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I PICC sotto accusa: aumento o diminuzione del rischio di infezioni da catetere

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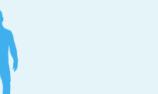
OPTIMISING SKIN ANTISEPSIS

FOR AN ENHANCED PREVENTION OF HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS IN THE EU

Healthcare-Associated Infections



HAIs affect (1) 1 in 10 patients



Estimated number of patients who acquire a HAI in the EU (2)
4.1 million patients every year

25%

HAlsrepresent approximately (1) 25% of adverse events



HAIs are responsbile for (3) at least 37 000 deaths every year

81089 Europeans on any given day

approximately 81 089 Europeans on any given day (2)



20-30% of HAI

Can be prevented by intensive hygiene and control programmes (2)

Fattori determinanti
l'incremento delle infezioni
correlate all'assistenza

- √ Aumento delle comorbidità
- ✓ Aumento dell'età media
- √ Capacità di sviluppo rapido
- **✓ Progressi nei trattamenti medici**

European Commission.

"Public consultation on strategies for improving patient safety by prevention and control of healthcare-associated infections".

Available at: http://ec.europa.eu/ health/archive/ph_threats/com/cons01_txt_en.pdf

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IN THE EU

It is clearly true that patient safety, a key factor to overall healthcare quality, and the prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections as a threat to patient safety have been a cornerstone of EU and national healthcare policies for years. However, we believe that much remains to be done with regard to the prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs), universally relevant to patients at every single health-care encounter and which demands comprehensive solutions. Skin antisepsis has certainly a role to play in this regard.

We hereby would like to recall that, as stressed by this Parliament, high-quality healthcare is recognised as a fundamental right by the EU. We are convinced that a harmonised approach

The institution we represent urged the Commission to foster the exchange of information on initiatives concerned with patient safety and quality of care. We welcome this white paper as an example of an exchange of knowledge and best practices between a group of pan-European experts that can translate into increased safety for all European patients. We also applaud the fact antimicrobial resistance is one the topics addressed in the paper, for we consider that this is a serious and growing threat to patient safety that needs to be considered in the frame of any initiative on the prevention of HAI.

As Members of the European Parliament, we are committed to ensuring that all citizens have equal access to health care with the highest possible quality and safety. It is our hope that the information, expertise and policy recommendations contained within this paper will be acted upon by policy makers at

