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Technologic Innovations for the Prevention of Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infection

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Objectives

- Recognize the significance of Catheter Related Bloodstream Infection (CR-BSI) and understand that knowledge of pathogenesis drives prevention efforts
- Describe evidence-based measures to prevent CR-BSI by limiting intraluminal and extraluminal catheter contamination
- Be able to introduce technologic innovations for the prevention of Catheter Related Bloodstream Infection (CR-BSI)

Clinical Significance of CLA-BSI



Clinical Significance of CLA-BSI

- 50% reduction in CLA-BSI between 2008 and 2014 in acute care hospitals in the United States¹
- CLA-BSI rate in critical care units ranges from 0.0 – 2.9/1000 CVC d¹
- 30,389 CLA-BSI reported by 3710 hospitals to CDC NHSN in 2021.² 12,219 from ICUs, 14,328 Wards, 3,842 NICU.
- CLA-BSI are associated with increased mortality (OR 2.75, CI 1.86-4.07), and attributable cost of \$45,814 (CI, \$30,919-\$65,245)³

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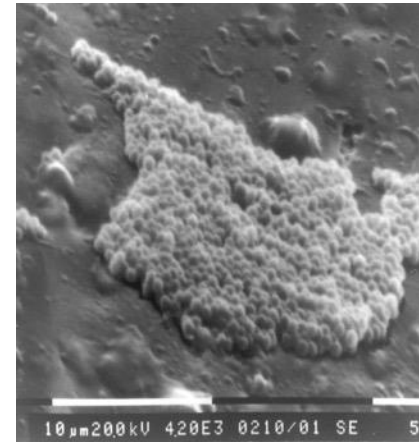
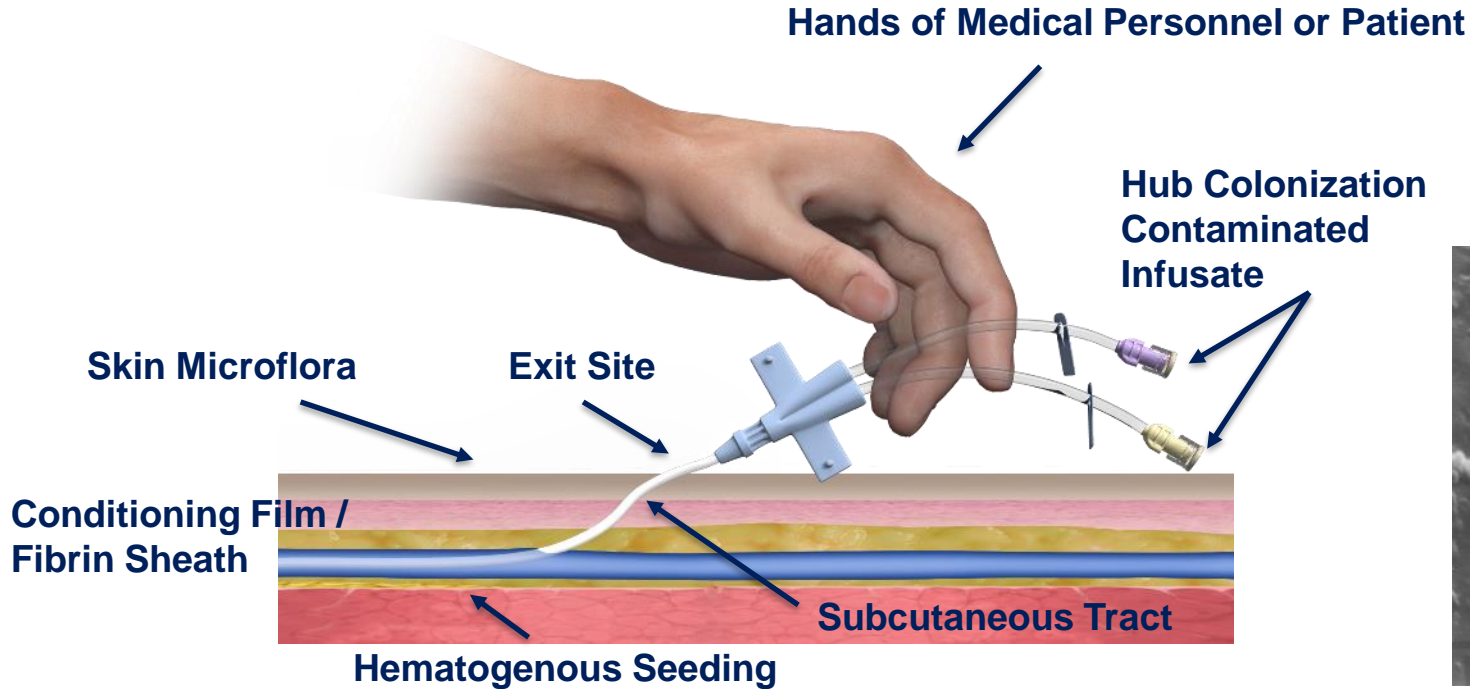
COVID-19: Reversal of Trends

	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020 Q3	2020 Q4
CLABSI	↓ -11.8%	↑ 27.9%	↑ 46.4%	↑ 47.0%
CAUTI	↓ -21.3%	No Change ¹	↑ 12.7%	↑ 18.8%
VAE	↑ 11.3%	↑ 33.7%	↑ 29.0%	↑ 44.8%
SSI: Colon surgery	↓ -9.1%	No Change ¹	↓ -6.9%	↓ -8.3%
SSI: Abdominal hysterectomy	↓ -16.0%	No Change ¹	No Change ¹	↓ -13.1%
Laboratory-identified MRSA bacteremia	↓ -7.2%	↑ 12.2%	↑ 22.5%	↑ 33.8%
Laboratory-identified CDI	↓ -17.5%	↓ -10.3%	↓ -8.8%	↓ -5.5%

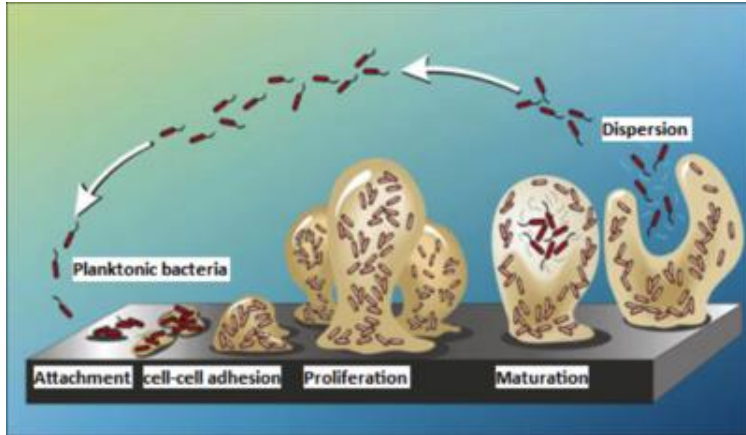
Weiner-Lastinger, et al. ICHE 2021

Pathogenesis of CVC-Associated BSI

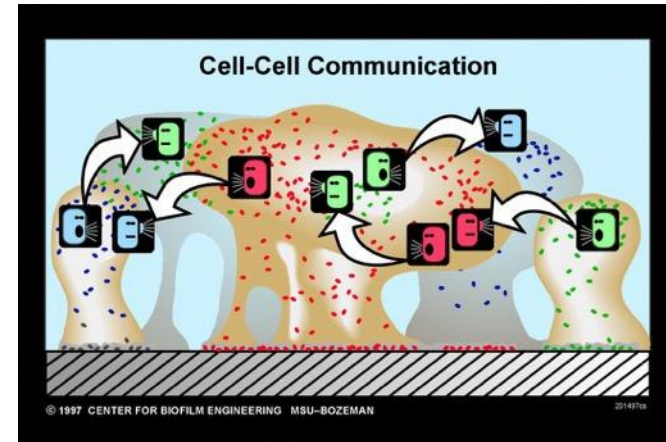
Pathogenesis of CVC-Associated BSI ⁴



Biofilms: Complex and Dynamic Environment



Biofilm: Structure & Function



Microbial “Community”

