# Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)

**Definition & Prevention** 





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### 1. **Definitions**

### Primary bloodstream infection (BSI):

A Laboratory Confirmed Bloodstream Infection (LCBI) that is not secondary to an infection at another body site

### Laboratory-Confirmed Bloodstream Infection (LCBI)

must meet at least one of the following criteria:

**bacterial or fungal pathogen cultured** from one or more blood specimens, and the pathogen is not related to an infection at another site

### **LCBI**

- A common commensal organism (eg, coagulase-negative staphylococcus) in two or more blood cultures collected on different days or from different sites and that occurs in the setting of one of the following signs or symptoms:
  - Fever (>38.0°C)
  - Chills
  - Hypotension

### **LCBI**

- **\Diamond** For patients  $\leq 1$  year of age, signs and symptoms include:
  - Fever (>38.0°C)
  - *Hypothermia* (<36.0°C)
  - Apnea
  - Bradycardia

### Central line-associated BSI (CLABSI)

A laboratory confirmed bloodstream infection(LCBI) where an eligible BSI organism is identified, and an eligible central line is present on the LCBI date of event or the day before

### **Eligible Central Line**

A CL that has been in place for more than two consecutive calendar days

- On or after CL day 3 following the first access of the central line
- In an inpatient location, during the current admission
- Until the day after removal from the body

### 2. Clinical Manifestation

- **Fever and abrupt onset of septic physiology are the most common clinical manifestations of CLABSI**
- **♦** Presence of inflammation or purulence at the insertion site specificity (94 to 99 percent) sensitivity (<5 percent) for CLABSI
- **Absence of fever : due to coagulase-negative Staph (CoNS) or other relatively low virulence organisms**
- **Clinical improvement within 24 hours following catheter removal is suggestive but not sufficient for definitive diagnosis**

## 3. Epidemiology

### **Original Article**

Multinational prospective study of incidence and risk factors for central-line–associated bloodstream infections in 728 intensive care units of 41 Asian, African, Eastern European, Latin American, and Middle Eastern countries over 24 years

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- Pooled rates of CLABSI :4.82 CLABSI per 1,000 CL days
- According to a review, they ranged from 1.6 to 44.6 CLABSIs per 1,000 central-line (CL) days in adult and pediatric ICUs
- A trend of significant reduction in the CLABSI rate per year
- CLABSI reduction rate is probably associated with INICC infection prevention interventions implemented during the last 24 years at these hospitals
- In this study, PICC was the CL with the lowest risk of CLABSI
- Patients admitted to pediatric oncology ICUs had the highest risk of CLABSI

- The INICC reported that mortality in ICU patients without any healthcare-associated infection (HAI) is 17.1%
- CLABSI the mortality rate is 48.2%

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### **REVIEW ARTICLE**

### Infections in Critically III Children

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- The incidence of CLABSIs
- ♦ 0.5 to 4.0 per 1000 catheter days in developed countries
- ♦ 14–15 per 1000 catheter days in developing countries
- Increasing the mortality, morbidity, length of hospital stay, and cost

### 4. Risk Factors

- Chronic illness
- Bone marrow transplantation
- Immune deficiency, especially neutropenia
- Malnutrition
- Previous BSI
- Loss of skin integrity, as with burn

- Duration of catheterization
- Type of catheter material
- Conditions of insertion
- Catheter-site care
- Skill of the catheter inserter
- Site of placement (femoral not in short-term central venous catheters (CVCs) in the pediatric )
- Repeated catheterization