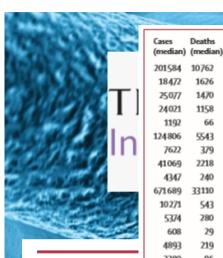
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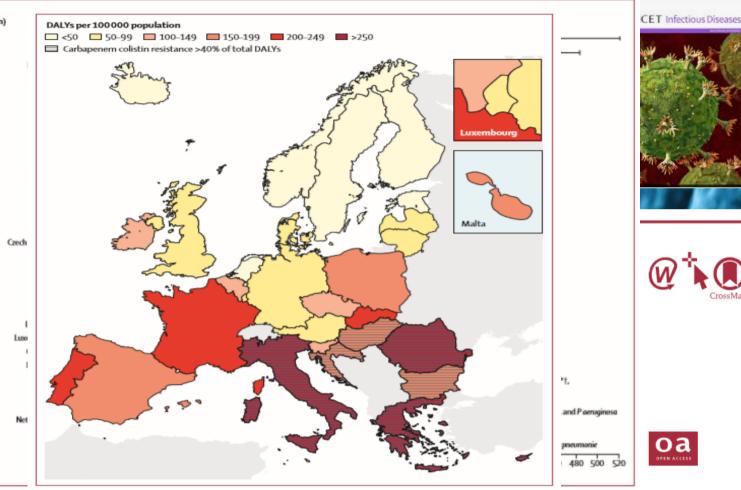
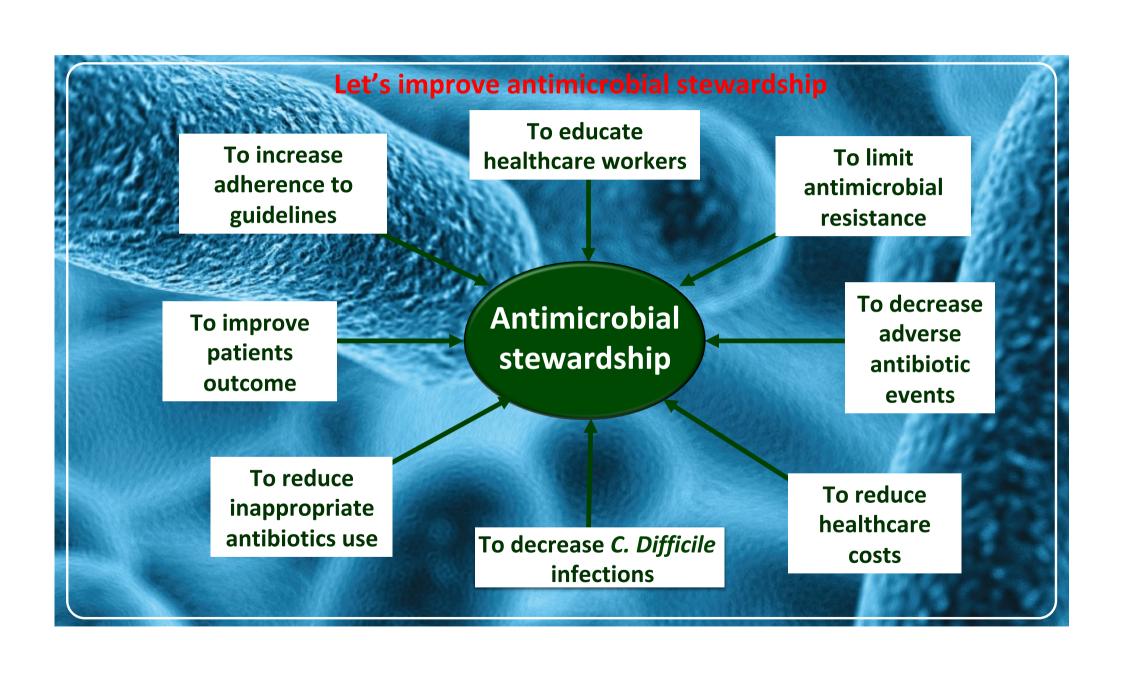
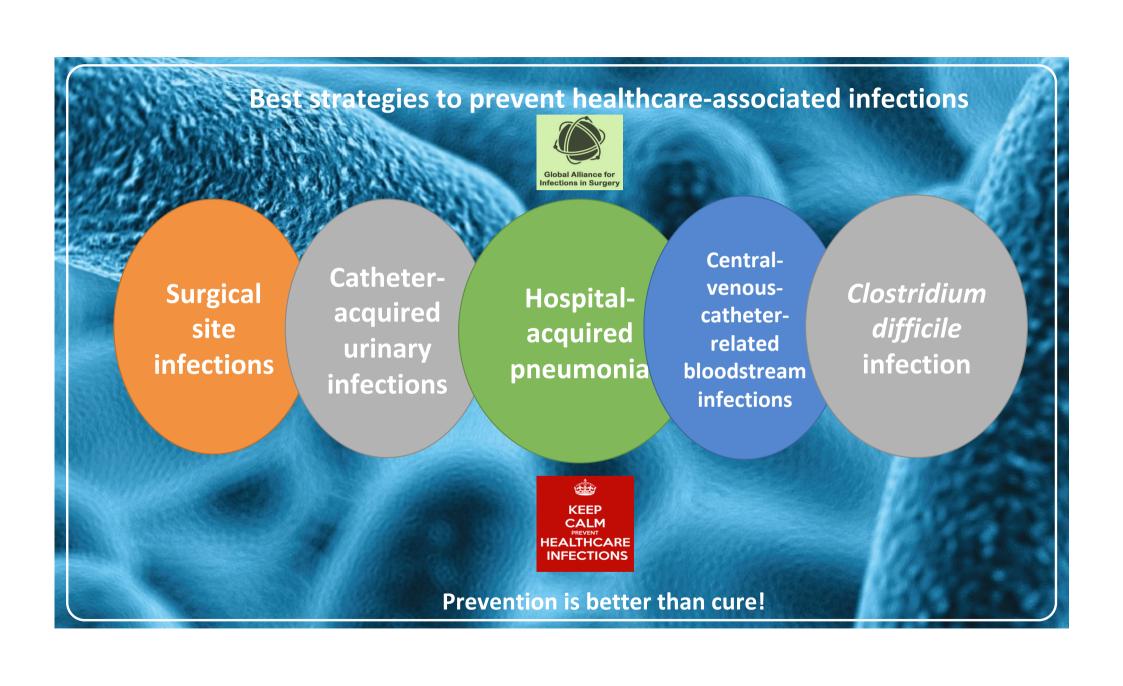
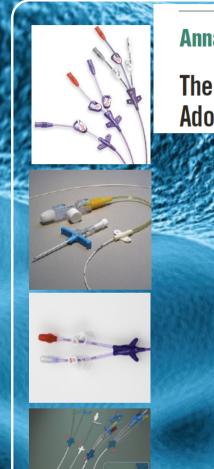


