactive Vascular Planning

Kokotis, JIN 2005

# Accesso venoso periferico

pH 5-9 farmaci con osmolarità <600 farmaci non vescicanti farmaci non irritanti



# Agocannula

vene superficiali del braccio disponibili accesso periferico < 1 settimana uso esclusivamente intraospedaliero

# Cannula periferica lunga

vene superficiali del braccio non disponibi accesso periferico > 1 settimana

# Catetere Midline

accesso periferico > 3 settimane accesso periferico ad uso extraospedalier

## Accesso venoso centrale

pH >9 o <5 farmaci con osmolarità >600 farmaci vescicanti farmaci irritanti nutrizione parenterale con osmolarità >800 necessità di prelievi ripetuti e frequenti necessità di monitoraggio emodinamico

### **USO INTRA-OSPEDALIERO**



# tetere ad inserzione periferica PICC

e profonde del braccio disponibili anto in elezione

### tetere ad inserzione centrale CICC

e profonde del braccio non disponibili erzione in condizioni di urgenza essità di catetere 'medicato' essità di > 3 lumi

### tetere ad inserzione femorale

tunnellizzato ituazioni di emergenza nellizzato

senza di ostruzione vena cava superiore

### USO EXTRA-OSPEDALIERO

Day Hospital, Domicilio, Hospice



### ACCESSI A MEDIO TERMINE (< 4 MESI)

### PICC

- vene profonde del braccio disponibili

### CICC tunnellizzato

vene profonde del braccio non disponibili

### ACCESSI A LUNGO TERMINE (> 4 MESI)

uso episodico: < 1/settimana:

Port

uso frequente: > 1/settimana:

Catetere Cuffiato Tunnellizzato CCT

ad inserzione periferica/centrale/femorale

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- Agocannule periferiche
- Cateteri arteriosi per monitoraggio emodinamico
- CVC non cuffiati e non tunnellizzati
  - **CVC** multilume
  - Cateteri di Swan-Ganz
  - Cateteri per emodialisi non tunnellizzati a doppio lume









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700.000



20.000.000

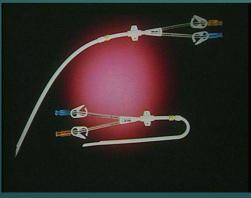
- CVC con cuffia e tunnellizzati (100.000)
  - CVC tipo Hickman/Broviac/Groshong
  - Cateteri per emodialisi tunnellizzati
- Port sottocutanei (200.000)
- In Italia circa 30.000 cumulativamente





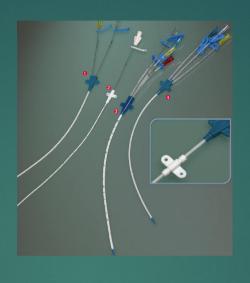






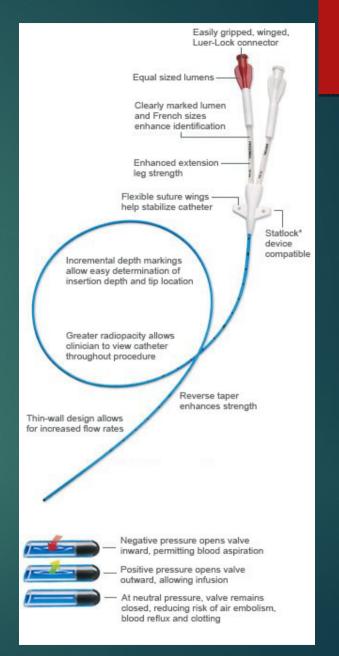










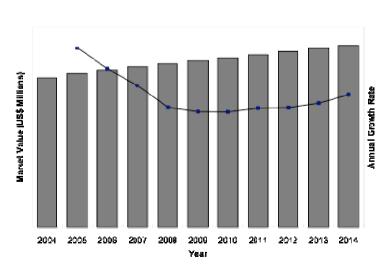


# Mercato dei PICC in USA

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Chart 1-7: Peripherally Inserted Central Line Catheter Market, U.S., 2004-2014

Chart 1-5: Central Venous Catheter Market, U.S., 2004-2014



Market Value (US\$ Millims)

2009

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2010

2011 2012 2013 2014

Annual Growth Rate

Source: Cata Research Inc.

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2005 2006

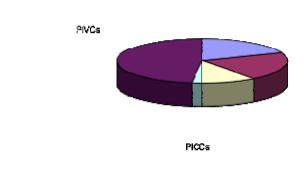
2007

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# Mercato dei PICC in Europa

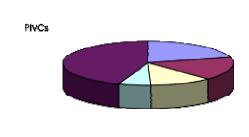
Chart 1-2 and Chart 1-3 illustrate the relative values of the segments in 2007 and 2014

Chart 1-2: Vascular Access Device Market by Segment, Europe, 2007



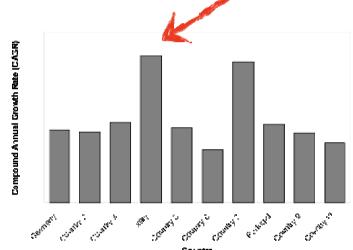
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Chart 1-3: Vascular Access Device Market by Segment, Europe, 2014



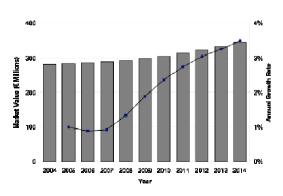
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Chart 1-4: CAGR for the Vascular Access Device Markov by Country, 2007



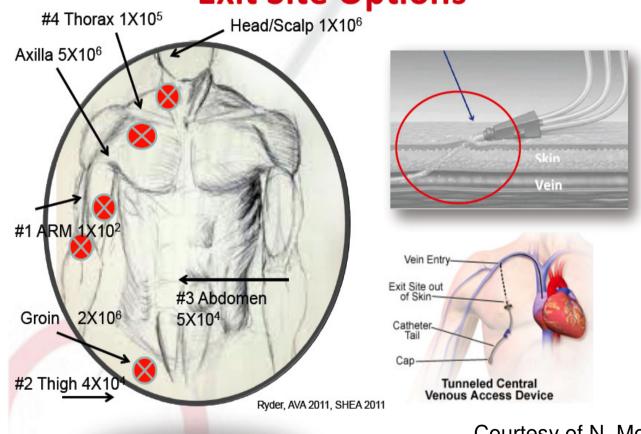
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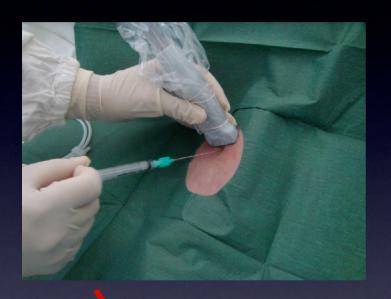
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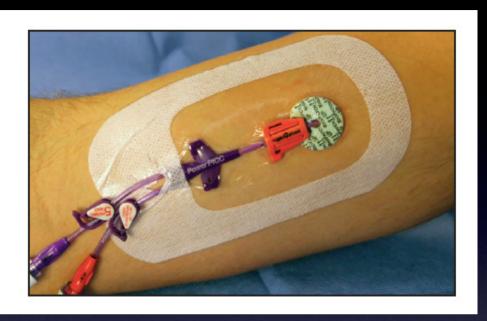


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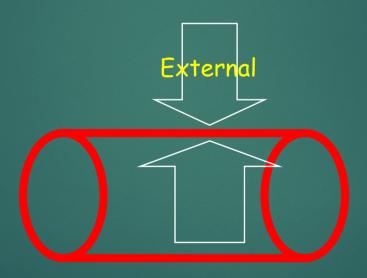






# Colonizzazione

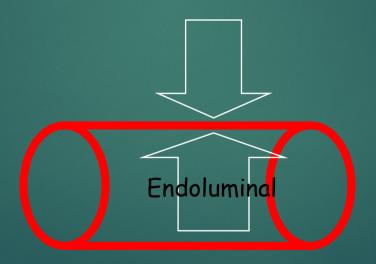
- La colonizzazione di un dispositivo intravascolare può avvenire per via EXTRALUMINALE:
  - Microrganismi dalla cute circostante
  - Colonizzazione per via ematogena



Eggimann, 2007; Byrnes, 2007; Raad, 2007

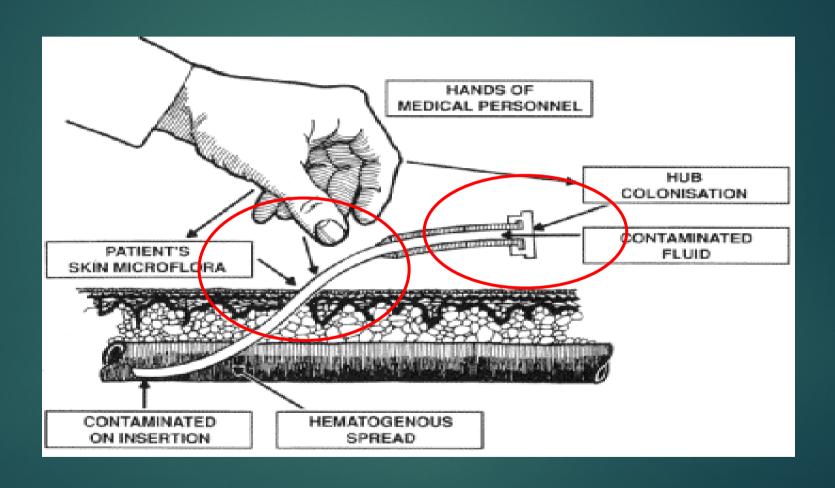
# Colonizzazione

- La colonizzazione di un dispositivo intravascolare può avvenire per via INTRALUMINALE:
  - Contaminazione dai raccordi (rubinetti, rampe) delle vie di infusione
  - Somministrazione di infusioni contaminate



Eggimann, 2007; Byrnes, 2007; Raad, 2007

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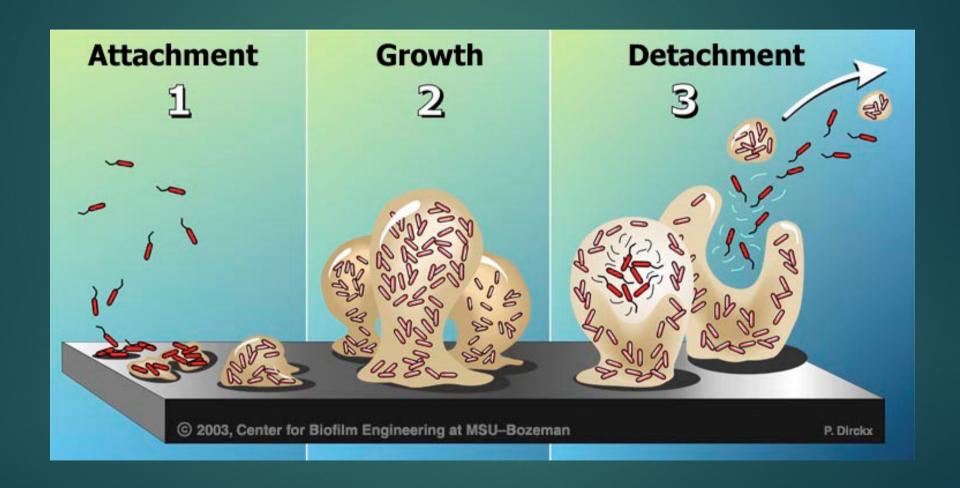
# Due vie principali:

- ▶ 'SKIN' = microorganismi dalla cute circostante
- 'HUB' = contaminazione dai raccordi (rubinetti, rampe) delle vie di infusione

# ACCESSO PER INFUSIONE (1)

- Disinfettare con tamponi sterili imbevuti di betadine (fig.1a)
- Localizzare e fissare il port con le prime tre dita della mano non dominante (fig.1b)
- Inserire, attraverso la cute, l'ago 'non-coring' mediante aspirazione di sangue (fig.1c)

# Formazione del Biofilm



# Biofilm

- ► Le caratteristiche fondamentali delle infezioni correlate alla presenza di un biofilm sono:
- Resistenza agli antibiotici
- Resistenza alle cellule del sistema immunitario
- Alcune infezioni croniche si presentano con cicliche esacerbazioni e remissioni proprio perché rifornite da un biofilm.