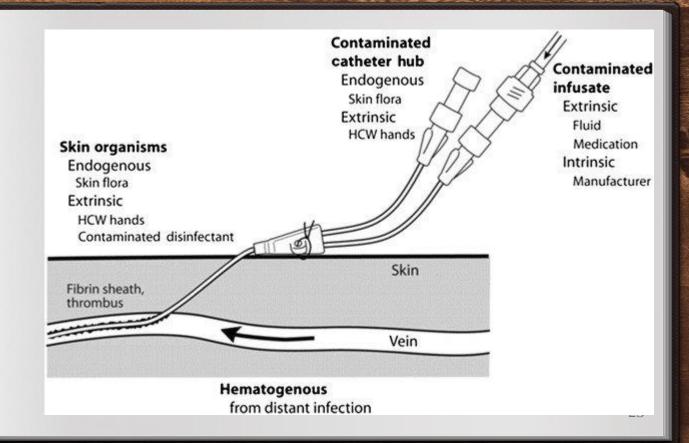
- Use for TPN or hemodialysis
- Nontunneled more than tunneled insertion
- Tunneled more than a totally implantable device(port)
- Multiple-lumen compared with single-lumen peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs)
- Presence of septic focus elsewhere

### Unlikely to change

- Income level of the country
- Facility ownership
- Hospitalization type
- ICU type

### Can be modified

- CL days
- Use of tracheostomy
- Use of internal jugular or femoral lines



- Coagulase-negative staphylococci
- S. aureus
- Enterococci
- Candida species
- Klebsiella species
- Escherichia coli
- Enterobacter species
- Pseudomonas species



## 5. Diagnosis

### Should be suspected in patients with

- Fever, chills, or hypotension in the setting of a catheter placed at least 48 hours prior to development of symptoms
- Erythema, pain, swelling, or purulence at the central line insertion site

Signs and symptoms reflecting complications: including septic thrombophlebitis, endocarditis, and metastatic musculoskeletal infection

### In the setting of suspected CLABSI

- blood cultures should be obtained, ideally prior to the initiation of antibiotic therapy
- For patients with signs of clinical instability, initiation of empiric antimicrobial therapy (after blood cultures have been obtained) is appropriate

### Ideally, two blood cultures from peripheral veins via separate sites prior to initiation of antibiotic therapy

- If is not feasible, one blood culture from a peripheral vein and the other from the catheter
- blood cultures should not be drawn solely from the catheter, since colonization with skin contaminants
- Catheter tip cultures are no longer recommended, given low positive predictive value

### In the absence of other identifiable sources of infection

- One or more blood culture bottles positive for S. aureus, enterococci, Enterobacteriaceae (eg, Escherichia coli, Klebsiella species, Enterobacter species), Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Candida species
- Two or more blood culture bottles positive for coagulase-negative staphylococci or other common commensals (eg,Corynebacterium species [not Corynebacterium diphtheriae], Cutibacterium species, viridans group streptococci)

- **♦** The most common blood culture contaminant
- Most common cause of CLABSI.
- ♦ Samples drawn from multiple sites (both peripherally and through the suspected catheter) is the best indicator for true CLABSI due to this organism
- ♦ If a single catheter-drawn blood culture positive with concomitant negative peripheral BC: catheter colonization, rather than CRBSI
- The culture results must be interpreted in the clinical context (eg, fever without other sources)

### 6. Prevention



### **SHEA/IDSA/APIC Practice Recommendation**

### Strategies to prevent central line-associated bloodstream infections in acute-care hospitals: 2022 Update

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### Recommended strategies to prevent CLABSI

- **Essential practices** Should be adopted by all acute-care hospitals
  - Prevention bundle (insertion)
  - **♦** Maintenance bundles (after insertion)

### **♦** Additional approaches

In locations and/or populations within hospitals when CLABSIs are not controlled by use of essential practices

### **Before insertion**

- 1. Provide easy access to an evidence-based list of indications for CVC use (QOE: LOW)
- 2. Require education and competency assessment of HCP involved in insertion, care, and maintenance of CVCs (QOE: MODERATE)
- 3. Bathe ICU patients aged >2 months with a chlorhexidine preparation on a daily basis (QOE: HIGH)

### At insertion

- 1. A checklist, at the time of CVC insertion (QOE:MODERATE)
- 2. Perform hand hygiene prior to catheter insertion or manipulation (QOE: MODERATE)
- 3. in the ICU setting The subclavian site is preferred to reduce infectious complications (QOE: HIGH)
- 4. Use an all-inclusive catheter cart or kit (QOE: MODERATE)