Figure 3: Burden of Infectio Figure 4: Model estimates of the burden of Infections with selected antibiotic-resistant bacteria of public Error bars are 95% uncertaint health importance in DALYs per 100 000 population, EU and European Economic Area, 2015 limit the effect of demograpi Greece did not report data on S pneumoniae isolates to the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance colistin. †in 2015, most of the third-generation cephalosporin-resistant E coli (88-6%) and K pneumonios (85-3%) isolates reported to the European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network

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Annals of Internal Medicine

Supplement

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

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

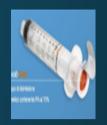
Interventions to improve prophylaxis for venous thromboembolisms

Shekelle G et al. <u>Ann Intern Med</u> 2013 Mar 5;158(5 Pt 2):365-8

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- 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





ORIGINAL

Prevention of hospital infections by intervention and training (PROHIBIT): results of a pan-European cluster-randomized



Ruolo dei bundles

se effects of behavioural change studies aiming at CLABSI

t- preventica [44].

In conclusion, this study demonstrates that multimodal

th prevention strategies aiming at improving CVC insertion

nd practice and hand hygiene compliance reduce CRBSI in

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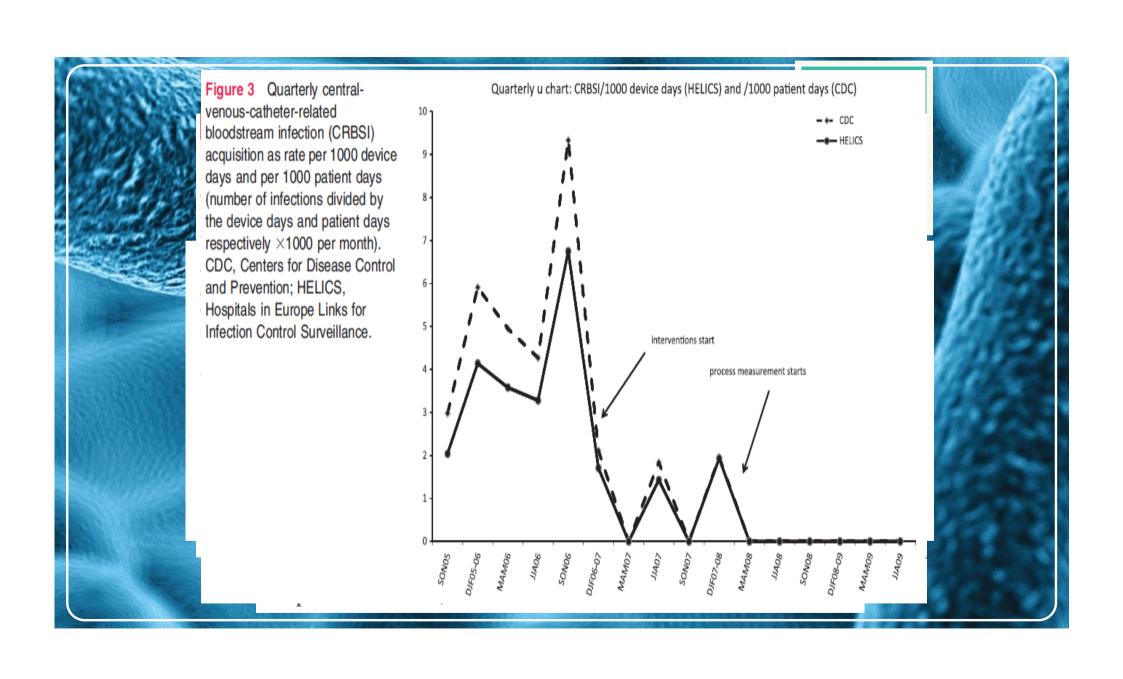
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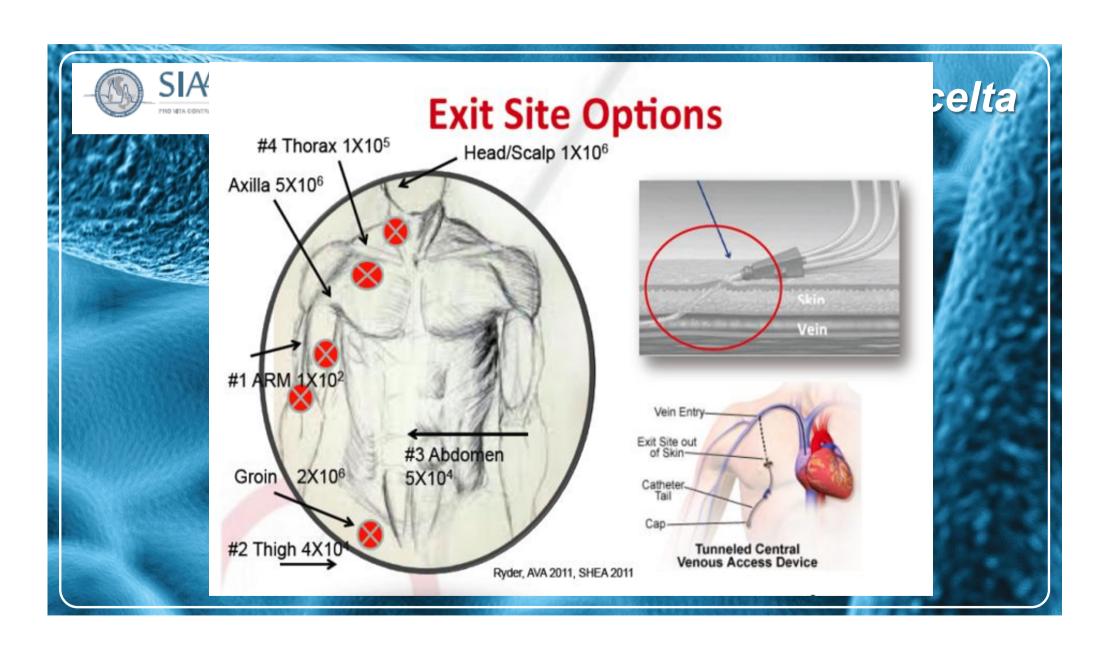