Table 2 Organisms isolated from catheter tip samples

EU countries $(n = 132)$		Non-EU countries ( $n = 36$ )			
Organism	No. (%)	Organism	No. (%)		
CNS	68 (51.5%)	CNS	14 (40%)		
Candida spp	12 (9.1)	S aureus <sup>a</sup>	12 (34.3)		
S aureus <sup>a</sup>	8 (6.1)	Acinetobacter spp	2 (5.7)		
Pseudomonas spp	7 (5.3)	Corynebacterium spp	2 (5.7)		
Enterobacter spp	6 (4.5)	Enterococcus spp	2 (5.7)		
Enterococcus spp	6 (4.5)	Enterobacter spp	1 (2.9)		
Acinetobacter spp	5 (3.8)	Klebsiella spp	1 (2.9)		
Klebsiella spp	5 (3.8)	Pseudomonas spp	1 (2.9)		
Proteus spp	4 (3)	Others	1 (2.9)		
Escherichia coli	3 (2.3)				
Corynebacterium spp	2 (1.5)				
Others	6 (4.5)				

Abbreviations: CNS, coagulase-negative staphylococci; EU, European Union.

Data from Munoz P, Bouza E, San Juan R, et al. Clinical-epidemiological characteristics and outcome of patients with catheter-related bloodstream infections in Europe (ESGNI-006 Study). Clin Microbiol Infect. 2004;10(9):843–5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> P < .0001.

# IMPACT OF 500,000 CVC-RELATED BSIs / YEAR IN U.S. HEALTHCARE CENTERS

# Prolongation of hospitalization, 11 - 23 days

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# Cost to healthcare system, \$33,000-\$35,000/episode

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# Attributable mortality, 12-25%

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REVIEW

Epidemiology, medical outcomes and costs of catheter-related bloodstream infections in intensive care units of four European countries: literature- and registry-based estimates

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### Catheter-related bloodstream infections in ICUs

Table I Key results for the four European countries

	France	Germany	Italy	UK
Total population 2005 <sup>a</sup> (millions)	60.2	82.5	57.5	59.8
No. of implanted central venous and arterial catheters in ICUs	1000000	1 750 000	490 000	210 000
Incidence rate of CRBSIs (per 1000 catheter days)	1.23	1.5	2.0	4.2
No. of CRBSIs per year	14 400	8400	8500	8940
Estimate of mortality related to CRBSI	1580	1000-1300	1500	NA
Additional LOS per CRBSI episode (in days)	9.5–14	4.8-7.2 (modelled)	12.7	1.9-4.0 (modelled)
No. of ICU days due to CRBSIs per year	136 700-201 475	40000-60000	109 220	15960-33600
Additional cost per CRBSI episode	€7,730–€11,380	€4,200	€13,030	£2,949-£6,209 (€4,392-€9,251
Annual costs related to CRBSIs (€ million) for the healthcare systems	100.0-130.0	59.6-78.1	81.6	£19.1-£36.2 (€28.5-€53.9)

ICU, intensive care unit; CRBSI, catheter-related bloodstream infections; LOS, length of stay.

a Data from Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).





# The Risk of Bloodstream Infection in Adults With Different Intravascular Devices: A Systematic Review of 200 Published Prospective Studies

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Mayo Clin Proc. September 2006; 81 (9): 1159-1171

TABLE 3. Rates of Intravascular Device-Related Bloodstream Infection Caused by Various Types of Devices Used for Vascular Access\*

	No. of studies			No. of BSIs	Rates of IVD-related bloodstream infection			
			No. of IVD (d)		Per 100 devices		Per 1000 IVD-days	
Device		No. of catheters			Pooled mean	95% CI	Pooled mean	95% CI
Peripheral IV catheters								
Plastic catheters	110	10,910	28,720	13	0.1	0.1-0.2	0.5	0.2-0.7
Steel needles	1	148	350	3	2.0	0.0-4.3	8.6	0.0-18.2
Venous cutdown	1	27	111	1	3.7	0.0-10.8	9.0	0.0-26.6
Midline catheters	3	514	9251	2	0.4	0.0-0.9	0.2	0.0-0.5
Arterial catheters for								
hemodynamic monitoring	14	4366	21,397	37	0.8	0.6-1.1	1.7	1.2-2.3
Peripherally inserted								
central catheters								
Inpatient and outpatient	15	3566	105,839	112	3.1	2.6-3.7	1.1	0.9-1.3
Inpatient	6	625	7137	15	2.4	1.2-3.6	2.1	1.0-3.2
Outpatient	9	2813	98,702	97	3.5	2.8-4.1	1.0	0.8-1.2
Short-term noncutted								
central venous catheters								
Nonmedicated								
Nontunneled	79	20,226	322,283	883	4.4	4.1-4.6	2.7	2.6-2.9
Tunneled	9	741	20,065	35	4.7	3.2-6.2	1.7	1.2-2.3
Medicated								
Chlorhexidine-silver-								
sulfadiazine	18	3367	54,054	89	2.6	2.1-3.2	1.6	1.3-2.0
Minocycline-rifampin	3	690	5797	7	1.0	0.3-1.8	1.2	0.3-2.1
Silver impregnated	2	154	1689	8	- 5.2	1.7-8.7	4.7	1.5-8.0
Silver iontophoretic	2	396	4796	16	4.0	2.1-6.0	3.3	1.7-5.0
Benzalkonium chloride	1	277	2493	12	4.3	1.9-6.7	4.8	2.1-7.5
Pulmonary artery catheters	13	2057	8143	30	1.5	0.9-2.0	3.7	2.4-5.0
Hemodialysis catheters								
Temporary, noncuffed	16	3066	51,840	246	8.0	7.0-9.0	4.8	4.2-5.3
Long-term, cuffed and		3000	21,0.0					
tunneled	16	2806	373,563	596	21.2	19.7-22.8	1.6	1.5-1.7
Cuffed and tunneled	10	2000	313,000	0,0		.,,		210 217
central venous catheters	29	4512	622,535	1013	22.5	21.2-23.7	1.6	1.5-1.7
Subcutaneous venous ports		7712	022,000	1010	22.00			
Central	14	3007	983,480	81	3.6	2.9-4.3	0.1	0.0-0.1
Peripheral	3	579	162,203	23	4.0	2.4-5.6	0.1	0.1-0.2
Intra-aortic balloon pumps	1	101	414	3	3.0	0.0-6.3	7.3	0.0-15.4
Left ventricular assist devices	3	157	19,653	41	26.1	19.2-33.0	2.1	1.5-2.7
Left ventilicular assist devices	3	157	13,000	71	20.1	17.4-33.0	4.1	1.3-2.1

<sup>\*</sup>BSI = bloodstream infection; CI = confidence interval; IV = intravenous; IVD = intravascular device.

# Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter–Related Infections

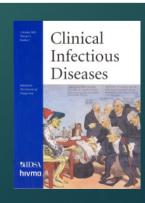
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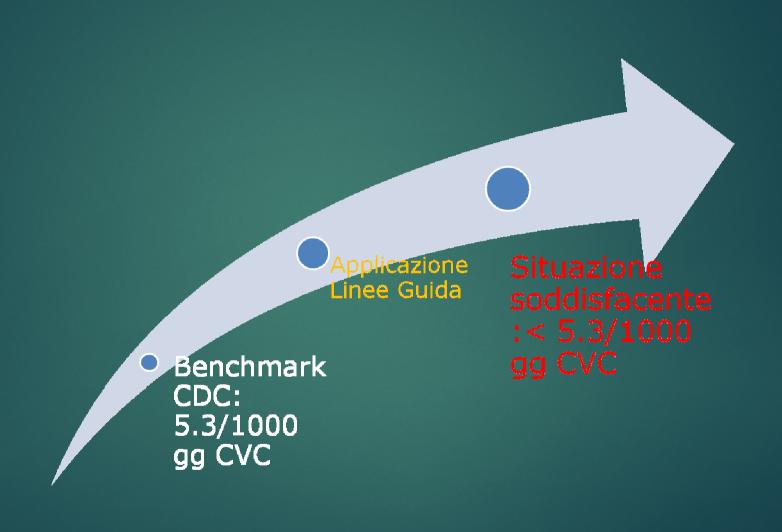
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Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections, 2011

The goal of an effective prevention program should be the elimination of CRBSI from all patient-care areas. Although this is challenging, programs have demonstrated success, but sustained elimination requires continued effort. The goal of the measures discussed in this document is to reduce the rate to as low as feasible given the specific patient population being served, the universal presence of microorganisms in the human environment, and the limitations of current strategies and technologies.



For HAIs, it is widely demonstrated that all are preventable, but some are partly preventable and some others (CLABSI), on the contrary, are completely preventable and avoidable.

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# The United States approach to strategies in the battle against healthcare-associated infections, 2006: transitioning from benchmarking to zero tolerance and clinician accountability<sup>1</sup>

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KEYWORDS Nosocomial infections; Healthcareassociated infections; Infection control; Prevention Summary Approximately 2,000,000 healthcare-associated infections (RAIs) annually occur in US healthcare facilities and lead to approximately 60,000 90,000 deaths and cost \$17.29 billion dollars. Such TMs are ar equal, if not more common problem, worklyide, Many evidence-based HAI prevention guidelines exist. However, despite knowing what to do, the challenge remains of getting clinicians to comply with these recommendations. In the USA, a variety of forces, including the public and legislators, are demanding HAI prevention. This is illustrated by the Consume's Union's effort to get legislation in every state for public HAI rate reporting. In addition, a number of profit making and non-profit. making organizations have initiated major HAI prevention interventions. Alleast three common themes for these interventions exist. First, no single intervention prevents any HAI; rather a "bundle" approach, using a package of multiple interventions based on evidence provided by the infection control community and implemented by a multidisciplinary team is the model for successful HAI prevention. Second, benchmarking is inadequate and a culture of zero telerance is required. Third, a culture of accountability and administrative support is required. Such interventions have flustrated that much areater levels of HAI prevention can be accomplished than ever estimated in the past. Implementation of evidence-based HAI prevention interventions should be a high priority for all healthcare facilities to reduce preventable HAIs to the greatest extent possible.

