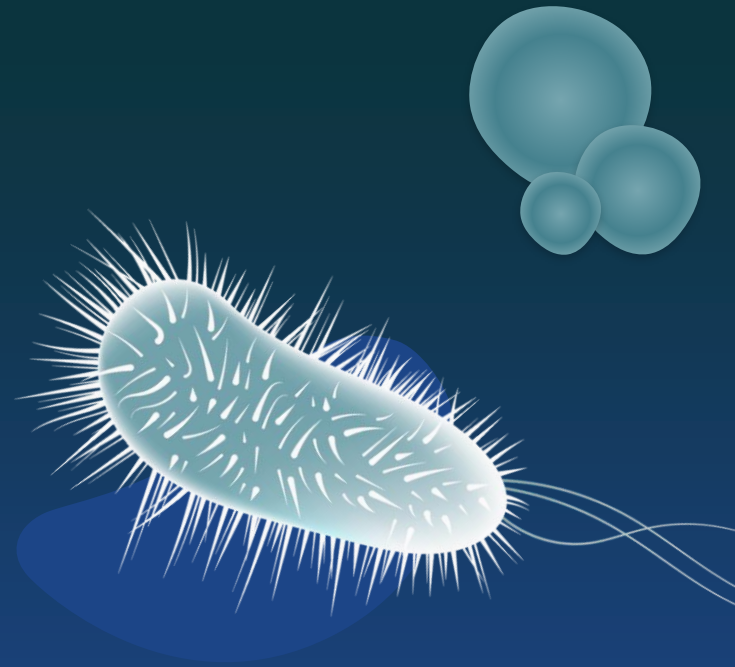


# Intravascular catheter-related infection : Treatment



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# Treatment protocols:

- Antibiotic therapy
- Removal of catheter
- Salvage therapy
- AB lock therapy

# Common organisms



- Coagulase-negative staphylococci (most common)
- Gram-positive organisms : *S. aureus*
- Gram-negative bacilli
- *Candida*

# Gram –positive organisms

- For empiric therapy : Because of high rates of infection due to methicillin-resistant *S. aureus* (MRSA) **Vancomycin** is choice
- Alternative agent : **Daptomycin** in units with high rates of infection due to VRE.
- **Linezolid** is not appropriate for empiric therapy of CRBSI

# Gram-negative bacilli

- Empirical AB based on : the drug susceptibility history of child, local antimicrobial susceptibility data and the severity of disease
- In chronically hospitalized patients & not severely ill (repeated exposure to third-generation cephalosporins or broad-spectrum antibiotic therapy is not desirable) initial treatment with an **Aminoglycoside** is reasonable.

- Severe ill or immune compromise patients , severe burns :  
A third or fourth-generation cephalosporin or a beta-lactam/beta-lactamase combination ( piperacillin-tazobactam) , meropenem.
- For patients with hemodynamic instability and local resistance :
- **Additional antipseudomonal agent** ( aminoglycoside or ciprofloxacin) is appropriate while awaiting culture results

# Candida

- Empirical therapy for suspected catheter-related candidemia should be used for patients with neutropenia and fever lasting > 5 days.
- **Risk factors for candidemia include:**
- Total parental nutrition
- Prolonged use of broad-spectrum antibiotics
- Hematologic malignancy
- Receipt of bone marrow or solid organ transplant
- femoral catheterization
- colonization due to *Candida* species at multiple sites