### At insertion

- 5. Use ultrasound guidance for catheter insertion (QOE: HIGH)
- 6. Use maximum sterile barrier precautions during CVC insertion (QOE: MODERATE)
- 7. Use an alcoholic chlorhexidine antiseptic for skin preparation (QOE: HIGH)

- 1. Ensure appropriate nurse-to-patient ratio and limit use of float nurses in ICUs (QOE: HIGH)
- 2. Use chlorhexidine-containing dressings for CVCs in patients over 2 months of age (QOE: HIGH)

# 3. For non-tunneled CVCs:

- Change transparent dressings and perform site care with a chlorhexidine-based antiseptic at least every 7 days
- Chenge gauze dressings every 2 days
- immediayely if the dressing is soiled, loose, or damp (QOE: MODERATE)

- 4. Disinfect catheter hubs, needleless connectors, and injection ports before accessing the catheter (QOE: MODERATE)
- 5. Remove nonessential catheters (QOE: MODERATE)
- 6. Routine replacement of administration sets not used for blood, blood products, or lipid formulations can be performed at intervals up to 7 days (QOE: HIGH)
- 7. Perform surveillance for CLABSI in ICU and non-ICU settings (QOE: HIGH)

- **1.** Use antiseptic- or antimicrobial-impregnated CVCs (QoE: HIGH in adult QOE: MODERATE in pediatric)
- 2. Use antimicrobial lock therapy for long-term CVCs (QOE: HIGH)
- 3. Use recombinant tissue plasminogen activating factor (rt-PA) once weekly after hemodialysis in patients undergoing hemodialysis through a CVC (QOE: HIGH)

- 4. Utilize infusion or vascular access teams for reducing CLABSI rates (QOE: LOW)
- 5. Use antimicrobial ointments for hemodialysis catheter insertion sites (QOE: HIGH)
- 6. Use an antiseptic-containing hub/connector cap/port protector to cover connectors (QOE: MODERATE)

# of CLABSI Prevention

- Antimicrobial prophylaxis for short-term or tunneled catheter insertion or while catheters are in situ (QOE: HIGH)
- Replace CVCs or arterial catheters (QOE: HIGH)

- Routine use of needleless connectors
- Surveillance of other types of catheters (eg, peripheral arterial or peripheral venous catheters)
- Standard, nonantimicrobial transparent dressings
- The impact of using chlorhexidine-based products on bacterial resistance to chlorhexidine
- Sutureless securement
- Necessity of mechanical disinfection of a catheter hub, needleless connector, and injection port before accessing the catheter when antiseptic-containing caps are being used

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# Wiping Out Central Line Associated-Bloodstream Infections: Cleaning High Touch Surfaces in the PICU

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- in 40-bed PICU within a Level 1
- PICU employs approximately 150 nurses and 50 other team members
- **♦** This PICU experienced over 3,000 admissions in 2022
- ♦ Thoroughly clean high touch surfaces

door handles, light switches, nurse server handles, countertop, electronics such as keyboard, scanner, and mouse, IV pumps and pole, bed rails, the patient's monitor

♦ Clinical significance was exemplified as the PICU remained CLABSI-free for over 100 days after the study period ended

## **Original Article**

# Initiation of interdisciplinary prevention rounds: decreasing CLABSIs in critically ill children

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# Inf Prevention rounds reduced CLABSIs in the NICU and PICU by:

- Reinforcing best practices
- Encouraging proactive strategies
- Fostering communication between members of the healthcare team

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116 Review Article

# Effectiveness of Chlorhexidine-Impregnated Central Venous Catheter Dressing for Preventing Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections in Pediatric Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Study

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8 studies, 1,584 catheters in 1,556 patients were added to the meta-analysis

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- available evidence suggests that ABCs are effective
- poor methodological quality of most available studies



# The impact of central line bundles

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