# APIC - Targeting Zero



According to IHI's experiences and Campaigns, the best tool to Target Zero Infections is the "Bundle"

### What is a "bundle"?

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IHI developed the concept of "bundles" to help health care providers more reliably deliver the best possible care for patients undergoing particular treatments with inherent risks. A bundle is a structured way of improving the processes of care and patient outcomes: a small, straightforward set of practices — generally three to five — that, when performed collectively and reliably, have been proven to improve patient outcomes.

### Linee Guida di Riferimento per la prevenzione delle CRBSI

- CDC Atlanta 2002 (Centers for Disease Control, USA)
- RCN 2005 (Royal College of Nurses, UK)
- INS 2006 (Infusion Nursing Society, USA)
- BCSH 2006 (British Committe for Standards in Hematology, UK)
- ► EPIC 2007 (Evidence -Based Practice in Infection Control, UK)
- ► SHEA/IDSA 2008
- **ESPEN 2009**
- ► RCN 2010
- ▶ INS 2011
- ► CDC 2011
- ► EPIC 3 2014
- ► SHEA 2014
- ▶ INS 2016
- ► RCN 2016









epic 2: National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections in NHS Hospitals in England

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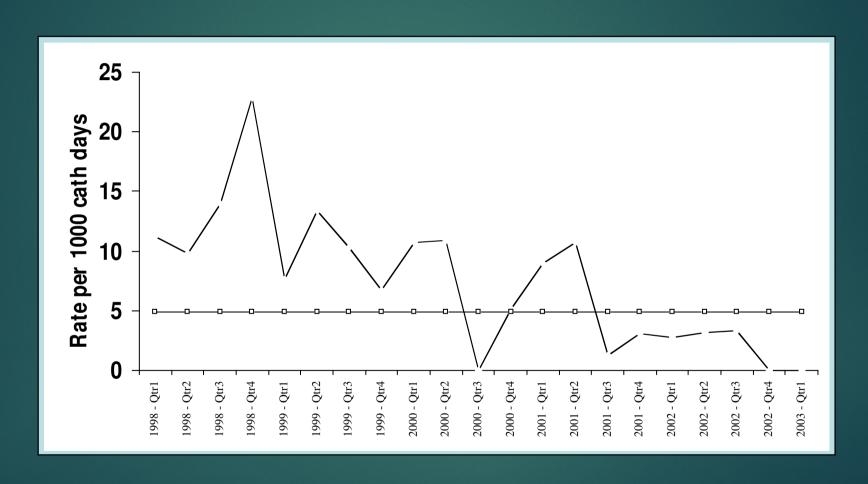
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DISINFECTION OF CATHETER HUBS, CONNECTORS AND INJECTION PORTS

### Central Line Bundle

- Hand Hygiene
- Maximal Barrier Precautions Upon Insertion
- Chlorhexidine Skin Antisepsis
- Optimal Catheter Site Selection, with Subclavian Vein as the Preferred Site for Non-Tunneled Catheters
- Daily Review of Line Necessity with Prompt Removal of Unnecessary Lines

### But, Does It Work?



Rate of CRBSI fell from 11.3 to 0/1000 catheter days

Prevented annually (estimated)
43 CRBSI

8 deaths559 ICU days

Estimated savings to hospital: \$ 1.824.447



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### An Intervention to Decrease Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections in the ICU

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ON THE CUSP: STOP BSI
CENTRAL LINE-ASSOCIATED BLOOD STREAM INFECTION
TOOLKIT

#### How to Use This Toolkit

The purpose of this toolkit is to support your efforts to implement evidence-based practices and eliminate Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections (CLABSIs) in your clinical area. The strategies in this toolkit have nearly eliminated CLABSIs in participating Michigan ICUs (Appendix A). These strategies have been adopted by over 100 ICUs in large and small, academic and community hospitals that we have worked with to date. Most of these ICUs have demonstrated a significant reduction in their CLABSI rates and many have not had a CLABSI in >6 months.

Nevertheless, your leadership is needed to achieve these results in your clinical area. Most of your efforts will be working with staff that insert and assist with the insertion of central lines. We developed a model to help disseminate this, and other, interventions. This model includes 4 stages that answer the following questions:

- 1. **Engage**: How will this make the world a better place?
- 2. Educate: How will we do this?
- Execute: What do I need to do?
- 4. Evaluate: How will we know we made a difference?

This toolkit provides details of what you should do in each of these stages. In the appendices, we provide all the tools you will need to eliminate CLABSIs in your clinical area; the rest is up to you.

# Checklist for Prevention of Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections

Based on 2011 CDC guideline for prevention of intravascular catheter-associated bloodstream infections: <a href="http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/quidelines/bsi-quidelines-2011.pdf">http://www.cdc.gov/hicpac/pdf/quidelines/bsi-quidelines-2011.pdf</a>

### For Clinicians:

Prompt	ly remove	unnecessary	/ central	lines
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	Perform	daily	audits to	assess w	nether	each	central	line is	still	need	ed
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#### Follow proper insertion practices

Perform hand hygiene before insertion
Adhere to aseptic technique
Use maximal sterile barrier precautions (i.e., mask, cap, gown, sterile gloves, and sterile full-body drape)
Perform skin antisepsis with >0.5% chlorhexidine with alcohol
Choose the best site to minimize infections and mechanical complications
o Avoid femoral site in adult patients
Cover the site with sterile gauze or sterile, transparent, semipermeable dressings

#### Handle and maintain central lines appropriately

Comply with hand hygiene requirements
Scrub the access port or hub immediately prior to each use with an appropriate antiseptic (e.g., chlorhexidine, povidone
iodine, an iodophor, or 70% alcohol)
Access catheters only with sterile devices
Replace dressings that are wet, soiled, or dislodged
Perform dressing changes under aseptic technique using clean or sterile gloves

### For Facilities:

- Empower staff to stop non-emergent insertion if proper procedures are not followed
- ☐ "Bundle" supplies (e.g., in a kit) to ensure items are readily available for use
- ☐ Provide the checklist above to clinicians, to ensure all insertion practices are followed
- ☐ Ensure efficient access to hand hygiene
- ☐ Monitor and provide prompt feedback for adherence to hand hygiene http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/Measurement.html
- ☐ Provide recurring education sessions on central line insertion, handling and maintenance

#### Supplemental strategies for consideration:

- 2% Chlorhexidine bathing
- Antimicrobial/Antiseptic-impregnated catheters
- Chlorhexidine-impregnated dressings

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### **BUNDLE 2017**

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- ▶ IGIENE DELLE MANI CON GEL IDROALCOLICO PRIMA DELL'IMPIANTO E PRIMA E DOPO OGNI MANOVRA SUL CVC E IMPIEGO DI KIT DI INSERIMENTO CONTENENTI ANCHE LE MASSIME PRECAUZIONI DI BARRIERA
- SCELTA CORRETTA DEL SITO DI INSERZIONE, UTILIZZANDO I PICC COME CATETERI DI SCELTA
- ► IMPIANTO ECOGUIDATO, OVUNQUE POSSIBILE, SIA PER I CATETERI A INSERZIONE CENTRALE CHE PER I CATETERI A INSERZIONE PERIFERICA
- UTILIZZO DI CLOREXIDINA AL 2% IN APPLICATORI MONODOSE STERILI PER L'ANTISEPSI CUTANEA AL MOMENTO DELL'IMPIANTO E PER LA GESTIONE DELL'EXIT SITE AL CAMBIO DI MEDICAZIONE
- UTILIZZO DI DISPOSITIVI À RILASCIO CONTINUO DI CLOREXIDINA PER LA PROTEZIONE DELL'EXIT SITE
- ▶ IMPIEGO DI "SUTURELESS DEVICES" PER IL FISSAGGIO DEL CATETERE
- ► IMPIEGO DI MEDICAZIONI SEMIPERMEABILI TRASPARENTI, OVUNQUE POSSIBILE

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- UTILIZZO DI CIANOACRILATO STERILE PER LA PROTEZIONE DELL'EXIT SITE AL MOMENTO DELL'IMPIANTO
- ► DISINFEZIONE DEI PUNTI DI ACCESSO (HUB O NEEDLEFREE CONNECTORS DI UN CVC MEDIANTE SCRUBBING CON SOLUZIONI ALCOLICHE (PREFERIBILMENTE CLOREXIDINA 2% IN SOLUZIONE ALCOLICA) OPPURE DISINFEZIONE PASSIVA DEI NFC MEDIANTE PORT PROTECTORS.
- ▶ UTILIZZO DI SIRINGHE PRERIEMPITE STERILI PER IL FLUSH E IL LOCK DEI CVC
- UTILIZZO DI UN CARRELLO DEDICATO PER L'IMPIANTO
- UTILIZZO DI CHECKLIST PER LA VERIFICA DELLA CORRETTA APPLICAZIONE DEL BUNDLE
- RIMOZIONE IMMEDIATA DEL CATETERE VENOSO CENTRALE NON PIÙ INDISPENSABILE







# Targeting zero CLABSI in patients with PICC lines: a case-control study

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**AVA 2011** 

### Patients and Methods

- Setting: Clinic of Infectious Diseases, Catholic
  - University, Rome
- Study: Case-Control (1:3)
- Duration: 12 months



	CASES	CONTROLS	Р
	(Infectious	(Other wards)	
	Diseases)		
CLABSI	0	14	< 0.001
CLABSI/1000 catheter days	0	2.66	< 0.001
Diagnosis - DTP - Blood culture + tip culture		10 4	
Median time for CLABSI onset	NA	21+12	
Etiology of CLABSI - Candida albicans - Candida parapsilosis - CONS - S. aureus - E. coli - K. pneumoniae	NA	3 2 3 1 3 2	
CLABSI related deaths	0	0	NS



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# Clinical experience with power-injectable PICCs in intensive care patients

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See related Letter by Zampieri,

http://ccforum.com/content/16/2/425

#### Abstract

**Introduction:** In the ICU, peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) may be an alternative option to standard central venous catheters, particularly in patients with coagulation disorders or at high risk for infection. Some limits of PICCs (such as low flow rates) may be overcome with the use of power-injectable catheters.

**Methods:** We retrospectively reviewed all of the power-injectable PICCs inserted in adult and pediatric patients in the ICU during a 12-month period, focusing on the rate of complications at insertion and during maintenance.

**Results:** We collected 89 power-injectable PICCs (in adults and in children), both multiple and single lumen. All insertions were successful. There were no major complications at insertion and no episodes of catheter-related bloodstream infection. Non-infective complications during management were not dinically significant. There was one episode of symptomatic thrombosis during the stay in the ICU and one episode after transfer of a patient to a non-intensive ward.

**Conclusion:** Power-injectable PICCs have many advantages in the ICU: they can be used as multipurpose central lines for any type of infusion including high-flow infusion, for hemodynamic monitoring, and for high-pressure injection of contrast media during radiological procedures. Their insertion is successful in 100% of cases and is not associated with significant risks, even in patients with coagulation disorders. Their maintenance is associated with an extremely low rate of infective and non-infective complications.

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### Targeting zero catheter-related bloodstream infections in pediatric intensive care unit: a retrospective matched case-control study.

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**INTRODUCTION:** The aim of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness and safety of a new three-component 'bundle' for insertion and management of centrally inserted central catheters (CICCs), designed to minimize catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSIs) in critically ill children.

