

Catheter – Associated Bloodstream Infections and Occlusions: Reduce the Risk

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OVERVIEW

Catheter-associated infections and occlusions are a significant source of morbidity and mortality in the hospital environment. They are also an economic burden. Although the occurrence of catheter-associated infection and occlusion cannot be entirely eliminated, the risk to patients can be reduced if recommended guidelines are followed, new technologies are utilized, and care is taken to properly evaluate all procedures and equipment used for the insertion, care and maintenance of intravascular catheters. In this course, catheter-associated complications (specifically infection and occlusion) as well as measure to reduce the risk of these complications will be discussed. Needleless access devices will also be reviewed, with special emphasis placed on selecting devices that are easy to use and designed to reduce catheter-associated infection and occlusions.

OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this continuing education activity, the participant should be able to:

1. Discuss the occurrence, causes, and cost of catheter-associated infections and occlusions.
2. Discuss practices and devices that reduce the risk of catheter-associated infection and occlusion.
3. Describe the available types of needleless access devices, the relationship between the device and occlusion risk, and the infection control problems their use poses.
4. Identify the characteristics desired in a needleless access device to reduce the risk of infection and occlusion.

INTENDED AUDIENCE

This continuing education activity is intended for use by nurses who select, insert and/or maintain intravascular catheters and access devices.

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