Prevention of CR-BSI

Pre and Peri-CVC Insertion



CR-BSI Prevention Pre and Peri-insertion

Education

- Indications for vascular catheters
- Sterile technique (Sim lab training)

Staffing & personnel

Insertion bundle

- Maximal sterile barriers
- Chlorhexidine + Alcohol skin prep
- Checklist



CR-BSI Prevention Pre and Peri-insertion

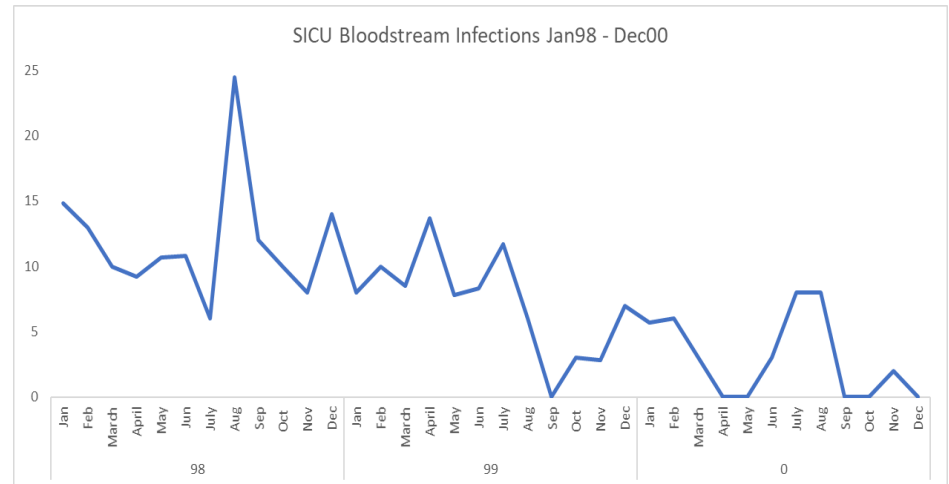
Surgical ICU

- 10-page self-study module for ICU nurses



Overall BSI rate

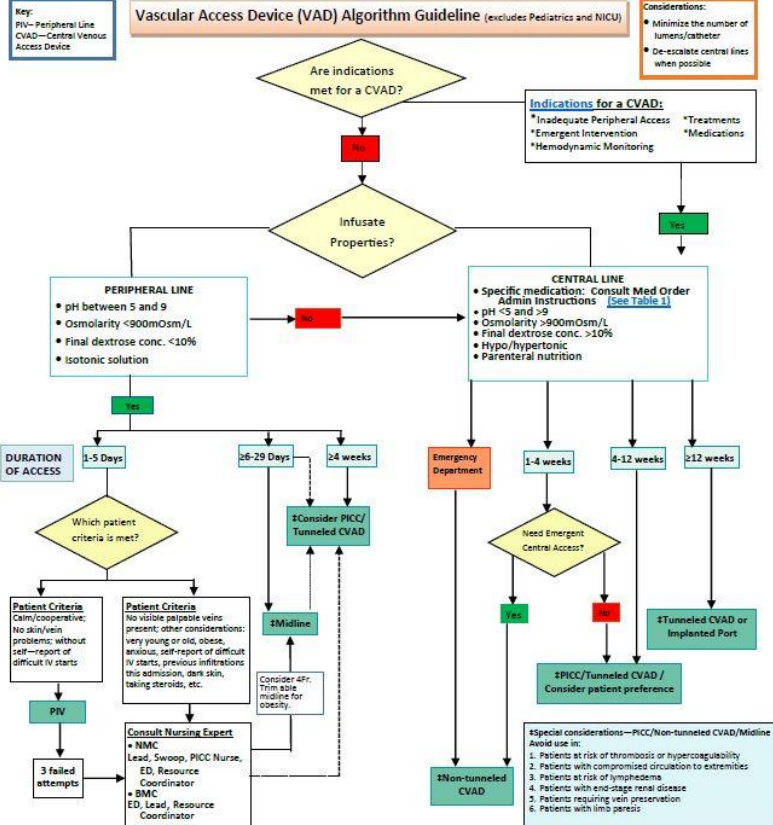
- Pre: 10.8/1000 CVC d
- Post: 3.7/1000 CVC d



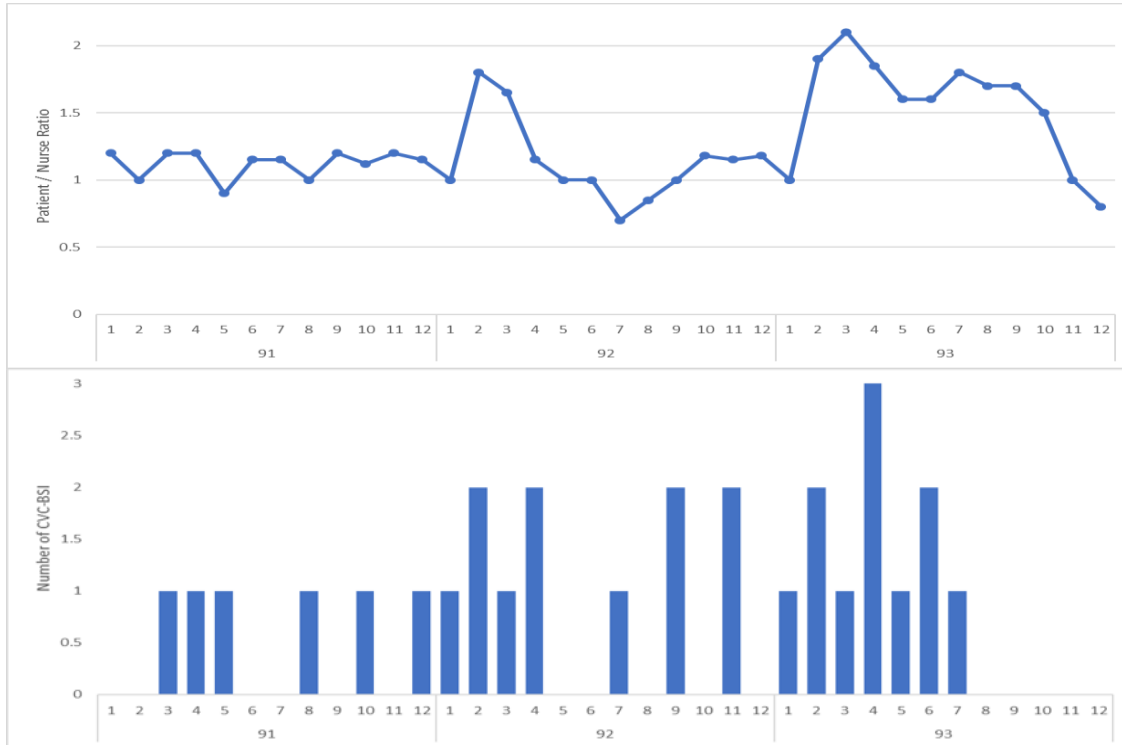
CR-BSI Prevention: Catheter Selection Algorithm⁶

Algorithm used at Nebraska Medicine to guide catheter selection decision.