**METHODS:** Our 'bundle' has three components: insertion, management, and education. Insertion and management recommendations include: skin antisepsis with 2% chlorhexidine; maximal barrier precautions; ultrasound-guided venipuncture; tunneling of the catheter when a long indwelling time is expected; glue on the exit site; sutureless securement; use of transparent dressing; chlorhexidine sponge dressing on the 7th day; neutral displacement needle-free connectors. All CICCs were inserted by appropriately trained physicians proficient in a standardized simulation training program.

**RESULTS:** We compared CRBSI rate per 1000 catheters-days of CICCs inserted before adoption of our new bundle with that of CICCs inserted after implementation of the bundle. CICCs inserted after adoption of the bundle remained in place for a mean of 2.2 days longer than those inserted before. We found a drop in CRBSI rate to 10%, from 15 per 1000 catheters-days to 1.5.

**CONCLUSIONS**: Our data suggest that a bundle aimed at minimizing CR-BSI in critically ill children should incorporate four practices: (1) ultrasound guidance, which minimizes contamination by reducing the number of attempts and possible break-down of aseptic technique; (2) tunneling the catheter to obtain exit site in the infra-clavicular area with reduced bacterial colonization; (3) glue, which seals and protects the exit site; (4) simulation-based education of the staff.

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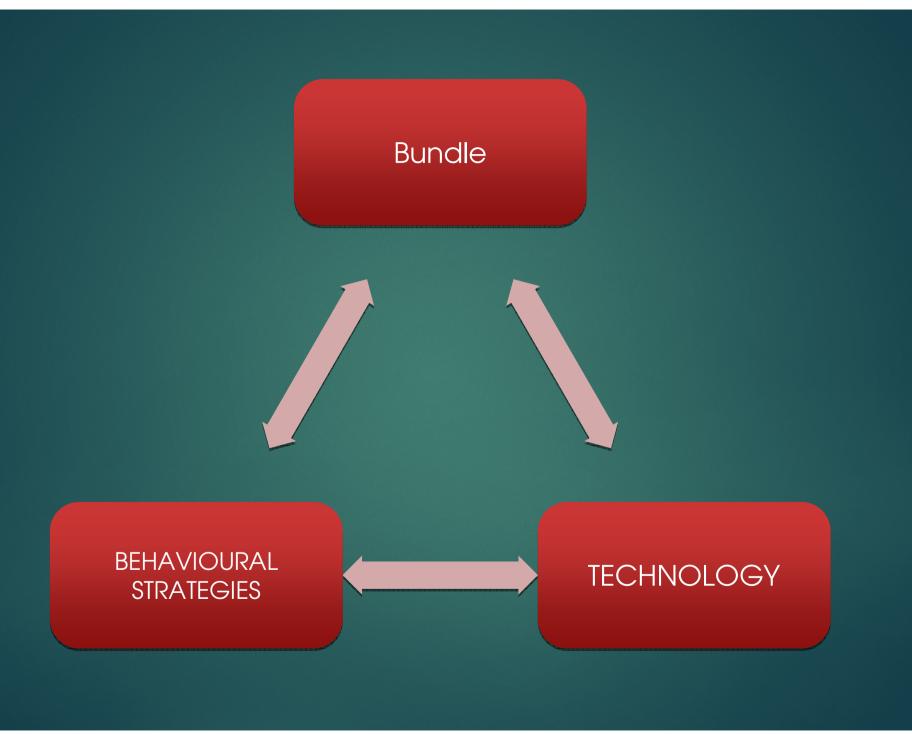
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# BUNDLES

Fig. 5 Overview of Results						
Central Line Descriptors	2005	2006/Ist Q 2007				
Average Monthly PICC Volume	60	139				
Annual PICC Volume	767	2083				
Insertion Success Rate	92%	98%				
Interventional Radiology Rate	8%	2%				
Insertion Location	Antecubital	Upper Arm. Basilic Vein (preferred)				
Insertion Technique SonoSite® (iLook® 25)	Traditional/ Modiifed Seldinger	100% Ultrasound Guided				
Maximum Barrier	PICC Team Only	All central lines				
Skin Preparation ChloraPrep®	Inconsistent	Consistent				
Insertion Site Antimicrobial BIOPATCH®	Inconsistent	Consistent				
Line Stabilization Statlock®	Inconsistent	Consistent				
Connector InVision Plus® Neutral®	Positive Pressure Device	Neutral Device				
RN Training	Annual In-Service Day	One-on-One Training at the bedside				
Flushing Protocol	Normal Saline followed by Heparin (positive pressure flush)	Flush 10ml NS every 8 hours and PRN use (push/pause technique)				
Dressing	24 hour pressure gauze dressing then weekly	No pressure dressing (exception excessive bleeding) Weekly dressing change				
Line Monitoring	Completed q week with dressing change	Completed daily during site checks				

### The Bundle "Plus": The Effect of a Multidisciplinary Team Approach to Eradicate Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections

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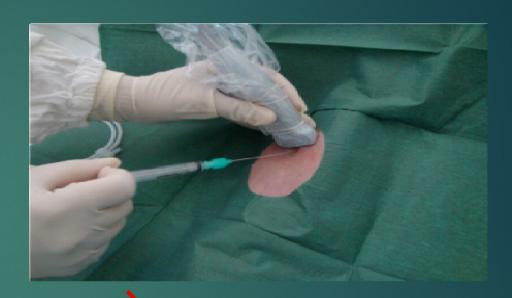
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# Ultrasound guidance







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Critical Care, 2006

11 (2.4%)

2.6 ± 2.9 (1.5 to 6.3)

72 (16%)

Pneumothorax

CVC-BSI

Average number of attempts

Outcome measures	Ultrasound group ( $n = 450$ )	Landmark group (n = 450)
Access time (seconds)	17.1 ± 16.5 (11.5 to 41.4)*	44 ± 95.4 (33.2 to 77.5)
Success rate	450 (100%)a	425 (94.4%)
Carotid puncture	5 (1.1%)4	48 (10.6%)
Haematoma	2 (0.4%)*	38 (8.4%)
Haemothorax	O (096)a	8 (1.7%)

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0 (096)\*

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47 (10.4%)

# CDC 2011

Usare la guida ecografica per posizionare i cateteri venosi centrali (ovunque questa tecnologia sia disponibile) così da ridurre il numero di tentativi di incannulamento e le complicanze med caniche da venipuntura. La guida ecografica dovrebbe essere utilizzata da personale piena mente addestrato nell'utilizzo di questa tecnica. [60–64]. Categoria 1B





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- 5. Use ultrasound guidance for internal jugular catheter insertion (quality of evidence: II). 99
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International evidence-based recommendations on ultrasound-guided vascular access

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		evidence	consensus	recommend
1	Sterile techniques should always be used during the	Α	Very good	Strong
	placement of a vascular access device, including hand			
	washing; sterile full body drapes; wearing of sterile			
	gowns, gloves, caps and masks covering both the mouth			
	and nose. Probe and cable sterility have to be maintained			
	using sterile gel and appropriate probe and cable shields			
ention of	infectious and mechanical complications with ultrasound-guided	cannulation		
32	Ultrasound guidance should be used in order to decrease the	C	Very good	Strong
	rate of CRBSI in adults and children			
33-4	A multi-faceted strategy, including the use of ultrasound	В	Good	Strong
	guidance with specific preventive and educational			
	measures and the promotion of good practices applied by			
	both medical and nursing staff, is suggested in order to			

reduce the incidence of CRBSI

Ultrasound guidance should be used to avoid cannulation of thrombotic sites

Ultrasound guidance, by reducing puncture attempts, A Very good Strong technical failure rates and mechanical complications, has to be preferred because of a reduced incidence of

catheter-related thrombosis

### INS 2016

### 22. VASCULAR VISUALIZATION

### **Standard**

- 22.1 To ensure patient safety, the clinician is competent in the use of vascular visualization technology for vascular access device (VAD) insertion. This knowledge includes, but is not limited to, appropriate vessels, size, depth, location, and potential complications.
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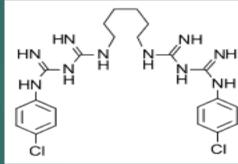
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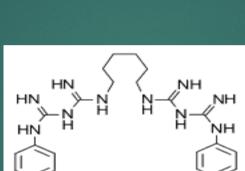
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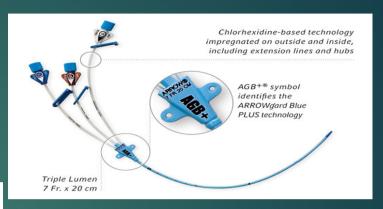
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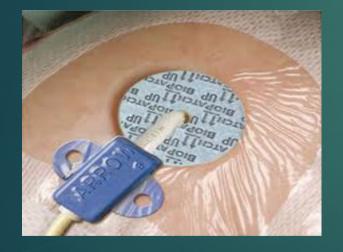
Health care—associated infections (HAIs) result in increased patient morbidity and utilization of health care resources. Rates of HAI are increasing despite advances in health care technology. Limited antimicrobial agents and a dry drug pipeline make novel prevention efforts critical. Chlorhexidine, an antiseptic solution that has been used worldwide since the 1950s, is a safe and effective product with broad antiseptic activity. Novel uses of chlorhexidine-containing products are being implemented to promote antisepsis and prevent bacterial colonization and infection. We review some of the many infection control applications of chlorhexidine in the battle against HAI, such as general skin cleansing, skin decolonization, preoperative showering and bathing, vascular catheter site preparation, impregnated catheter site dressings, impregnated catheters, and oral decontamination. As mandatory public reporting and pay for performance force infection control issues to the forefront, chlorhexidine-containing products may provide a vast armamentarium for the control and prevention of HAI.

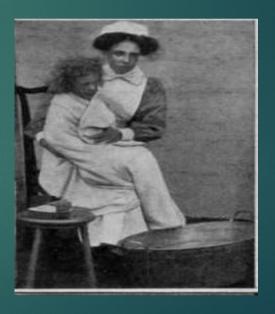




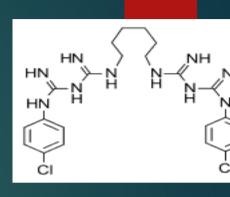








# Vantaggi della Clorexidina



- Battericida
- Ampio spettro (Gram positivi, Gram negativi, anaerobi facoltativi, funghi,
   virus incluso HIV ma non sporicida)
- Rapido inizio di attività
- Effetto antimicrobico prolungato
- ► Effetto sinergico con alcool
- Attivo in presenza di sangue o siero



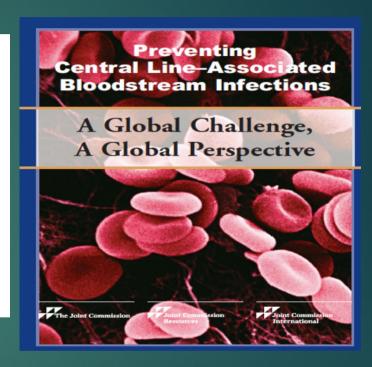
# Infusion Nursing Standards of Practice

G. Chlorhexidine solution is preferred for skin antisepsis. One percent to two percent tincture of iodine, iodophor (povidone-iodine), and 70% alcohol may also be used. Chlorhexidine is not recommended for infants under 2 months of age.<sup>4,9</sup>(I)



The following summarizes current recommendations for skin antisepsis prior to CVC insertion and during dressing changes<sup>13,14,18,19,36</sup>:

- Apply antiseptics to clean skin.
- Apply chlorhexidine/alcohol in a concentration greater than 0.5% in alcohol.
- If there is a contraindication to chlorhexidine, apply tincture of iodine, an iodophor, or alcohol as an alternative.
- Allow the antiseptic solution to dry before placing the catheter.