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GLI ACCESSI VASCOLARI





- USA: 15 milioni di giorni-catetere/anno;
- Aumento dei costi ospedalieri e della durata di degenza, ma non della mortalità;
- 80.000 CRBSI/anno in Terapia Intensiva;
- 250.000 BSI/anno in tutti i Reparti.

 CDC Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections, 2011
- Europa: mancanza di dati sistematici. Dati su ICU in Francia, Germania, Italia, Regno Unito. Ampia variabilità:
 - 1.12 4.2 CRBSI per 1000 giorni-catetere
 - 8400 14 400 episodi di CRBSI/anno
 - 1000 1584 morti/anno
 - 15 960 201 600 giorni di TI causati da CRBSI
 - €35.9 to €163.9 milioni per costi associati.

Tacconelli E et al. J Hosp Infect 2009; 72(2):97.



Infezioni attribuibili a cateteri endovenosi secondo il tipo di catetere

	Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infection		
Catheter	Incidence (%)	Incidence Density (Number/1000 Line Days)	
Peripheral venous	0.1	0.5	
Arterial	0.4	0.2	
Peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC)	2.4	2.1	
Short-term central venous catheter	4.4	2.7	
Percutaneous, tunneled long-term central venous catheter	22.5	1.6	
Fully implanted, tunneled long-term central venous catheter	3.6	0.1	

Maki DG, Kluger DM, Crnich CJ. Mayo Clin Proc. 2006;81(9):1159-1171

Ad oggi, quali dati?

Considerando il Rischio infettivo (best achieved rate, CRBSI)

- Non tunnellizzati
- 0.9/1.000 giorni-catetere
- Tunnellizzati:
- 0.83-0.89/1.000 giorni catetere
- Totalmente impiantabili:
- 0.018-0.35/1.000 giorni-catetere
- PICC:
- 0.02-0.57/1.000 giorni-catetere

van der Kooi T, et al. Intensive Care Med (2018) 44:48–60
Wang P, Plos One 2016;11(1):e014641
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the 20 inch CLABSI episodes weighted incidence talized patients wa 1,302) in those that risk of CLABSI wa (117 of 25,822) was received CVCs. The systematic review has device group.²⁸