Cawcutt et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. 2019. <https://doi.org/10.1017/ice.2019.49>



Nurse Ratio and Staffing Levels



Outbreak of CVC BSI associated with higher patient to nurse ratio in an SICU⁷



Maximal Sterile Barrier Precautions



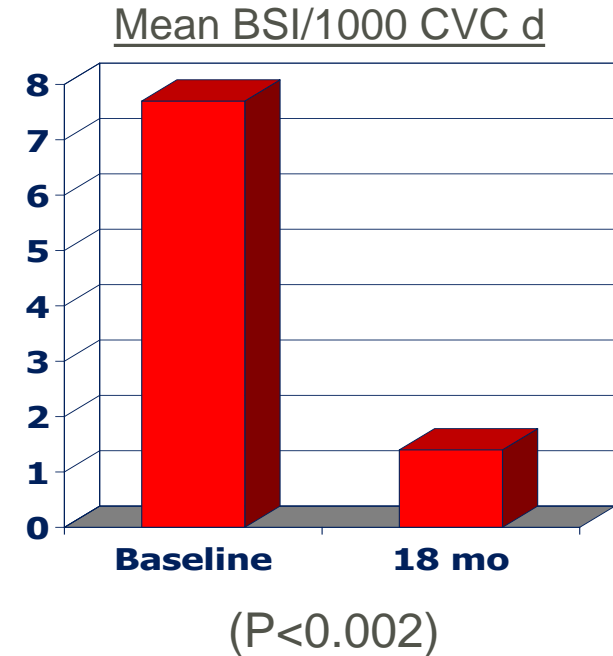
Cap, Mask, Sterile Gown, Sterile
Gloves, Head-to-toe Sterile Sheet



An Intervention to Decrease Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections in the ICU⁸

Intervention in 108 ICUs:

- Daily Goals Sheet
- Hand Hygiene
- Full Sterile Barrier Precautions
- Chlorhexidine Antiseptic
- Avoidance of the Femoral Site
- Removal of CVCs as soon as possible



Prevention of CR-BSI

Post Insertion Interventions



Post Insertion CVC Care

- Perform hand hygiene before manipulating the CVC
- Maintain clean and intact dressing
 - CHG impregnated dressing
- “Scrub the Hub” every time the catheter is accessed
 - Passive port protector
- Bathe patients with CHG
- Remove the CVC as soon as it is not needed

Prevention of CR-BSI

Technologic Innovations



Behavioral Change vs. Technology

“If you can choose between education and influencing human behavior or introduction of a gizmo, choose the gizmo every time.”

-Bob Weinstein

“It is impossible to make anything foolproof because fools are so ingenious”

-Anonymous

Commercially Available Antimicrobial Central Venous Catheters

- CHG / SS Chlorhexidine - Silver Sulfadiazine
- Minocycline – Rifampicin
- Silver / Platinum / Carbon
- Miconazole / Rifampicin
- Benzalkonium
- Benzalkonium + Heparin

Compounds used in Coated Catheters¹¹

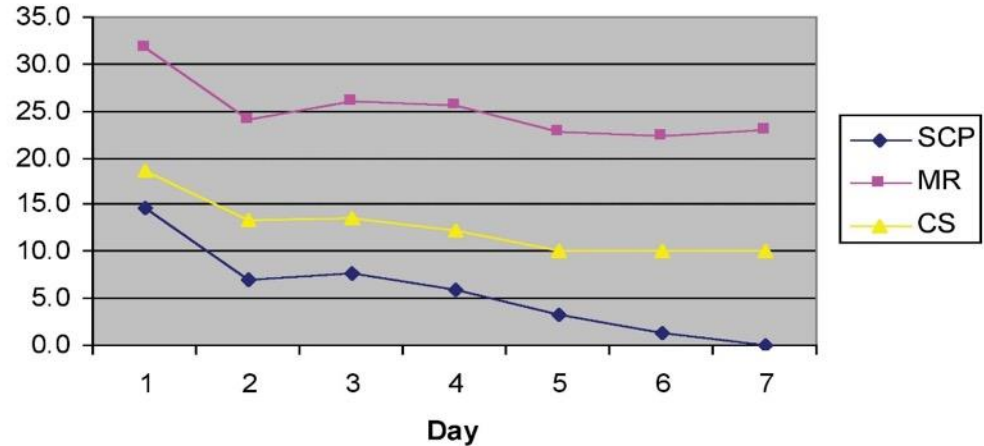
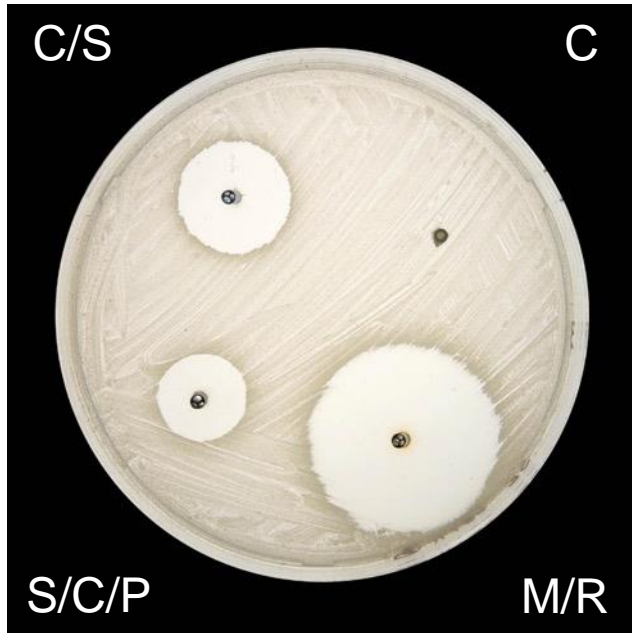
- Chlorhexidine – cationic polybiguanide disinfectant, disrupts cell membranes
- Silver – disinfectant, deactivates enzymes and membrane transport by binding to thiol groups
- Sulfadiazine – antibiotic, inhibits dihydropteroate synthetase
- Rifampin – antibiotic, inhibits bacterial DNA-dependent RNA polymerase
- Minocycline – broad spectrum tetracycline antibiotic, inhibits bacterial protein synthesis

11. Singha, Priyadarshini et al. "A review of the recent advances in antimicrobial coatings for urinary catheters." *Acta biomaterialia* vol. 50 (2017): 20-40. doi:10.1016/j.actbio.2016.11.070

Spectrum and Duration of Activity of Antimicrobial Catheters¹²

Staphylococcus epidermidis

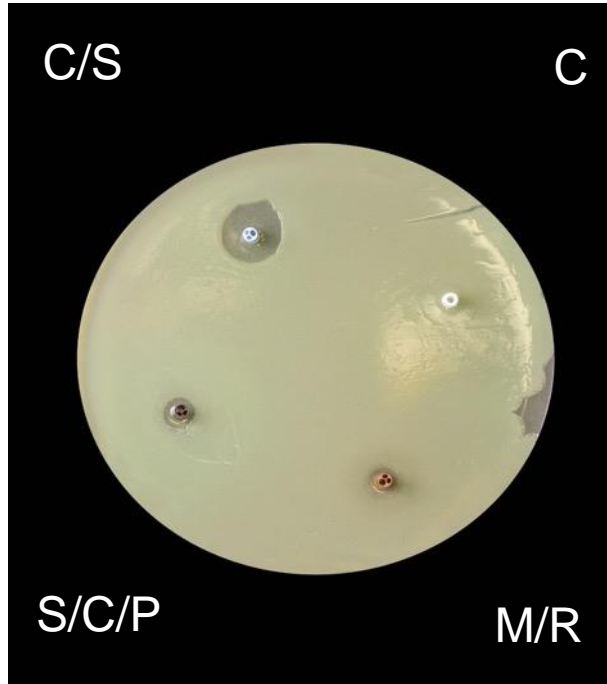
Fig. 1a. *Staphylococcus epidermidis* ATCC 35983



No correlation between in *vitro/in vivo* testing methods and clinical outcomes have currently been ascertained.