#### SHEA/IDSA PRACTICE RECOMMENDATION

### Strategies to Prevent Central Line–Associated Bloodstream Infections in Acute Care Hospitals: 2014 Update

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- 7. Use an alcoholic chlorhexidine antiseptic for skin preparation (quality of evidence: I).<sup>108-111</sup>
  - a. Before catheter insertion, apply an alcoholic chlorhexidine solution containing more than 0.5% CHG to the insertion site.<sup>112</sup>
    - *i*. The antiseptic solution must be allowed to dry before making the skin puncture.

14 Decontaminate the skin at the insertion site with a single-use application of 2% chlorhexidine gluconate in 70% isopropyl alcohol (or povidone iodine in alcohol for patients with sensitivity to chlorhexidine) and allow to dry prior to the insertion of a central venous access device.

Class A

D15 Decontaminate the skin at the insertion site with a single-use application of 2% chlorhexidine gluconate in 70% isopropyl alcohol (or povidone iodine in alcohol for patients with sensitivity to chlorhexidine) and allow to dry before inserting a peripheral vascular access device.

New recommendation Class D/GPP

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#### epic3: National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections in NHS Hospitals in England

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# Safety of chlorhexidine gluconate used for skin antisepsis in the preterm infant

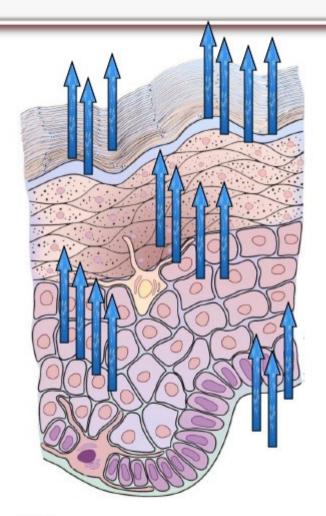
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# Transepidermal Water Loss (TEWL)

- Water of respiration normally moves through the stratum corneum from below.
- The rate of transepidermal water loss (TEWL, g/m<sub>2</sub>/hr) is a measure of skin barrier integrity
- TEWL is higher (faster) when the barrier is damaged.



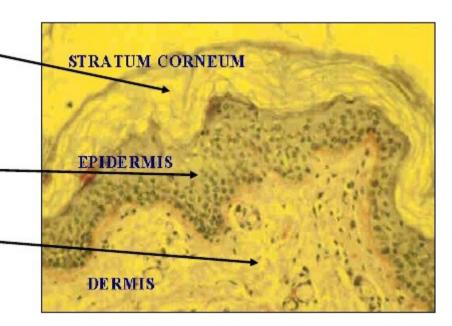




# Full Term Infant Skin

### **Healthy infants**

- Well-formed stratum corneum....note multiple layers
- Thick epidermis
- Structural proteins present in the dermis



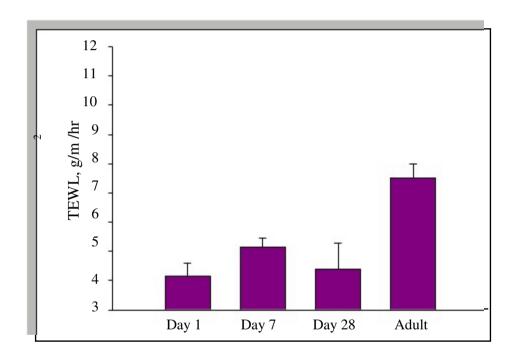




## Full-Term Newborn Skin Barrier

### **TEWL**

- very low at birth
- 4-6 g/m<sub>2</sub>/hr
- remains low over first month
- lower than adult values of 6-8 g/m<sub>2</sub>/hr



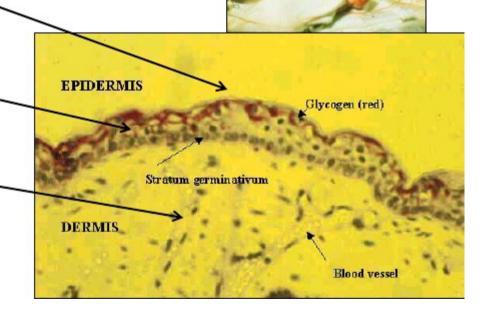




## Premature Infant Skin

 Stratum corneum poorly developed or absent

- Thin epidermis
- Dermis not fully formed and deficient of structural proteins





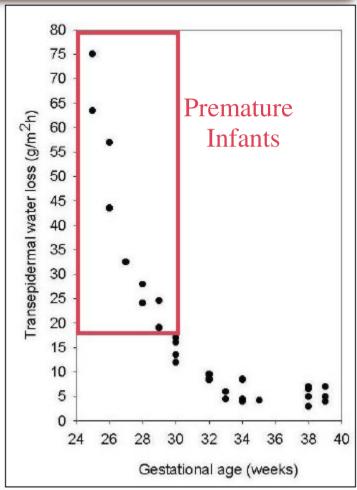


## Premature Skin Barrier

- Premature infant skin barrier integrity varies greatly with gestational age.
- TEWL for 24 25 wks gestation is very high, comparable to epidermis without a SC barrier.

Sedin et al., Acta Paediatr Scand Suppl (1983);305:27-31.

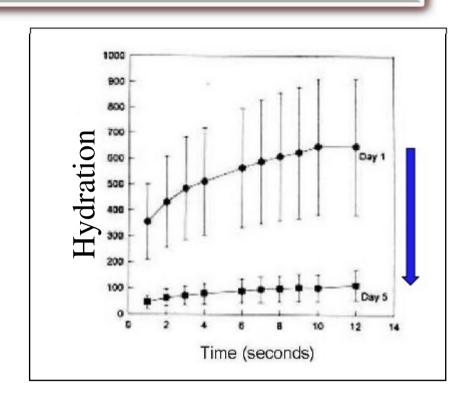






## Premature Skin Barrier Development

- Premature infants
   experience high fluid loss,
   thermal instability,
   electrolyte imbalance.
- However, the SC barrier forms rapidly after birth.
- Surface hydration decreases over a few days.



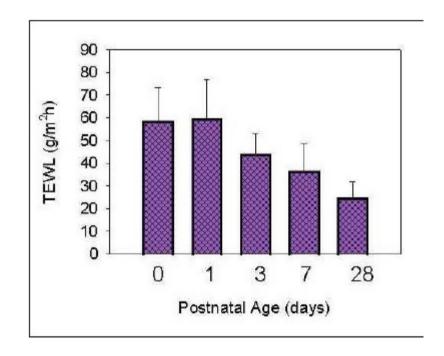
Okah, et al, Pediatrics (1995);96(4):668-692.





## Premature Skin Barrier Development

- At one month post birth,
   TEWL is significantly higher
   for the preterm infant than
   for the full term newborn.
- May lead to increased susceptibility to infection and penetration of exogenous agents.

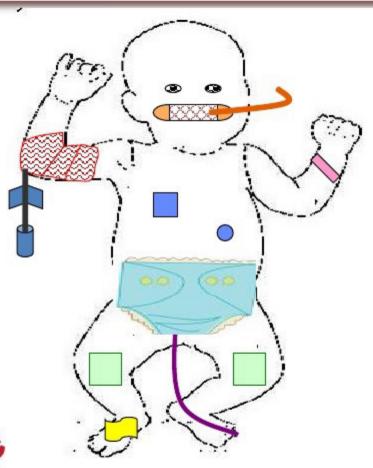


Agren et al, Acta Paediatr Scand (1999);72(5):721-728.





# "Dressing" the NICU Patient





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"Shaping the Future of Pediatric Vascular Access 2012"



# Chlorhexidine Gluconate, Skin Antiseptics and Neonatal Skin Integrity





# Significance

- Skin disinfection helps prevent intravascular catheter related infections
- CDC guideline: No recommendation for infants < 2 months due to limited evidence or lack of consensus





# CHG Safety in Premature Infants

- Issues: systemic absorption, skin toxicity
- Concern: hexachlorophene caused neurotoxicity
- Hexachlorophene:
  - Bacteriostatic
  - disrupts bacterial cell wall
  - slow onset efficacy
- CHG:
  - Bacteriocidal
  - increases cell membrane permeability
  - rapid onset
  - binds to SC proteins



Chapman A, et al. J Perinatol (2012); 32(1):4-9



## **CHG Premature Skin Permeation**

- Three studies: preterms ≥ 27 and < 32 wks GA
- Age at evaluation: 0 − 28 days
- CHG blood levels: 0 − 214 ng/ml
- No infants 23 26 wks GA

Aggett P et al. Arch Dis Child (1981); 56(11):878-880 Cowen J, et al. Arch Dis child (1979); 54(5):379-383 Garland J, et al. J Perinatol (2009); 29:808-813





## Skin Effects in Premature Infants

 There are reports of burns in infants of 24 - 26 weeks GA from alcohol-based preparations, including CHG in 70% isopropanol.

Reynolds P et al, Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed 2005; 90:F10. Watkins A et al, J Paediatr Child Health 1992; 28:306-8. Lashkari H et al, Arch Dis Child Fetal Neonatal Ed 2012;97:F64.





## Skin Effects in Premature Infants

- Parallel groups of 715 NICU patients with central venous catheters.
- Skin treated with isopropanol and covered with
  - polyurethane dressing
  - chlorhexidine patch (early version)
- Severe contact dermatitis in 5.7% of CHG patch group
   22.5 26.5 wks GA
- Patch effects not determined

Garland J, et al. Pediatrics 2001; 107:1431-6.





## CHG versus PI in Neonates

- Pilot parallel comparison: 2% CHG (alcohol) vs. 10% Povidone lodine
- 48 neonates ≥ 1500 g (~ *30wks GA*) and ≥ 7 days
- No catheter related BSIs in either group
- No dermatitis CHG or PI (i.e., ≥ 2,no pink-red all area)
- CHG absorption occurred:
  - 7 of 10 had blood CHG between 13 100 ng/ml
- Studies needed in younger preterms

Garland J, et al. J Perinatol (2009); 29:808-813





## **Investigator Comments**

- "The FDA limited study enrollment to neonates who were at least 7 days old and weighed more than 1500 g because of concerns for the development of contact dermatitis in low-birth-weight neonates exposed to topical CHG."
- This restriction was applied because a previous study (same author) had 6% of subjects with contact dermatitis from a CHG-impregnated dressing.



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# Chlorhexidine use in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit: Results from a National Survey

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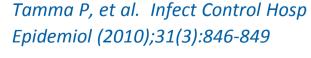
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## CHG Use in NICUs

• A survey of 90 NICU training units found:

55	Used CHG, central venous catheter care
39	No restrictions
14	Restrictions: GA, actual age or birth weight
28	Reported adverse reactions, all skin related 17 burns, 2 erosions, 9 erythema
59	Had concerns: Off label use, <i>Immature skin, Limited</i> safety data







There were 96 respondents (96%). Ninety (90%) respondents completed the survey in its entirety and only these respondents were included in the analysis. All respondents practiced at level 3b or higher NICUs in the United States. Compared with participants in the field for ≤30 years, those in the field for >30 years were less likely to report using CHG (77% and 23%, p=. 05) and trended to have had a greater past experience with hexachlorophene (62% and 38%, p=.08). There was no significant association between involvement of infection control staff and use of CHG (56% and 44%, p=0.42).