# Directed systemic antibiotic therapy and duration

Pathogen	Preferred antimicrobial agents and dosing (adult)	Alternative antimicrobial agents and dosing (adult)
<b>Staphylococci</b>		
Methicillin susceptible	Nafcillin 2 g IV every 4 hours Oxacillin 2 g IV every 4 hours Cefazolin 2 g IV every 8 hours Flucloxacillin* 2 g IV every 6 hours	Vancomycin (dosing as summarized below)
Methicillin resistant	Vancomycin: <sup>¶</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Loading dose: 20 to 35 mg/kg IV once</li> <li>▪ Initial maintenance dose and interval: determined by nomogram; typically 15 to 20 mg/kg IV every 8 to 12 hours for most patients with normal kidney function</li> <li>▪ Subsequent dose and interval adjustments based on AUC-guided (preferred) or trough-guided serum concentration monitoring</li> </ul>	Daptomycin <sup>Δ</sup> 6 to 10 mg/kg IV every 24 hours
<b>Enterococci<sup>◇</sup></b>		
Ampicillin susceptible	Ampicillin 2 g IV every 4 hours	Vancomycin (dosing as summarized above)
Ampicillin resistant, vancomycin susceptible	Vancomycin (dosing as summarized above)	Daptomycin <sup>Δ</sup> 6 to 10 mg/kg IV every 24 hours Linezolid 600 mg IV (or orally) every 12 hours
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**Enterobacteriaceae (examples include *E. coli*, *Klebsiella* spp, *Enterobacter* spp)**

ESBL negative	Ceftriaxone 2 g IV every 24 hours	Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV every 12 hours
ESBL positive	Imipenem 500 mg IV every 6 hours Meropenem 1 g IV every 8 hours Ertapenem 1 g IV every 24 hours	Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV every 12 hours

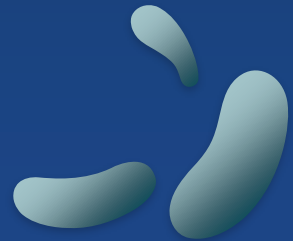
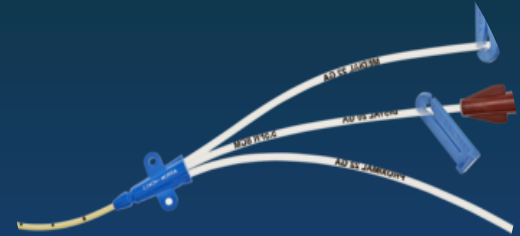
***Pseudomonas* spp<sup>§</sup>**

	Ceftazidime 2 g IV every 8 hours Cefepime 2 g IV every 8 hours Piperacillin-tazobactam 4.5 g IV every 6 hours <sup>¥</sup>	Imipenem 500 mg IV every 6 hours Meropenem 1 g IV every 8 hours Ciprofloxacin 400 mg IV every 8 hours
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<sup>§</sup> Treatment options for adult patients with normal renal function. For more detail including duration of treatment and drug interactions, see [Appendix 1 \(continued\)](#).

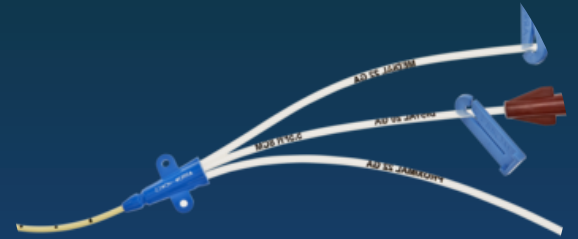
# Removal

- **Remove infected catheters by:**
- S.ureus
- P. aeruginosa
- Drug-resistant gram-negative bacilli
- Candida



# Removal

- Sepsis
- Hemodynamic instability
- Presence of endocarditis or evidence of metastatic infection
- Presence of suppurative thrombophlebitis
- Presence of a propagating clot
- Persistent bacteremia after 72 hours of appropriate antimicrobial therapy