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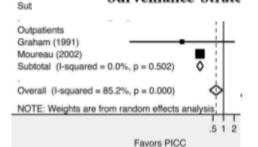
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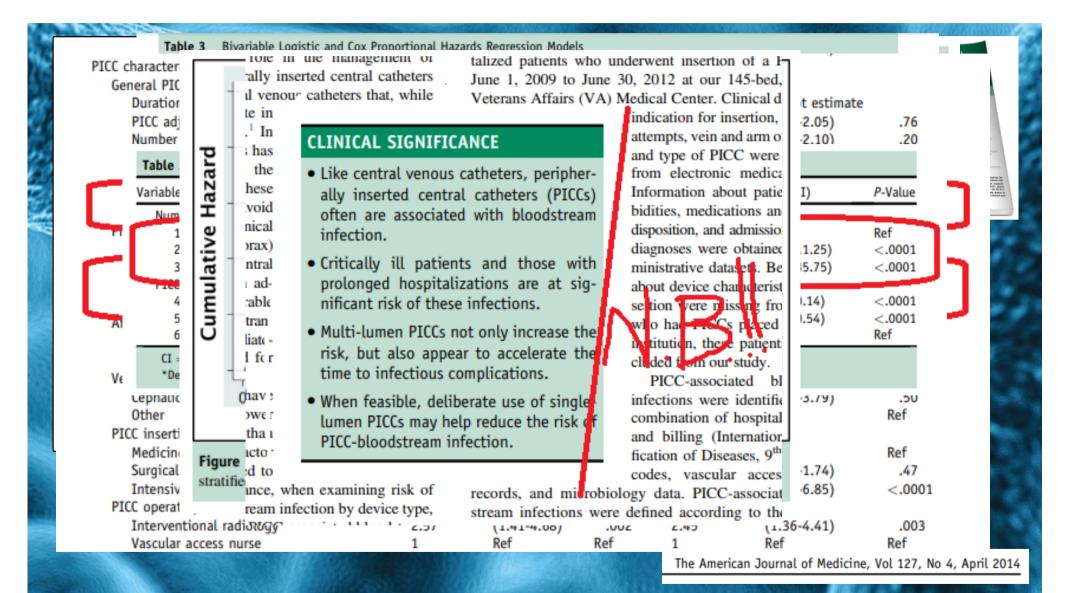


studies that specifically assess the role of novel technologies and practices, such as chlorhexidine-impregnated site dressings or antimicrobial PICCs, are needed in the battle against CLABSI in non-ICU settings. These technological approaches may provide important layers of reinforcement against CLABSI in non-ICU settings, especially as the use of PICCs increases in these areas.57 Third, because the risk of CLABSI associated with CVCs and PICCs appears to be similar in hospitalized patients, expansion of practices and campaigns such as hub decontamination and "scrub the hub" should specifically be targeted toward PICCs. Finally, we note that PICCs continue to appear safe in outpatient settings when used in healthier, ambulatory populations for appropriate indications. Continued efforts to educate patients on catheter care, including aseptic access, flushing techniques, and early recognition of warning signs, are important to maintain this course.

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Incidence Rate

In conclusion, when placed in hospitalized patients, PICCs



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Antimicrobial Catheters

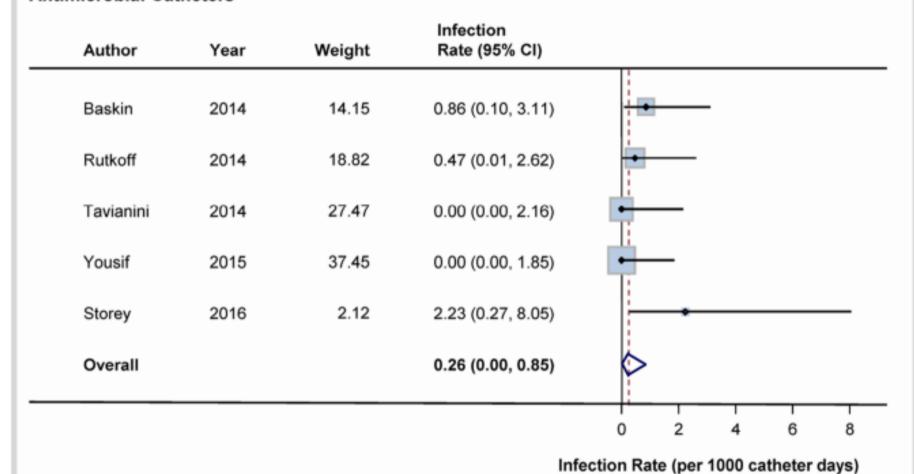


Table 3 Crude and adjusted association between type of catheter and CLABSI within the first 30 days