Of those 55 NICU's that utilized CHG, the most commonly reported use was CVC maintenance (78%), including dressing changes and catheter hub cleaning. Other uses of CHG included CVC insertion site preparation (70%), peripheral venous catheter insertion (60%), and skin preparation for umbilical catheter insertion (51%). One institution reported routinely bathing neonates with CHG and four institutions used CHG for MRSA decolonization.

Of respondents that use CHG, 28 (51%) NICUs limit CHG use based on birth weight, gestational age, or chronological age [Figure 1]. Twenty- three (42%) restricted use by gestational age (median 28 weeks), 22 (40%) restricted use by birth weight (median 1000 grams), and 14 (26%) restricted use by chronological age (median 2 weeks).

Twenty-eight participants (51%) who used CHG in their NICU reported adverse reactions. All were skin reactions and included erythema (32%), erosions (7%), or burns (61%). Of the reported skin burns, 13 of 17 (76%) commented that the burns occurred in neonates with a birth weight of less than 1500 grams; the other four did not comment on the infant's birth weights. Of the 37 respondents that were aware of CHG formulations used in their NICUs, 21 (57%) employed alcohol-based CHG products. There was no difference in reported adverse effects comparing NICUs utilizing different CHG formulations (p=.50). No neurologic toxicities were reported by any respondents.

Of all participants, 59 (65%) reported concerns regarding the use of CHG in the neonatal population. Common themes from open-ended questions included concerns about off-label, unapproved use of CHG in neonates with immature skin and limited safety data in premature infants

Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. Author manuscript; available in PMC 2011 August 1.

# Effect of CHG on Skin Integrity

### Hypothesis

- Treatment with CHG will not alter the normal skin barrier development in the high risk neonate.
  - Skin treated with CHG and a semipermeable dressing (Tegaderm™) will not differ from skin treated with the dressing alone (no CHG).





# Disinfect, Dress & Secure



1. Disinfect with Chloroprep®



2. Apply transparent semipermeable dressing



3. Secure PICC with steri strips

Sharpe E. Advances in Neonatal Care (2008); 8(3):150-162





## Methods

- Within subject design
- Compare three regions
  - PICC site with CHG and semipermeable dressing (Tegaderm™)
  - Contralateral site with dressing only (2.5 cm<sub>2</sub>)
  - Adjacent site untreated control
- Immediate response to CHG application
- Skin effects over time
  - At insertion, dressing changes at weeks 1, 2, 3





# **Dressing Removal**









# Clinical Response



PICC site – dressing removed



Dressing only site – dressing removed







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Detailed View: Safety Labeling Changes Approved By FDA Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) - May 2012

Summary View 1

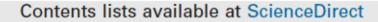
#### **Drug Facts Box**

Directions for Use in Infants

• added......use with care in premature infants or infants under 2 months of age. These products may cause irritation or chemical burns.

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in antisepsis with 0.05% sodium hypochlorite before central venous theter insertion in neonates: A 2-year single-center experience

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**Aim:** The study reports a 2-year single-center experience of the practice of skin antisepsis using a 0. sodium hypochlorite solution before central venous catheter placement in neonates.

**Methods:** Eligible subjects included any hospitalized neonate who needed a central line for at least hours. Infants were excluded if they had a generalized or localized skin disorder. An ad hoc Excel (Micro Corp, Redmond, WA) file was used to record the data from each patient. The catheter sites were motored daily for the presence of contact dermatitis. Central line-associated bloodstream infection diagnosed according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention definition.

**Results:** One hundred five infants underwent central venous catheter placement and were enrolled total of 198 central lines were inserted. The median gestational age was 31 weeks (range, 23-41 week and median birth weight was 1,420 g (range, 500-5,170 g). There were no signs of 0.05% sodium hypochlor related skin toxicity in any infant. Of 198 catheters (1,652 catheter-days) prospectively studied, 9 was associated with bloodstream infections (5.4 per 1,000 catheter-days).

**Conclusion:** During the observation period, no local adverse effects were observed suggesting that 0.8 sodium hypochlorite may be a safe choice in this context.

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**Table 1**Baseline characteristics of patients

Variable	Result
Number of patients	105
Birth weight, g	
Median	1,420
Range	500-5,170
Gestation age at birth, wk	
Median	31
Range	23-41
Gender	
Male	61
Female	44
Types of central venous catheter	
Umbilical catheter	87
Peripherally inserted central catheter	108
Broviac catheter	3
Patients needing more than 1 peripherally inserted	
central catheter	
2	20
3	5
4	3
5	1

eight distribution of central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) rates and central line use ratios

weight category	Patients	Central line- days	Patient-days	Central line use ratio*	No. of CLABSIs	CLABSI
0 g	23 (21.9)	524	1,627	0.32	4	7.6
-1,500 g	34 (32.4)	491	1,632	0.3	2	4
-2,500 g	23 (21.9)	295	696	0.42	2	6.7
0 g	25 (23.8)	342	1,094	0.31	1	2.9
all	105	1,652	5,049	0.32	9	5.4

Values are presented as n (%), n, ratio, or %.

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REVIEW

# tiseptic use in the neonatal intensive care unit - a emma in clinical practice: An evidence based review

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# le 1 Characteristics of topical antiseptic agents used in neonates (World Health Organization 2009)

Mechanism of action	Advantages	Disadvantages	Preparations/ compounds
Disruption of cytoplasmic	Broad spectrum antimicrobial	Non-sporicidal	0.25%, 0.5%, 1%, 2%,
membranes	activity		<ul> <li>aqueous and alcoh</li> </ul>
Denaturation of proteins	Kills yeasts	Not effective against mycobacteria	based
	Intermediate onset of action	Local dermatitis	
	Activity not affected by organic material	Neurotoxicity	
	Residual activity	Non-sporicidal	
Damages cell membrane	Broad spectrum antimicrobial	Not active in presence of organic	Ethanol, isopropy
	activity	material	alcohol, methanol
Denaturation of proteins	Faster onset of action	No residual activity	
		Skin reactions	
		Systemic absorption	
Forms complexes with proteins and lipids	Broad spectrum antimicrobial activity	Skin irritation	10% povidone-iodi
Impaired protein synthesis and	Sporicidal	Systemic absorption with	
alteration of cell membranes	•	hypothyroidism	
	Effective against mycobacteria Has some residual activity		
Inactivates essential enzyme systems	Good activity against gram positive, weak against gram negative	Residual activity Neurotoxicity	Currently not recommended for bathing neonates
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## Recommendations

CHG and Alcohol preparations have been associated with severe local reactions, whereas Iodophors are associated with increased risk of systemic absorption and potential toxicity. Large studies are urgently needed to establish the safety of topical antiseptics used in neonates especially in preterm infants with focus on following: (1) differentiate Aqueous or alcoholic component of CHG as the reason for skin irritation in preterm neonates; (2) ideal CHG concentration that can be safely used in preterm neonates; (3) CHG concentrations in blood and their effect on long-term neurodevelopment outcomes; (4) isopropyl alcohol absorption studies and effect on short term and long term outcomes; and (5) systemic absorption of topical iodine containing solutions and their effects on thyroid function and long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes.

In the meantime we recommend the following on the basis of current evidence: (1) Extreme caution is recommended for use of topical antiseptics particularly alcohol based preparations in extreme preterm infants (Level 2D); (2) Care must be taken to avoid pooling of the solution under infant and washing with normal saline after cleansing with topical antiseptic may prevent severe chemical burn in extreme premature babies (Level 2D); and (3) Povidone Iodine for skin antisepsis should be avoided in extreme preterm infants (Level 2C).

### Original article



2% chlorhexidine—70% isopropyl alcohol versus 10% povidone—iodine for insertion site cleaning before central line insertion in preterm infants: a randomised trial

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### Abstract

**Objective** To determine whether 2% chlorhexidine gluconate—70% isopropyl alcohol (CHX—IA) is superior to 10% aqueous povidone—iodine (PI) in preventing catheter-related blood stream infection (CR-BSI) when used to clean insertion sites before placing central venous catheters (CVCs) in preterm infants.

Design Randomised controlled trial.

Setting Two neonatal intensive care units (NICUs).

Patients Infants <31 weeks' gestation who had a CVC inserted.

Interventions Insertion site was cleaned with CHX-IA or PI. Caregivers were not masked to group assignment.

**Main outcome measures** Primary outcome was CR-BSI determined by one microbiologist who was masked to group assignment. Secondary outcomes included skin reactions to study solution and thyroid dysfunction.

Results We enrolled 304 infants (CHX–IA 148 vs PI 156) in whom 815 CVCs (CHX–IA 384 vs PI 431) were inserted and remained in situ for 3078 (CHX–IA 1465 vs PI 1613) days. We found no differences between the groups in the proportion of infants with CR-BSI (CHX–IA 7% vs PI 5%, p=0.631), the proportion of CVCs complicated by CR-BSI or the rate of CR-BSI per 1000 catheter days. Skin reaction rates were low (<1% CVC insertion episodes) and not different between the groups. More infants in the PI group had raised thyroid-stimulating hormone levels and were treated with thyroxine (CHX–IA 0% vs PI 5%, p=0.003).

**Conclusions** We did not find a difference in the rate of CR-BSI between preterm infants treated with CHX-IA and PI, and more infants treated with PI had thyroid dysfunction. However, our study was not adequately powered to detect a difference in our primary outcome and a larger trial is required to confirm our findings.

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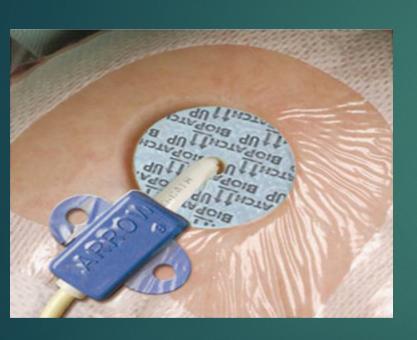
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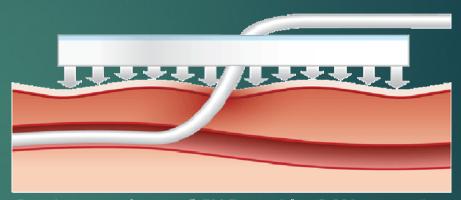
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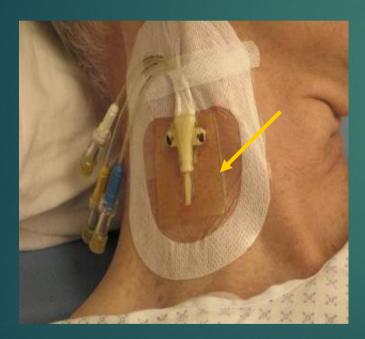
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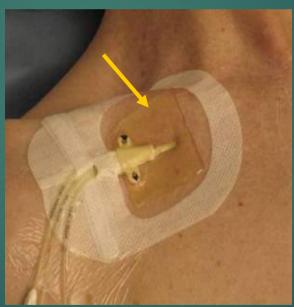


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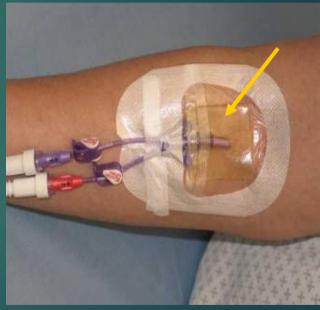
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# Use of chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing to prevent vascular and epidural catheter colonization and infection: a meta-analysis

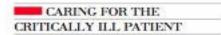
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Results: Eight studies assessing a single type of chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing were identified and subjected to meta-analysis. The chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing reduced the risk of epidural [3.6% versus 35%, odds ratio (OR) 0.07, 95% CI: 0.02-0.31, P=0.0005] and intravascular catheter or exit-site bacterial colonization (14.8% versus 26.9%, OR 0.47, 95% CI: 0.34-0.65, P<0.00001) (overall 14.3% versus 27.2%, OR 0.40, 95% CI: 0.26-0.61; P<0.0001). The use of chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing was associated with a trend towards reduction in catheter-related bloodstream or CNS infections (2.2% versus 3.8%, OR 0.58, 95% CI: 0.29-1.14, P=0.11). Local cutaneous reactions to chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing were reported in 5.6% of the patients in three studies (OR 8.17, 95% CI: 0.19-56.14, P=0.04), and 96% of these reactions occurred in neonatal patients. The number needed to prevent one episode of intravascular catheter-related bloodstream infection was 142 for an average period of catheter *in situ* of 10 days and a change of dressing every 5 days. The cost of preventing one vascular catheter-related bloodstream infection was estimated to be £298 (US\$532.5).