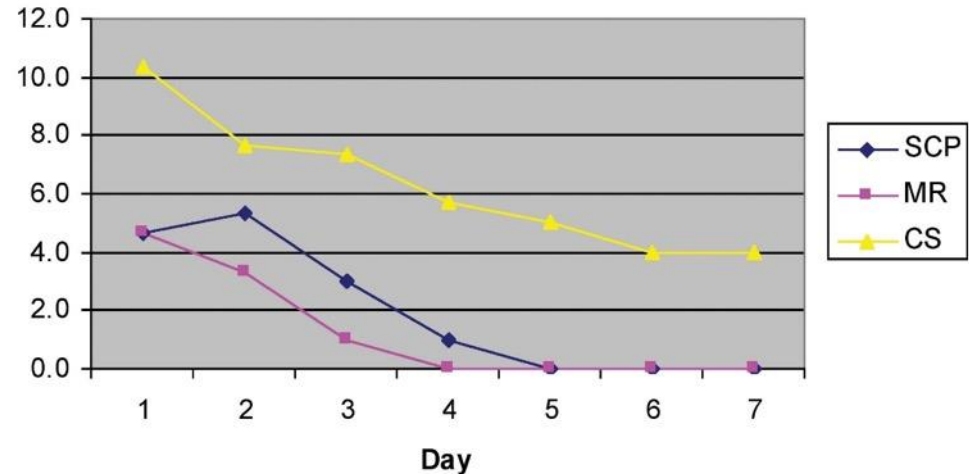
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Spectrum and Duration of Activity of Antimicrobial Catheters¹²



Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Fig. 1d. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* ATCC 27853



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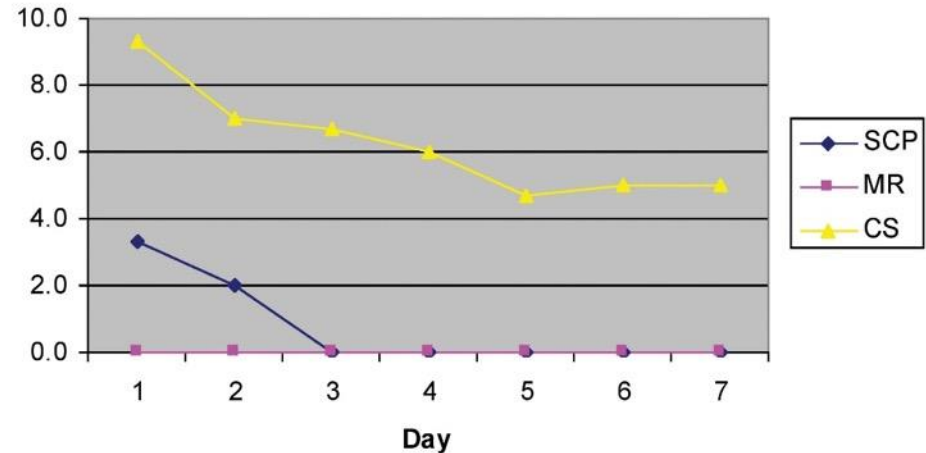
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Spectrum and Duration of Activity of Antimicrobial Catheters¹²



Candida albicans

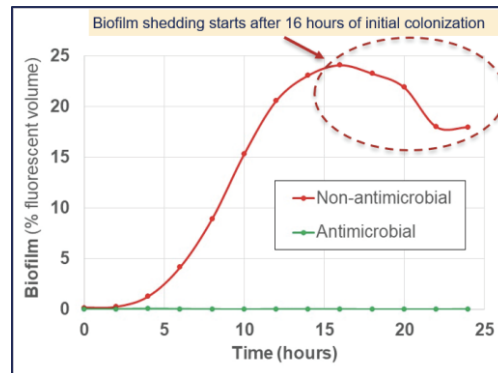
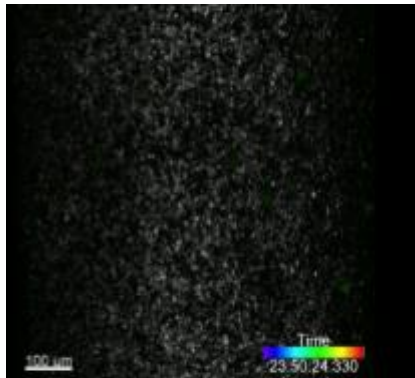
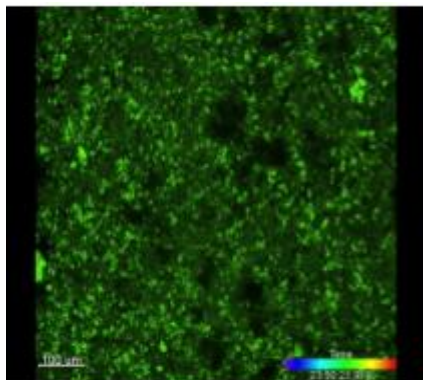
Fig. 1e. *Candida albicans* ATCC 10231



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Effect of CH/SS on Adherence and Biofilm Formation



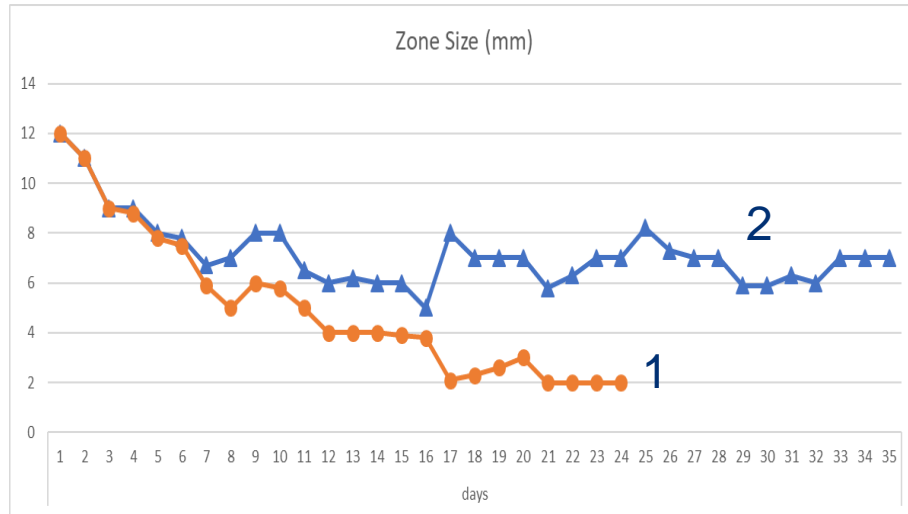
Chlorhexidine treated PICC prevents bacterial adherence and biofilm formation over 24 hour exposure to *GFP-S aureus* in flow cell experiment

13. Real-time evaluation of Chlorhexidine-treated indwelling PICC in reducing bacterial attachment, colonization and biofilm formation
Gupta & Haughton AVA 2019