HR (95% CI)

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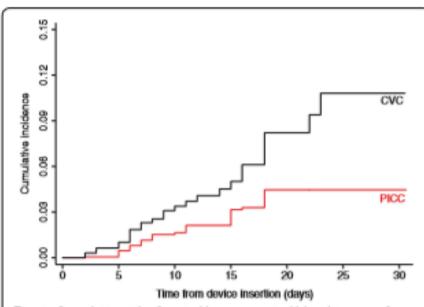


Fig. 1 Cumulative risk of central line-associated bloodstream infection between PICC and CVC (the Kaplan-Meier curves were built on the weighted population). CVC central venous catheter, PICC peripherally inserted central catheter

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Conclusion

CLABSI is an important infectious complication in PICU patients. The role of PICC use in the prevention of CLABSI is unknown in paediatric critical care patients. Our study confirms the hypothesis that PICCs have a protective role in CLABSI prevention when compared to CVCs, in PICUs with low incidence of CLABSI, and their use should be considered instead of CVCs, whenever possible, in the paediatric intensive care setting.

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Electronic supplementary material

The online version of this article (doi:10.1007/s00134-017-4852-7) contains supplementary material, which is available to authorized users.
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CI confidence interval, CVC central venous line, HR hazard ratio, IPTW inverse probability of treatment weighting, PICC peripherally inserted central catheter, CLABSI central line-associated bloodstream infection

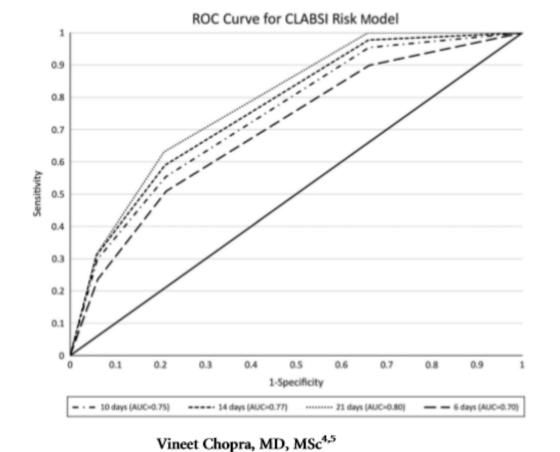
TABLE 4. Frequency and Rate of PICC CLABSI by MPC Risk Score

	Observed Ev		
Risk Score (Total Points)	No. of Patients	CL/ No.	
0	7,797	35 (
1	10,356	74 (
2	3,512	61 (
3	666	18 (
4	361	16 (
5	120	13 (
6	236	28 (

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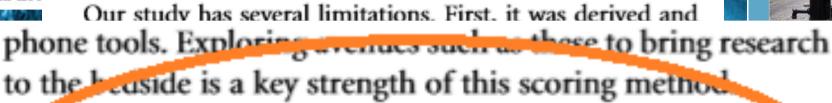
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Model to Predict Central-Line—Associated Bloodstream Infection Among Patients With Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters:



In conclusion, we derived and validated a tool that predicts the risk of PICC-CLABSI in a large cohort of hospitalized patients. Future studies that focus on both validating the tool and exploring strategies for implementation in clinical settings are needed.

tonsideration of an antimiteroonal-impregnated or -coated PICC, as these have been shown to reduce risk of CLABSI in patients at high risk of this event. 47

Infezioni locali: sito di inserzio

Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infection: 2009 Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America

SCORE CLINICO PER LA VALUTAZIONE DELLE INFEZIONI LOCALIZZATE

GRADO 0:

Cute sana, integra, non segni di flogosi.



GRADO 1:

CVC: +/- fibrina.



Grado 2:

Iperemia < 1 cm. al Iperemia > 1 < 2 cm. Iperemia, secrezione, punto di uscita del al punto di uscita del pus, +/- fibrina. CVC; +/- fibrina.



Grado 3:











Presenza di eritema, tumefazione, dolore nei primi 2 cm dal punto di fuoriuscita del catetere. Possibili sintomi associati: febbre, essudazione con o senza una concomitante batteriemia. Diagnosi: coltura del tampone cutaneo sito di uscita/materiale purulento.