Conclusions: Chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing is effective in reducing vascular and epidural catheter bacterial colonization and is also associated with a trend towards reduction in catheter-related bloodstream or CNS infections. A large randomized controlled trial is needed to confirm whether chlorhexidine-impregnated dressing is cost-effective in preventing bacterial infection related to vascular and epidural catheters.



# Chlorhexidine-Impregnated Sponges and Less Frequent Dressing Changes for Prevention of Catheter-Related Infections in Critically III Adults

A Randomized Controlled Trial

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(clinical sepsis with or without bloodstream infection) and noninferiority (less than 3% colonization-rate increase) of 7-day vs 3-day dressing changes. Design, Setting, and Patients Assessor-blind, 2×2 factorial, randomized controlled trial conducted from December 2006 through June 2008 and recruiting patients from 7 intensive care units in 3 university and 2 general hospitals in France. Patients were adults (>18 years) expected to require an arterial catheter, central-vein

catheter dressings every 3 days may be more frequent than necessary.

Interventions Use of CHGIS vs standard dressings (controls). Scheduled change of unsoiled adherent dressings every 3 vs every 7 days, with immediate change of any soiled or leaking dressings.

catheter, or both inserted for 48 hours or longer.

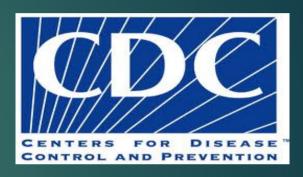
Context Use of a chlorhexidine gluconate-impregnated sponge (CHGIS) in intra-

vascular catheter dressings may reduce catheter-related infections (CRIs). Changing

Objective To assess superiority of CHGIS dressings regarding the rate of major CRIs



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12. Use a chlorhexidine-impregnated sponge dressing for temporary short-term catheters in patients older than 2 months of age if the CLABSI rate is not decreasing despite adherence to basic prevention measures, including education and training, appropriate use of chlorhexidine for skin antisepsis, and MSB [93, 96–98]. Category 1B

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> Use chlorhexidine-containing dressings for CVCs in patients over 2 months of age (quality of evidence: I).<sup>80,155-160</sup>

IVAD20 Consider the use of a chlorhexidineimpregnated sponge dressing in adult patients with a central venous catheter as a strategy to reduce catheterrelated bloodstream infection. New recommendation Class B

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### epic3: National Evidence-Based Guidelines for Preventing Healthcare-Associated Infections in NHS Hospitals in England

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- J. Use chlorhexidine-impregnated dressings CVADs to reduce infection risk when the extraluminal route is the primary source of infection. Even when organizations show a low baseline central lineassociated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) rate, further reduction in CLABSI rate has been demonstrated with use of chlorhexidine-impregnated dressings. The efficacy of chlorhexidine dressings in longterm CVAD use, beyond 14 days when intraluminal sources of infection are the primary source, has not been shown.<sup>18</sup> (I)
  - 1. Do not use if any history of reactions to chlor-hexidine.<sup>5</sup> (V)

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- 2. Use chlorhexidine-impregnated dressings with caution in premature neonates and among patients with fragile skin and/or complicated skin pathologies; contact dermatitis and pressure necrosis have occurred. 5,18-20 (V)
- 3. Monitor for erythema and dermatitis at the dressing site.<sup>5,18-20</sup> (V)

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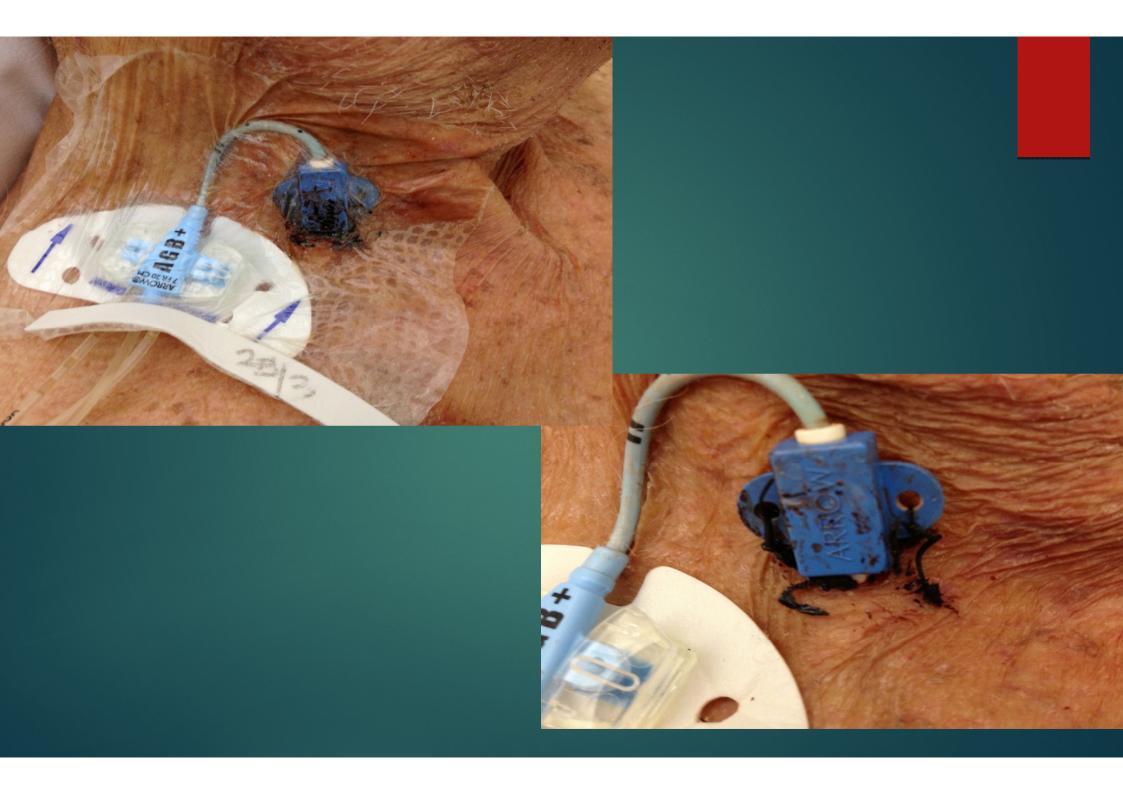


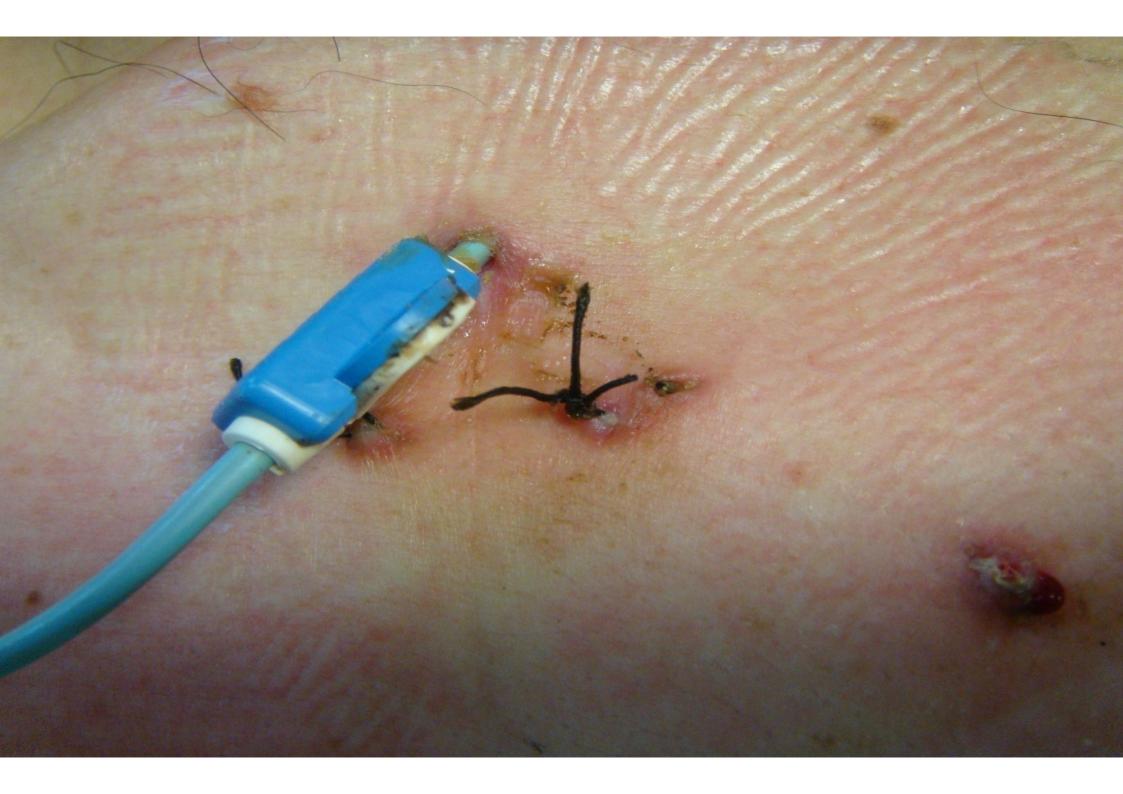




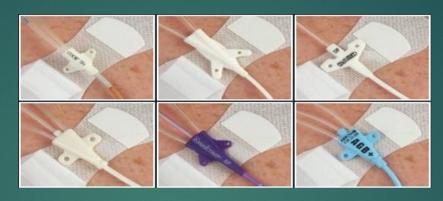




















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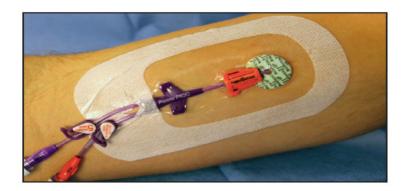
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- 547 Catheter Securement Devices
- 548 Recommendation
- Use a sutureless securement device to reduce the risk of infection for PICCs [163].
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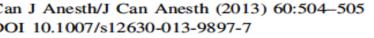
### Dispositivi per il Fissaggio del Catetere

### Raccomandazioni

Usare un dispositivo di fissaggio *sutureless* al fine di ridurre il rischio di infezione per i cateteri intravascolari [105]. Categoria II









### CORRESPONDENCE

# A prospective trial on a new sutureless securement device for central venous catheters

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OSHA's bloodborne pathogens standard (29 CFR 1910.1030) requires that employers of workers with occupational exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials annually consider and implement appropriate, available, and effective safer medical devices designed to eliminate or minimize that exposure [See 29 CFR 1910.1030 (c)(1)(iv)(B)]. Engineering controls that reduce the potential for needlesticks by eliminating the need to suture medical catheters in place are one option for healthcare employers to consider. As part of their annual review of methods to reduce needlesticks, employers must review options for securing medical catheters and consider appropriate engineering and work practice controls.