Duration of Activity CH/SS CVC^{14,15}

S. aureus

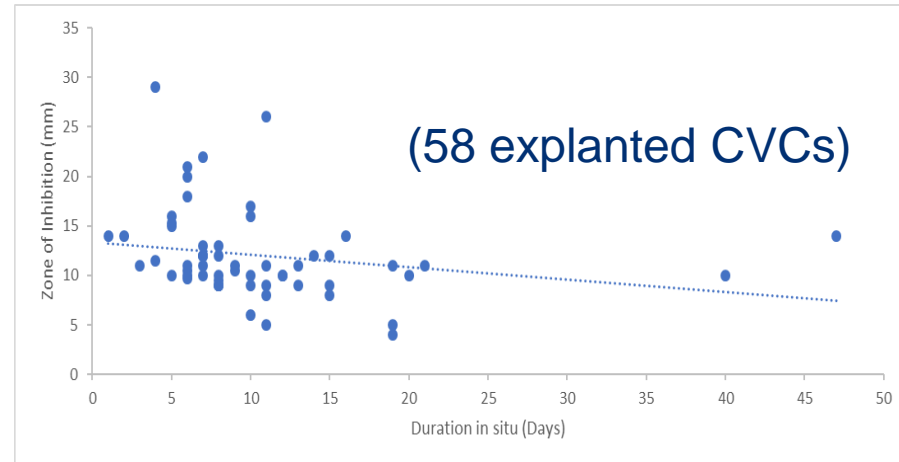
1st & 2nd generation CH/SS CVCs



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S. epidermidis

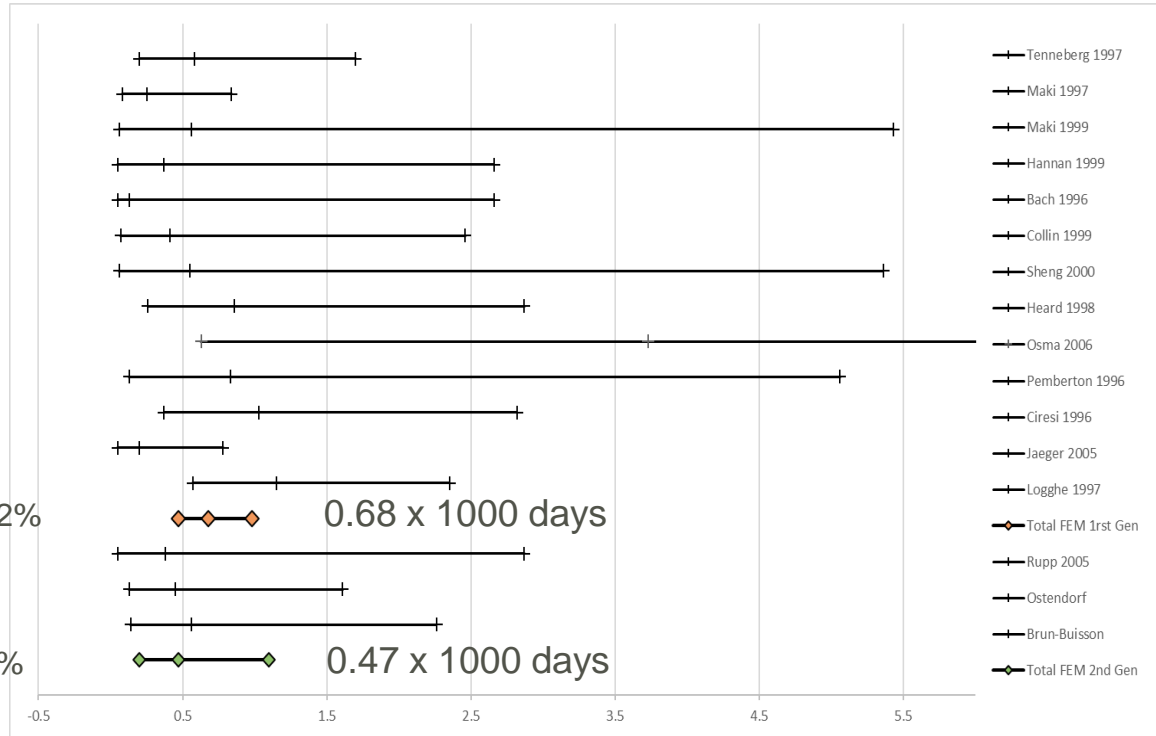
2nd generation CH/SS CVC



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Do antimicrobial-coated catheters prevent BSI?

CSS Catheters

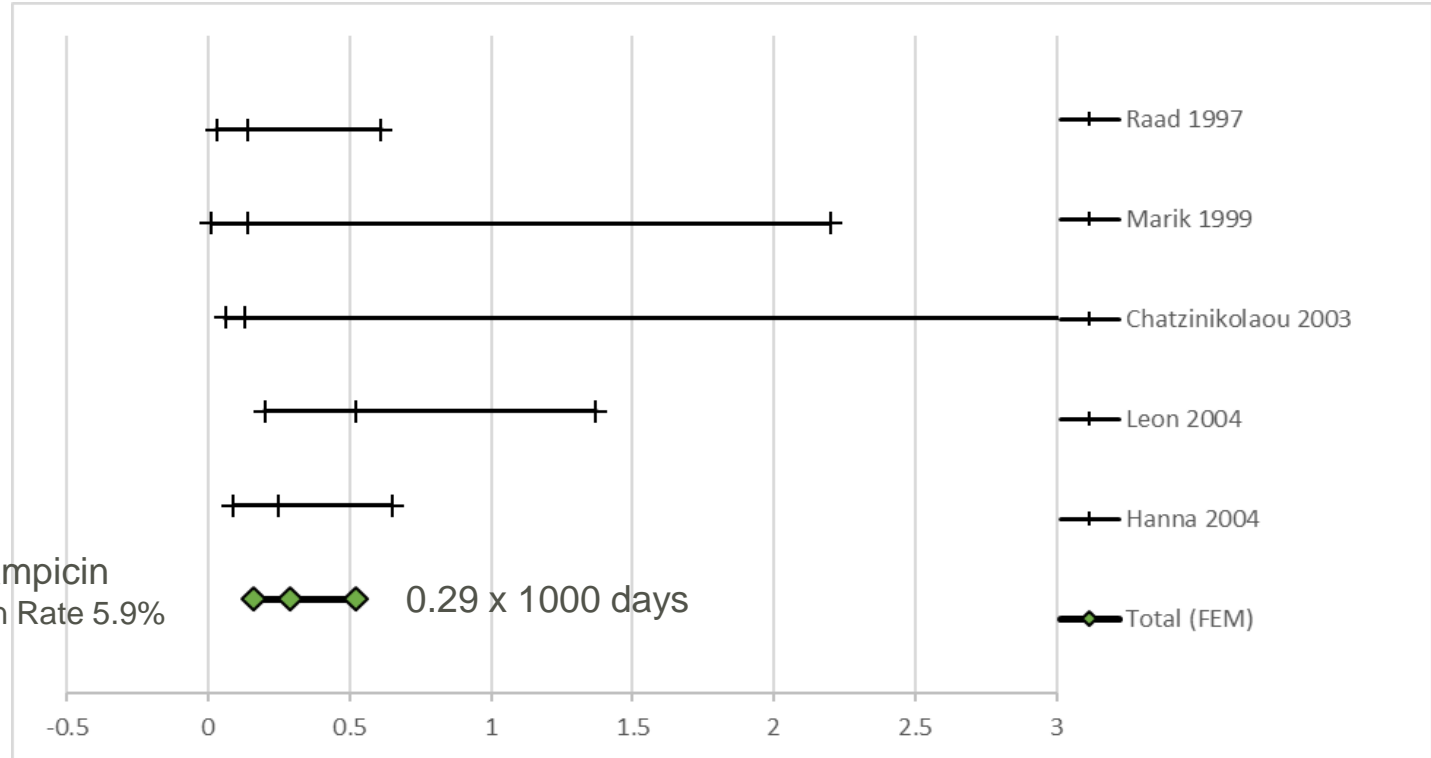


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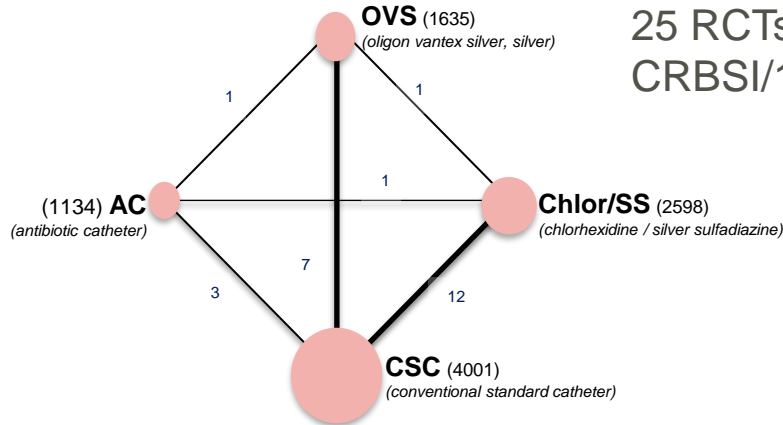
M/R Catheters