Conservativa

Infezione del catetere

Tampone allo skin exit

☐ Tampone hub

Contenitore

Tampone tappo rosa

Conservazione

In frigo (+4°C)



Metodo	Descrizione	Positività	Interpretazione
Coltura tampone skin exit	Coltura area 6 cm² skin exit CVC	≥ 15 UFC	VPN elevato
Coltura tampone hub	Coltura superficie interna tutti gli hub	≥ 15 UFC	Rischio di contaminazione

Infezioni locali: tunnel sottocutaneo/tasca

Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infection: 2009 Update by the Infectious Diseases Society of America

Leonard A. Mermel, Michael Allon, Emilio Bouza, Donald E. Craven, Patricia Flynn, Naomi P. O'Grady,

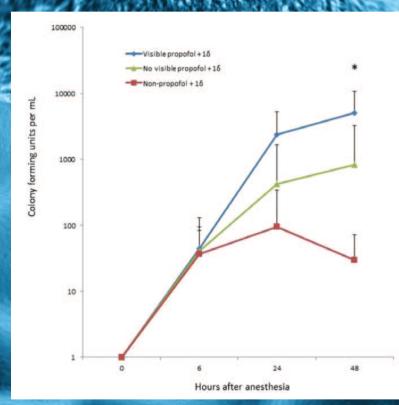
- Sottocutaneo: Presenza di tumefazione, eritema, dolore a più di 2 cm dal sito di fuoriuscita, lungo il tragitto sottocutaneo di un catetere esterno tunnellizzato. Possibili sintomi associati: febbre, essudato.
- Tasca: Presenza di essudato all'interno della tasca dei cateteri totalmente impiantabili; associato a dolore, eritema, tumefazione o necrosi della cute sovrastante.
- **Diagnosi:** se essudato tampone per coltura; se non essudato emocoltura (se praticabile).







Infezioni sistemiche: Batteriemie e accessi venosi in sala operatoria





Leaving More Than Your Fingerprint on the Intravenous Line: A Prospective Study on Propofol Anesthesia and Implications of Stopcock Contamination

Devon C. Cole, MD,* Tezcan Ozrazgat Baslanti, PhD,* Nikolaus L. Gravenstein, BS,† and Nikolaus Gravenstein, MD*

Table 4. Microorganism Concentrations Found in IV Extension Set Stopcock Dead Spaces After Propofol and Nonpropofol Anesthesia at Respective Holding Times

Propofol	CFU/mL	CFU/mL Nonpropofol	
6 h			
Staphylococcus epidermidis	18	S warneri	14
Acinetobacter	18	S cohnii	65
Micrococcus	46	Micrococcus	61
Kocuria	69	Kocuria	14
24 h			
S hominis	269	Dermacoccus	51
Micrococcus	115	Micrococcus	33
Acinetobacter	6846	Kocuria	79
S epidermidis	2968	Streptococcus sanguinis	41
48 h			
Pseudomonas oryzihabitans	>10,000	S lentus	31
Micrococcus	83	Micrococcus	45
Kocuria	182	Kocuria	15

CFU = colony forming units.

Definizioni ECDC

3.2 Bloodstream infection

3.2.1 Case definition

Patient has at least one positive blood culture for a recognised pathogen

or –

Patient has at least one of the following signs or symptoms: fever (> 38 °C), chills, or hypotension

And

two positive blood cultures for a common skin contaminant (from two separate blood samples, usually within 48 hours).

Skin contaminants = coagulase-negative staphylococci, Micrococcus spp., Propionibacterium acnes, Bacillus spp., Corvnebacterium spp.

3.5.3 CRI3-CVC: microbiologically confirmed CVC-related bloodstream infection

BSI occurring 48 hours before or after catheter removal (if any)

and positive culture with the same microorganism of either:

- quantitative CVC culture ≥ 103 CFU/ml or semi-quantitative CVC culture > 15 CFU or
- quantitative blood culture ratio CVC blood sample/peripheral blood sample > 5 [11,12]
- differential delay of positivity of blood cultures [10]: CVC blood sample culture positive two hours or more before peripheral blood culture (blood samples drawn at the same time) [11,13]
- positive culture with the same microorganism from pus from insertion site.