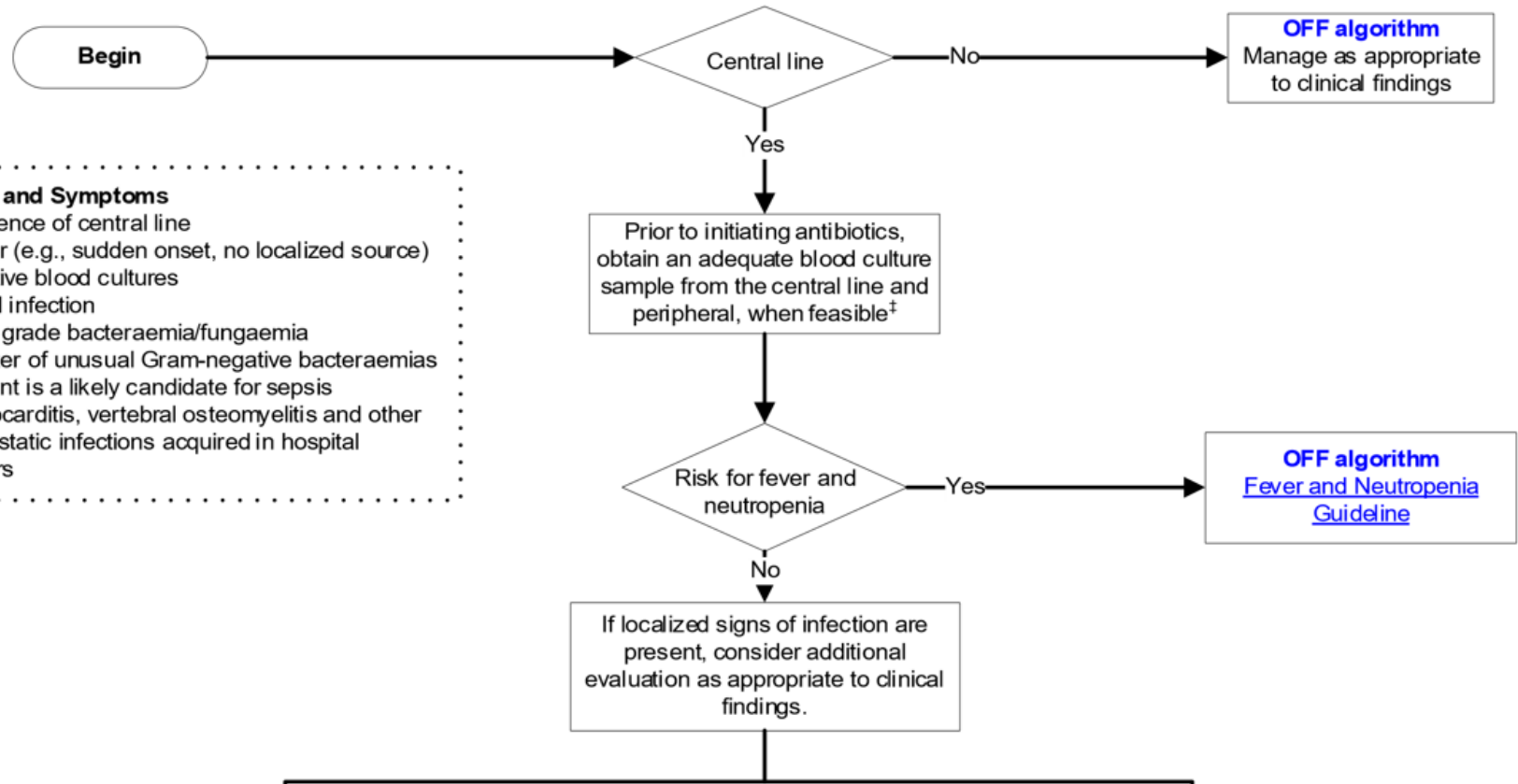


# Studies about Removal

- **Early catheter removal (within three days of bacteremia onset) :lower relapse rates and lower rates of hematogenous complications**
- **In CRBSI due to drug-resistant gram-negative bacteria, delayed catheter removal has been associated with increased mortality**
- **Catheter removal based on the above pathogen-related considerations must be weighed against the clinical indication for the catheter and the risks associated with removal and replacement of a catheter at another site.**
- **Catheter removal is not necessary for patients with unexplained fever & hemodynamically stable in the absence of documented bloodstream infection**

# TCH Evidence-Based Outcomes Center

## Clinical Algorithm for Diagnosis and Initial Management of Suspected Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI)



- Signs and Symptoms**
- Presence of central line
  - Fever (e.g., sudden onset, no localized source)
  - Positive blood cultures
  - Local infection
  - High grade bacteraemia/fungaemia
  - Cluster of unusual Gram-negative bacteraemias
  - Patient is a likely candidate for sepsis
  - Endocarditis, vertebral osteomyelitis and other metastatic infections acquired in hospital
  - Rigors