Minocycline – Rifampicin
Control CVC Infection Rate 5.9%

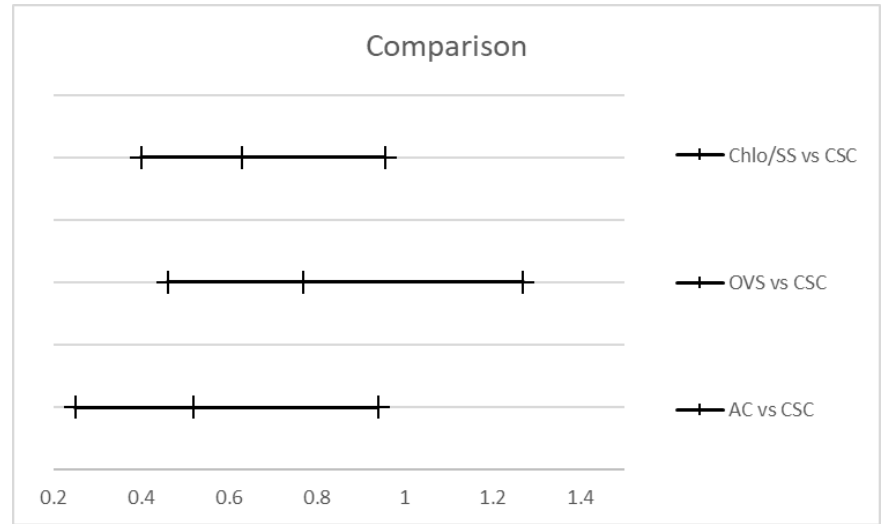


Effectiveness of antimicrobial-coated central venous catheters for preventing catheter-related blood-stream infections with the implementation of bundles: a systematic review and network meta-analysis¹⁹

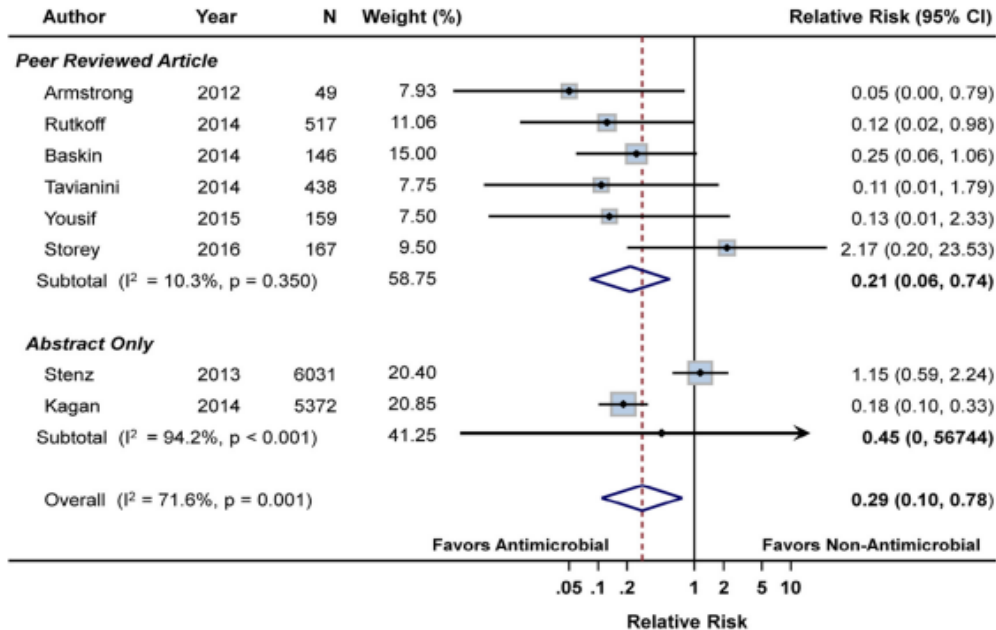
25 RCTs reported
CRBSI/1000 CVC days



CH/SS vs. CSC OR 0.64
 AC vs. CSC OR 0.53
 OVS vs. CSC OR 0.70



Are antimicrobial peripherally inserted central catheters associated with reduction in central line-associated bloodstream infection? A systematic review and meta-analysis²⁰



1476 patients. CLABSI: OR 0.21 (0.06, 0.74)

2.4/1000 PICC d vs 0.26/1000 PICC days
($P = 0.014$); NNT = 26

No difference between coating type: CHG = 0.31, R/M = 0.27; $P = 0.93$

20. Rachel D. Kramer BS, Mary A.M. Rogers PhD, Marisa Conte MLIS, Jason Mann MSA, Sanjay Saint MD, MPH, Vineet Chopra MD, MSc. Are antimicrobial peripherally inserted central catheters associated with reduction in central line associated bloodstream infection? A systematic review and meta-analysis American Journal of Infection Control (2016). dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ajic.2016.07.021

Will antibiotic coated catheters lead to antibiotic resistance?

What about antiseptic coated catheters?

Technologic Innovations

Emergence of Resistance?

In Vitro and in Vivo Efficacy of Catheters Impregnated with Antiseptics or Antibiotics: Evaluation of the of the Risk of Bacterial Resistance to the Antimicrobials in the Catheters²¹

- Serial passage experiments for *S. epidermidis* and *E. coli* in drug or antiseptic containing broth
- Tested explanted catheters (from rats) in zone of inhibition tests against passaged strains.

CONCLUSIONS: Antiseptic and antibiotic catheters exhibit similar efficacy; however, when challenged with a rifampicin resistant strain, the antibiotic catheter appeared to be more susceptible to colonization than antiseptic device

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Emergence of Resistance?

In Vitro Exposure of Bacteria to Antimicrobial Impregnated – Central Venous Catheter Does Not Directly Lead to the Emergence of Antimicrobial Resistance²²

- In-vitro susceptibility testing of isolates of *S. epidermidis*, *S. aureus*, *E. faecalis*, and *E. coli* that had been grown next to CVC segments

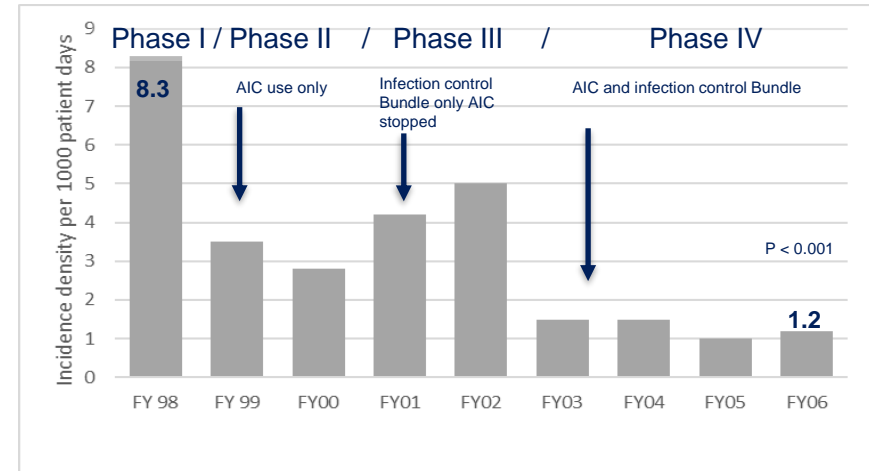
CONCLUSIONS: Our in vitro data suggest that the exposure of Gram-positive cocci to either rifampicin or minocycline can lead to development of resistance. However, exposure of bacteria to these antibiotic in combinations does not directly lead to resistance. Clinical investigations will be required to determine the true risk and implications of the development of resistance.