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Avoid use of tape or sutures, as they are not effective alternatives to an ESD. Rolls of nonsterile tape can become contaminated with pathogenic bacteria, although its contribution to VAD infection has not been quantified. Sutures are associated with needlestick injury, in addition to supporting the growth of biofilm and increasing the risk of catheter-related bloodstream infection.<sup>7-10</sup> (II, Regulatory)

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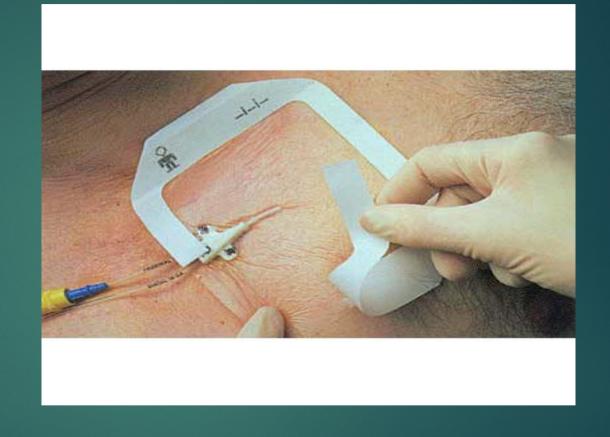
F. Subcutaneous ESDs have been successful in stabilizing PICCs and CVADs inserted through the internal jugular vein of adults. Patient outcomes and patient and inserter satisfaction have been favorable; however, additional studies with other CVADs are needed. 21-23 (V)

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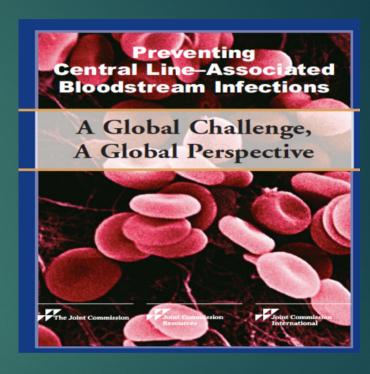


### **Catheter Site Dressing Regimens**

- Use either sterile gauze or sterile, transparent, semipermeable dressing to cover the catheter site [84–87]. Category IA
- 2. If the patient is diaphoretic or if the site is bleeding or oozing, use a gauze dressing until this is resolved [84–87]. Category II
- Replace catheter site dressing if the dressing becomes damp, loosened, or visibly soiled [84, 85]. Category IB
- Do not use topical antibiotic ointment or creams on insertion sites, except for dialysis catheters, because of their potential to promote fungal infections and antimicrobial resistance [88, 89]. Category IB
- 5. Do not submerge the catheter or catheter site in water. Showering should be permitted if precautions can be taken to reduce the likelihood of introducing organisms into the

- catheter (e.g., if the catheter and connecting device are protected with an impermeable cover during the shower) [90–92]. Category IB
- Replace dressings used on short-term CVC sites every 2 days for gauze dressings.
   Category II
- Replace dressings used on short-term CVC sites at least every 7 days for transparent dressings, except in those pediatric patients in which the risk for dislodging the catheter may outweigh the benefit of changing the dressing [87, 93]. Category IB
- Replace transparent dressings used on tunneled or implanted CVC sites no more than once per week (unless the dressing is soiled or loose), until the insertion site has healed.
   Category II
- No recommendation can be made regarding the necessity for any dressing on wellhealed exit sites of long-term cuffed and tunneled CVCs. Unresolved issue
- Ensure that catheter site care is compatible with the catheter material [94, 95].
   Category IB

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- Replace the dressing if it becomes damp, loosened, or visibly soiled.
- Replace gauze dressings every two days.
- Replace semipermeable dressings every seven days, except with pediatric patients, for whom the risk of dislodgement may outweigh the benefit of changing the dressing.



AD17 Use a sterile, transparent, semipermeable polyurethane dressing to cover the intravascular insertion site. Class D/GPP

AD18 Transparent, semi-permeable polyurethane dressings should be changed every 7 days, or sooner, if they are no longer intact or if moisture collects under the dressing.

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19 Use a sterile gauze dressing if a patient has profuse perspiration or if the insertion site is bleeding or leaking, and change when inspection of the insertion site is necessary or when the dressing becomes damp, loosened or soiled. Replace with a transparent semi-permeable dressing as soon as possible. Class D/GPP Journal of Hospital Infection 86S1 (2014) S1-S70



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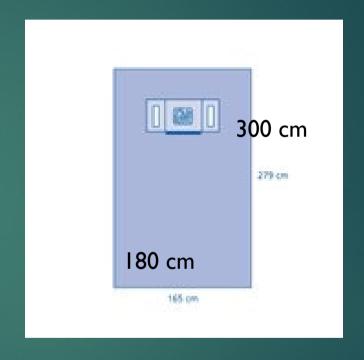
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4. Use an all-inclusive catheter cart or kit (quality of evidence: II).<sup>45</sup>

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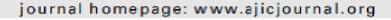


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# Port protectors and educational intervention: the way to zero central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs). A randomized controlled trial.

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3. Use an antiseptic-containing hub/connector cap/port protector to cover connectors (quality of evidence: I). 161-165

# INS 2016: port protectors

G. Use of passive disinfection caps containing disinfecting agents (eg, isopropyl alcohol) has been shown to reduce intraluminal microbial contamination and reduce the rates of central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI). Use of disinfection caps on peripheral catheters has limited evidence but should be considered.



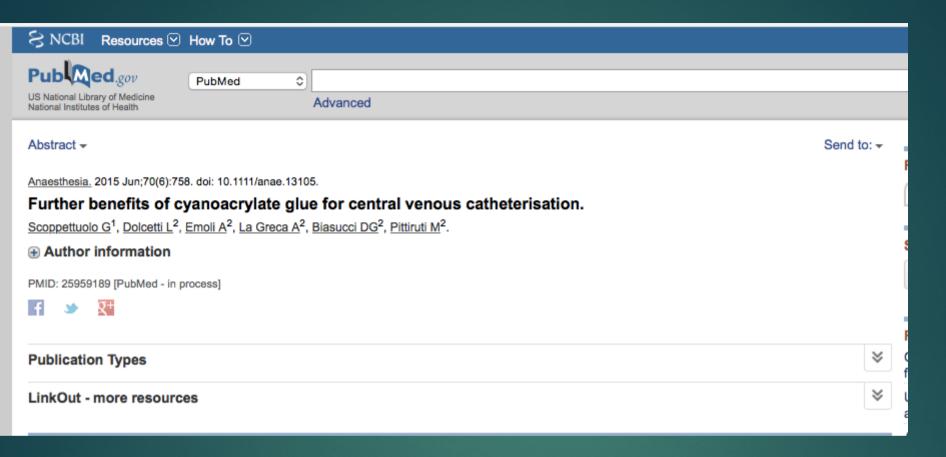




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Letters to the editor

Antimicrobial-coated catheters and catheterover-guidewire exchange in patients with severe catheter-related bloodstream infection: Old procedure, new indications?

To the Editor:

We read with great interest the article by Lorente et all dealing with the fascinating benefit of antimicrobial-coated catheters to decrease the risk of catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSI). This article gives us the unique opportunity to contribute to the ongoing discussion regarding the potential benefit of extending indications for these devices, including catheter-over-guidewire exchange in critically ill patients with CRBSL<sup>2</sup>

Since 2002 and up to 2014, all guidelines published in the field of vascular access, including the 2014 EPIC3 guidelines,3 recommended the use of antiseptic- or antibiotic-impregnated central venous catheters (CVCs) in a single limited situation: Adult patients whose CVCs are expected to remain in place for more than 5 days while they reside in a facility where there is an institutional CRBSI rate above the locally agreed benchmark despite the implementation of a comprehensive strategy aiming to reduce it.

Most recently, new and interesting principles have been introduced in this field by the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and Infectious Diseases Society of America guidelines.4 In fact, this document recommends a revolutionary extended bundle of 3 indications for the use of antimicrobial-coated catheters: hospital units or patient populations with a CRBSI rate above institutional goals, despite compliance with basic CRBSI prevention practices; patients with limited venous access and a history of recurrent CRBSI; and patients at heightened risk of severe sequelae from a CRBSL such as those having recently implanted intravascular or cardiac devices (ie, prosthetic heart valves and aortic grafts).

In our institution, we have used chlorhexidine-silver sulfadiazineimpregnated catheters with extended indications since 2012. Our protocol includes the 3 above-mentioned points now approved by the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America and Infec tious Diseases Society of America, with an extensive application of the point about patients with recently implanted orthopedic prosthesis, and a fourth indication that we believe is reasonable, beneficial, and safe: Patients with fungal or bacterial hospitalacquired bloodstream infection, irrespective of the primary source, who have a standard CVC and the absolute need of stable central

venous access. In fact, chlorhexidine-silver sulfadiazine coating may prevent early colonization of the device by the hematogenous route, thereby avoiding the new catheter becoming a secondary source of sepsis and, thus, protecting this fragile subgroup of critically ill patients from a new latrogenic complication.<sup>33</sup>

Furthermore, patients with documented CRBSI whose CVC must be removed in agreement with 2009 Infectious Diseases Society of America guidelines,6 but with a compelling need of stable vascular access (eg. critical care, complete superficial peripheral vein exhaustion, and contraindications to peripherally inserted central catheters) and coexisting serious difficulties in cannulating a new vein (eg. morbid obesity, tracheostomy, and multiple previous cannulations), may benefit from a catheter-over-guidewire ex-change with an antimicrobial-coated catheter, according to recent experiences.3 Standard measures of CRBSI prevention do not include this procedure, nor is it considered as a treatment option in our institution, according to the international literature and guidelines. 14

In this context, the known antibiofilm effect of antimicrobial catheters and specifically the anti-Condido effect of chlorhexidine' might be among the criteria for choosing this type of antimicrobial catheter for over-guidewire exchange also in candidemic patients and not only in those with Stephylococcus oursus CRESL<sup>2</sup> In fact, this thoice could prevent the pathophysiologic and clinical sequence of Candida and bacteria adhesion to the catheter, colonization, biofilm formation, and early recurrent CRRSI.

In conclusion, the rationale for the above-mentioned extended use of antimicrobial catheters, specifically chlorhexidine-silver sulfadiazine-impregnated catheters, seems strong and convincing.

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