### Empiric Therapy

- Vancomycin
- Empirical coverage for gram-negative bacilli should be based on the drug susceptibility history of child, local antimicrobial susceptibility data and the severity of disease
- Empirical therapy for suspected catheter-related candidemia should be used for patients with neutropenia and fever lasting > 5 days. <sup>7</sup>([Fever and Neutropenia Guideline](#))

Upon availability of culture and susceptibility data, de-escalation of antibiotic therapy can be performed, if feasible

### Removal of the Central Line

Prompt removal of the central line **should be considered** when any of the following conditions and/or organisms exists:

- Severe sepsis
- Endocarditis
- Bloodstream infection that continues despite > 72 h of antimicrobial therapy to which the infecting microbes are susceptible
- Infections due to *S. aureus*, , gram-negative bacilli including *P. aeruginosa*, *Bacillus* species, and/or enterococci

Prompt removal of the catheter **is necessary** in cases of:

- Infections due to mycobacteria and/or fungi
- Tunnel site infection (e.g., redness, inflammation along catheter line, purulent drainage)
- Suppurative thrombophlebitis

Manage as appropriate to clinical findings

### Risk factors for candidemia include:

- total parental nutrition
- prolonged use of broad-spectrum antibiotics
- hematologic malignancy
- receipt of bone marrow or solid organ transplant
- femoral catheterization
- colonization due to *Candida* species at multiple sites

Weight in kg	Optimal total blood volume (ml) <sup>2</sup>	Volume of blood per bottle (ml)	Number and type of bottles NOTE: Priority should be given to the aerobic blood culture.
≤ 3	2	1	1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (central) 1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (peripheral)
> 3-5	3	1.5	1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (central) 1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (peripheral)
> 5-7	5	2.5	1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (central) 1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (peripheral)
> 7-12	10	5	1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (central) 1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (peripheral)
> 12-20	15	5	1 adult blood culture order <sup>1</sup> (central) 1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (peripheral)
> 20-30	30	10	1 adult blood culture order <sup>1</sup> (central) 1 pediatric aerobic blood culture order (peripheral)
> 30-45	40	10	1 adult blood culture order <sup>1</sup> (central) 1 adult blood culture order <sup>1</sup> (peripheral)
> 45	60	10	2 adult blood culture orders <sup>1</sup> (central) 1 adult blood culture order <sup>1</sup> (peripheral)

<sup>1</sup> per a 24 h time period

<sup>2</sup>max blood volume/DAY is 3-4 ml/kg of body weight (or 3.8% of total blood volume)<sup>109</sup>

# Catheter Salvage

- Retention of the catheter with systemic antimicrobial therapy in addition to AB lock therapy.
- Catheter salvage **should not be attempted in condition warranting catheter removal**
- CRBSI due to **CoNS and drug-susceptible Enterobacteriaceae** ( E. coli, Klebsiella species, Enterobacter species)
- Some pediatricians favor attempting catheter salvage: difficulty in vascular access among children and several studies have reported successful catheter salvage among children

# Antibiotic lock therapy (ALT)

- **Indications :**
- **ALT is used as adjunctive therapy together with systemic antibiotics for treatment of CRBSI in the setting of catheter salvage.**
- **Patients with a long-term intravascular device (>14 days)**
- **Hemodynamic stable with CRBSI due to low virulence pathogen**
- **No complications**
  
- **Antibiotic solution into the catheter lumen with the intention of achieving a drug level high enough to kill bacteria within the biofilm of the catheter.**
  
- **Antibiotic concentrations must be 100- to 1000-fold higher to kill sessile bacteria**



# Antibiotic lock therapy (ALT)

- For patients on total parenteral nutrition or other continuous infusions, ALT may not be feasible .
- For multilumen catheters, ALT may be rotated between lumens
- Heparin in ALT : help maintain catheter patency and facilitate antibiotic penetration into microbial biofilm

- Antibiotics that are compatible with heparin and active and stable for prolonged periods : **Vancomycin, cefazolin, ceftazidime, and gentamicin.**
- Determine the fill volume: flush the line with normal saline, attach a new 5 mL syringe to the catheter, and aspirate slowly until blood appears at the syringe tip; the amount of saline in the syringe is the "fill volume" of lock solution
- Ideally ALT : at least once daily.