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Emergence of Resistance?

Clinical Effectiveness and risk of emerging resistance associated with prolonged use of antibiotic – impregnated catheters: More than 0,5 million catheters days and 7 years of clinical experience²³

- 9200 CVCs; 511,520 CVC days
- CLABSI decreased from 8.3 to 1.2/1000 CVC d
- Resistance of S aureus or CoNS to rifampin or tetracycline remained stable or decreased
- Long term use of R/M CVC not associated with clinical emergence of resistance



23. Ramos et al. Clinical effectiveness and risk of emerging resistance associated with prolonged use of antibiotic-impregnated catheters: More than 0.5 million catheter days and 7 years of clinical experience. Critical care medicine 39(2):245-51 · November 2010.

Novel Antimicrobial Coatings

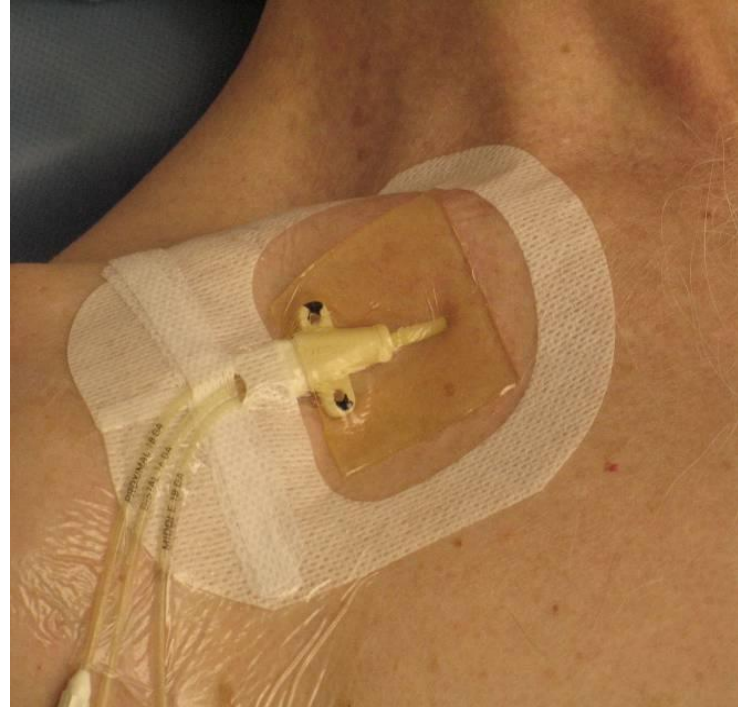
- 5-Fluorouracil
- Rifampin-Miconazole
- Silver Nanoparticles
- Chlorhexidine/Minocycline/Rifampin
- Gentian violet/ Chlorhexidine
- Surface Pattern
- Polymeric sulfobetaine (polySB)
- PolyHexaMethylene biguanide
- Gold, Silver, Palladium
- Antimicrobial peptides
- Auranofin

Additional to Catheter

Technologic Innovations



Chlorhexidine Impregnated CVC Dressings

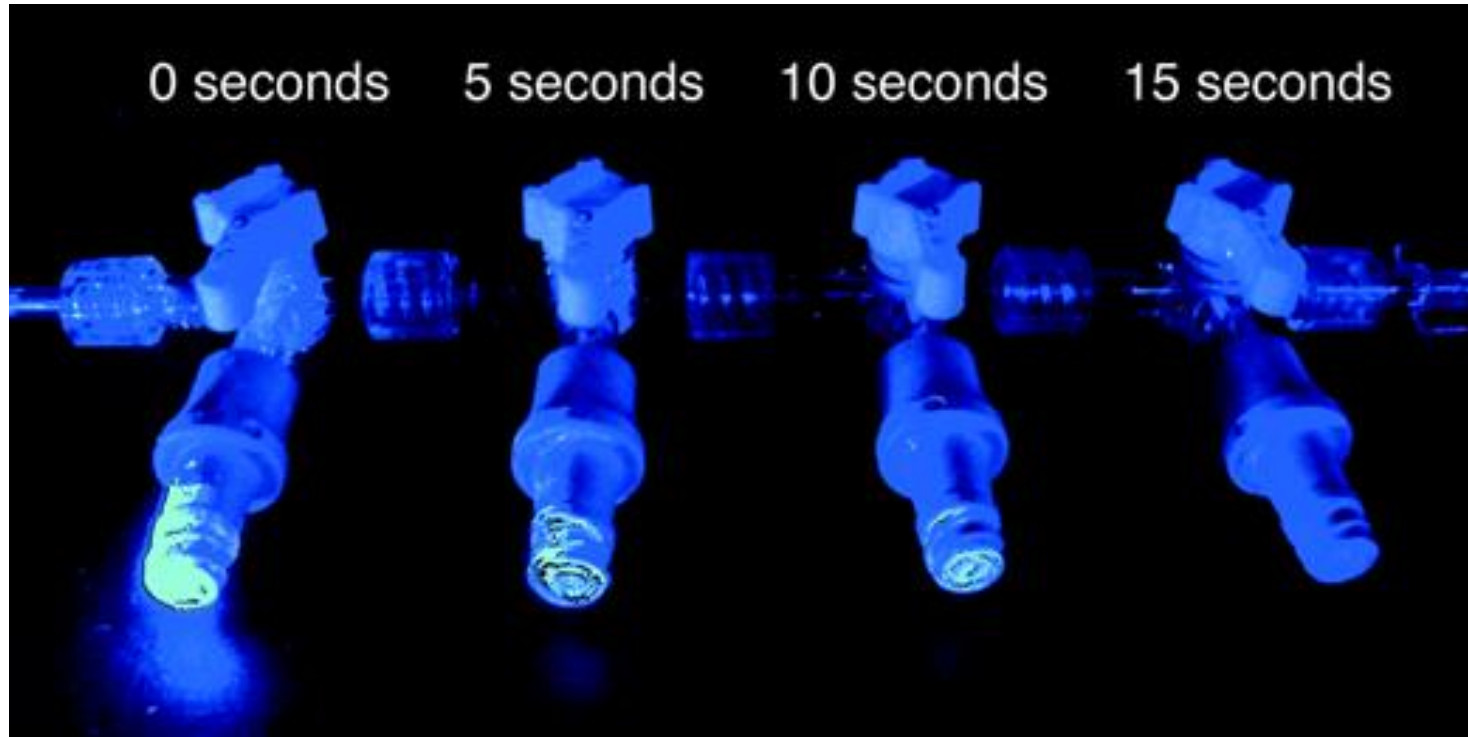


Meta-analysis and systematic reviews on use of CHG Dressings in Prevention of CRBSI

- Ho, et al. J Antimicrob Chemother. 2006. 6 studies, 2446 catheters (OR 0.58)
- Safdar, et al. Crit Care Med. 2014. 9 RCTs, 10,481 catheters (RR 0.6)
- Ullman, et al. Cochrane Review. 2015. 22 studies, 7436 patients (RR 0.65)
- Xing, et al. Iran J Public Health. 2019. 13 RCTs, 7555 patients, 11,931 catheters (RR 0.55)
- Wei, et al. BMC Infect Dis. 2019. 12 RCTs, 6028 patients (OR 0.6)
- Puig-Asensio, et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. 2020. 20 studies, 15,590 catheters (RR 0.71)

6 meta-analyses all concluded that CHG dressings significantly reduced risk of CRBSI

Scrub the Hub!