TECHNICAL DOCUMENT

healthcare-associated infections and prevention indicators in **European intensive care units**





www.ecdc.europa.eu

Definizioni

BSI

Catetere intravascolare

CRBSI – catetere-correlata

- Definizione clinica
- Richiede specifici test di laboratorio





Identità microbiologica con isolamento dello stesso microrganismo dalla punta del CVC e dall'emocoltura.

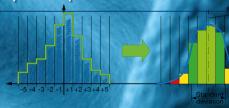
Denominatore 1.000 ricoveri o 1.000 giorni di degenza.

CLABSI – associata a catetere

- > Definizione per la sorveglianza
- Sensibile ma poco specifica







BSI + CVC in sede da più di 48 ore (probabile o possibile).

Richiede la registrazione del numero di giorni-catetere.

Definizioni

Non esiste un test microbiologico considerato gold standard nella diagnosi di CRBSI

☐ CRBSI — catetere-correlata

Criteri

- Paziente con batteriemia o fungemia
- Almeno 1 emocoltura positiva da venipuntura periferica
- Portatore di catetere intravascolare
- Manifestazioni cliniche di infezione (es. febbre, brividi, ipotensione)
- Nessuna altra apparente fonte di infezione

e almeno 1 tra:

- Esame colturale della punta del catetere positivo
- Emocolture comparative positive

Criteri microbiologici

- ✓ Almeno 1 emocoltura positiva da venipuntura periferica
- Esame colturale della punta del catetere positivo
- ✓ Emocolture comparative positive

Stesso microrganismo e stesso antibiotipo

A Guide to Utilization of the Microbiology Laboratory for Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases: 2013 Reccomandations by IDSA and the ASM - CID 2013

Gestione delle complicanze infettive – BPC SIAARTI 2018

3.10 GESTIONE DELLE COMPLICANZE INFETTIVE

- Raccomandata l'esecuzione di esami colturali prima di iniziare un'antibioticoterapia empirica; in presenza di sepsi o shock settico il timing consentito per iniziare la terapia antimicrobica è di 60 minuti post-diagnosi²⁹.
- La comparsa di febbre in pazienti portatori di catetere venoso centrale da almeno 48 ore va, sempre, indagata attraverso esecuzione di emocolture da vena periferica e da catetere venoso centrale. Il "Differential Time to Positivity" (DTP) consente di correlare l'origine dell'evento infettivo al catetere venoso centrale: il campione emocolturale che si positivizzi almeno due ore prima offre indicazioni sul focus infettivo primario.



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LE BUONE PRATICHE PER GLI ACCESSI VASCOLARI

Gestione delle complicanze infettive – BPC SIAARTI 2018

3.10 GESTIONE DELLE COMPLICANZE INFETTIVE

- Studi retrospettivi <u>suggeriscono</u> che ottenere gli esami colturali prima di iniziare la terapia antibiotica migliori l'outcome^{30,31}. Il tipo di patogeno identificato è essenziale nel guidare la decisione rispetto alla rimozione del catetere. In tutti i casi dubbi è opportuno avvalersi di una consulenza infettivologica³².
- La rimozione del catetere è raccomandata nelle seguenti situazioni: shock settico
 con instabilità emodinamica, endocardite o evidenza di infezioni disseminate,
 eritema o essudato dovuto a tromboflebite suppurativa, batteriemia persistente
 dopo 72 ore di terapia a cui il microrganismo causale sia suscettibile.
- Nessun catetere venoso deve essere rimosso basandosi esclusivamente sulla comparsa di febbre.



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• Per cateteri a breve termine, coltivare la punta (piuttosto che il segmento sottocutaneo) se il catetere è stato in sede per almeno 7-10giorni. In caso di tempi inferiori, deve essere coltivata la porzione intradermica del catetere (contaminazione da ferita).

 In caso di cateteri impiantabili, coltivare la punta anche se tempo di permanenza < a 10 giorni. La coltura in brodo di tipo qualitativo non è raccomandata (la colonizzazione si determina sul criterio quantitativo).

• In caso di **cateteri in arteria polmonare**, è necessario valutare se sia opportuno coltivare l'introduttore (piuttosto che il catetere).

• In caso di **port sottocutanei** è opportuno valutare con coltura qualitativa il materiale interno al *reservoir* oltre che la punta del catetere.

• I cateteri **impregnati con antimicrobici** devono essere segnalati al laboratorio per coltivazione con terreni selettivi.

• In caso di materiale essudativo dall'exit site, oltre alla coltura è opportuno eseguire anche il batterioscopico diretto.