# Studies about ALT

- Some studies support a minimum dwell time of **8 to 12** hours  
In one prospective study with once daily ALT instillation with a dwell time as short as **2 hours**
- In a retrospective study including 21 episodes of CRBSI due to Co-Ns managed with systemic and ALT (three days of daptomycin), the rate of successful catheter salvage was 76 percent .
- Some studies support as ALT in prevention CRBSI

# Adverse effects

- **Systemic toxicity**
- **Antibiotic resistance**
- **Secondary candidemia**
- **Bleeding from inadvertent systemic anticoagulation**
- **Risk of heparin-induced thrombocytopenia.**

# Antibiotic lock solution concentrations for CRBSI

	Antibiotic agent	Antibiotic concentration	Heparin concentration	Maximum dwell time (duration of stability)*	References
Antibiotic agents with activity against gram-positive organisms	Vancomycin	2.5 mg/mL <sup>¶</sup>	2500 units/mL	72 hours	Krishnasami <sup>[1]</sup>
		5 mg/mL <sup>Δ</sup>	5000 units/mL	72 hours	Luther <sup>[2]</sup>
		5 mg/mL	none	72 hours	Luther <sup>[2]</sup>
	Cefazolin	5 mg/mL <sup>◇</sup>	2500 units/mL	72 hours	Krishnasami <sup>[1]</sup>
		5 mg/mL <sup>§</sup>	none	48 hours	Vercaigne <sup>[3]</sup>
		10 mg/mL	5000 units/mL	72 hours	Vercaigne <sup>[3]</sup>
	Daptomycin	5 mg/mL <sup>¥</sup>	5000 units/mL	72 hours	LaPlante <sup>[4]</sup>
		5 mg/mL	none	72 hours	LaPlante <sup>[4]</sup>
	Nafcillin	100 mg/mL	none	12 hours	Nafcillin <sup>[5]</sup>
	Ampicillin	10 mg/mL <sup>‡</sup>	none	8 hours	Ampicillin <sup>[6]</sup>
Antibiotic agents with activity against gram-negative organisms	Gentamicin	1 mg/mL <sup>†</sup>	2500 units/mL	72 hours	Krishnasami <sup>[1]</sup>
		5 mg/mL <sup>**</sup>	5000 units/mL	72 hours	Vercaigne <sup>[3]</sup>
		5 mg/mL	none	72 hours	Vercaigne <sup>[3]</sup>
	Ceftazidime	10 mg/mL <sup>¶¶</sup>	5000 units/mL	48 hours	Vercaigne <sup>[3]</sup>
		1 to 10 mg/mL	none	48 hours	Lee <sup>[7]</sup>
	Cefepime	1 to 10 mg/mL	none	48 hours	Lee <sup>[7]</sup>
	Ciprofloxacin	1 to 5 mg/mL	none	48 hours	Lee <sup>[7]</sup> , Lee <sup>[8]</sup>
	Ceftriaxone	100 mg/mL	none	48 hours	Ceftriaxone <sup>[9]</sup>

# Guidewire exchange

- Guidewire exchange of the catheter is a management approach of **last resort ( impossible change catheter )**
- For situations in which catheter removal is not readily feasible, catheter salvage is preferable to guidewire exchange.
- Patients should receive systemic antimicrobial therapy and ALT

# MANAGEMENT OF CATHETER COLONIZATION

- **Single positive catheter blood culture positive for coagulase-negative staphylococci or other potential skin contaminant**
- **Increased risk for subsequent development (CRBSI)**
- **Following the patient for clinical manifestations of CRBSI**
- **Obtaining additional peripheral blood cultures.**
- **Alternative approaches : catheter removal or administration of antibiotic lock therapy**

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