Not All Mechanical Valves are Created Equal



Negative Displacement
Needleless Connector

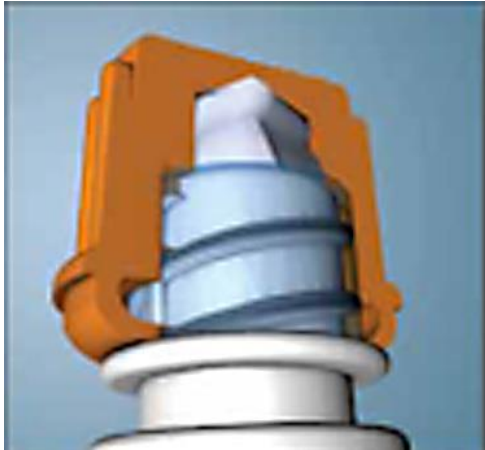


Neutral Displacement
Needleless Connector



Positive Displacement
Needleless Connector

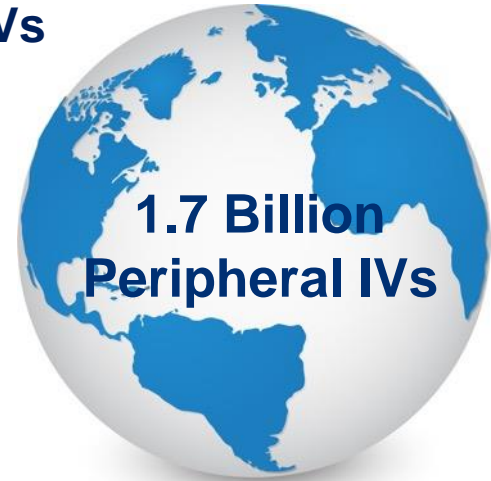
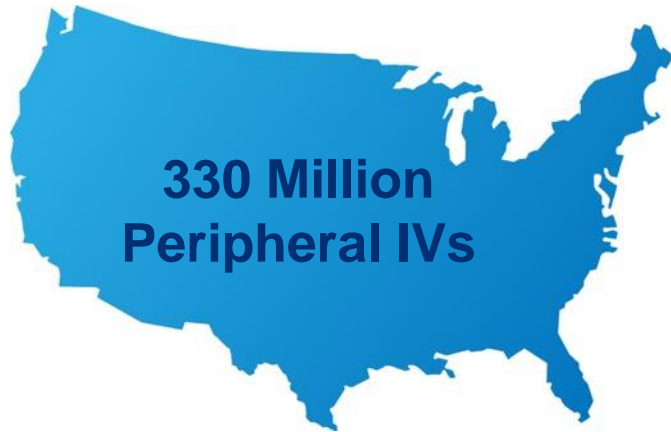
Antiseptic Caps Passive Port Protectors



Scope of the Problem

What about Peripheral IVs???

Yearly Use of Peripheral IVs



Little systematic data regarding complications: infection, phlebitis, infiltration, extravasation

28. Webster, Joan, et al. "Clinically-indicated replacement versus routine replacement of peripheral venous catheters." *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews* 1 (2019).

The Risk of Bloodstream Infection in Adults With Different Intravascular Devices: A Systematic Review of 200 Published Prospective Studies²⁹

- Review of 110 studies, 10,910 catheters
- 0.5 BSI (95% CI 0.2–0.7)/1000 device days
- 9 higher quality studies (microbial concordance between catheter and blood culture): 0.6 BSI/1000 device days
- 1 per 1000 devices x 330 Million/2.25 attempts per successful IV start = 146,000 episodes of BSI

Short-term Peripheral Venous Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections: A Systematic Review³⁰

- BSI 0.18% amongst 85,063 PVCs
- PIVs responsible for 23% of catheter-related BSI

29. Maki, Dennis G., Daniel M. Kluger, and Christopher J. Crnich. "The risk of bloodstream infection in adults with different intravascular devices: a systematic review of 200 published prospective studies." *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*. Vol. 81. No. 9. Elsevier, 2006.

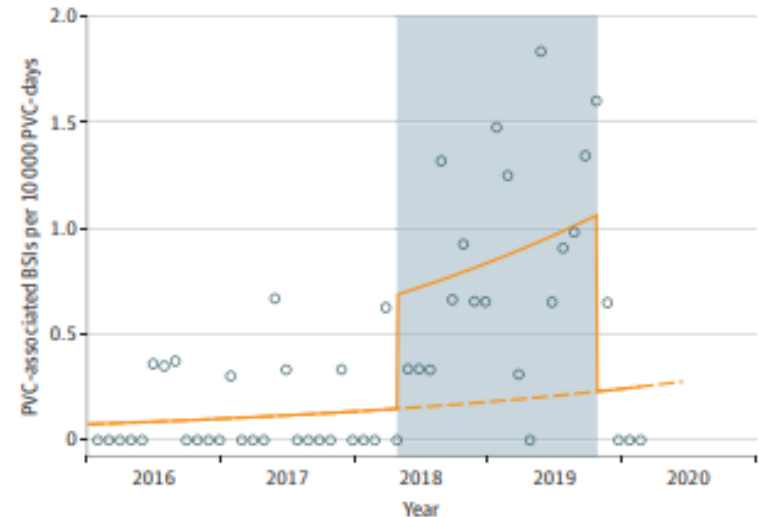
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Comparison of Routine Replacement With Clinically Indicated Replacement of Peripheral Intravenous Catheters

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- Observational cohort study at AMC in Switzerland from Jan 2016 to Mar 2020
- 412,631 PIVs in 164,331 pts
- Baseline: PIVs changed every 96 hours (27 mo); Intervention: PIVs changed as needed (18.5 mo); Reversion to baseline (5.5 mo)
- A significant increase in PIV BSI was observed (BSI/10,000 PIV d) 0.128 (baseline) vs 0.894 (intervention) vs 0.287 (reversion). Incidence rate ratio 7.2 (intervention vs baseline), 95% CI (3.65-14.22) vs 1.35 (reversion vs baseline), 95% CI (0.3-6.17).



Monthly incidence density of PIV BSI. Trend lines per Poisson Regression: Solid = observed; dotted = predicted if intervention had not occurred

What about Midlines?

A comparison of the incidence of midline catheter–associated bloodstream infections to that of central line–associated bloodstream infections in 5 acute care hospitals³¹

- Multi-center retrospective review
- 165,166 CL-days and 26,063 ML-days among all 5 hospitals
- 23 MLABSIs for an overall MLABSI incidence of 0.88 per 1,000 ML-days
- 178 CLABSIs resulting in a CLABSI incidence of 1.10 per 1,000 CL-days
- MLABSI and CLABSI was not statistically significant ($P=.37$)

31. Hogle, Nancy J., et al. "A comparison of the incidence of midline catheter–associated bloodstream infections to that of central line–associated bloodstream infections in 5 acute care hospitals." *American journal of infection control* 48.9 (2020): 1108-1110.

Scope of the Problem

What about Arterial Catheters???

- Arterial catheters (AC) are associated with same risk for BSI as nontunneled CVCs. 1.7 BSI/1000 cath days.²⁶
- 8 Million ACs used per year in USA.³¹
- Only 44% of institutions follow CDC recommendations for AC insertion precautions.^{32,33}
- ACs should be inserted and cared for with same level of respect as CVCs.²⁶



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Infection Control – View for the Future

“There are known knowns. These are things we know that we know. There are known unknowns. That is to say, there are things that we know we don’t know. But there are also unknown unknowns. There are things we don’t know we don’t know.”

-Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld

(PS: there are also things that we think we know, but we’re wrong)

Any Questions?

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