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# Què podem fer per evitar les infeccions? Estratègies de prevenció

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### KEY POINTS en la infecció de material protèsic

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### Epidemiologia i rellevància clínica de les infeccions de material protèsic

Benito Almirante Gragera. Servei de Malalties Infeccioses, Hospital Universitari Vall d'Hebron, Barcelona

### De la fisiopatologia al tractament: bases fisiopatològiques per optimitzar el tractament. Noves opcions terapèutiques

José Luis del Pozo León. Àrea Enfermedades Infecciosas, Servicio de Microbiología, Clínica Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona

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viernes oct 24	sábado oct 25	domingo oct 26
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# Microorganismes i material protèsic

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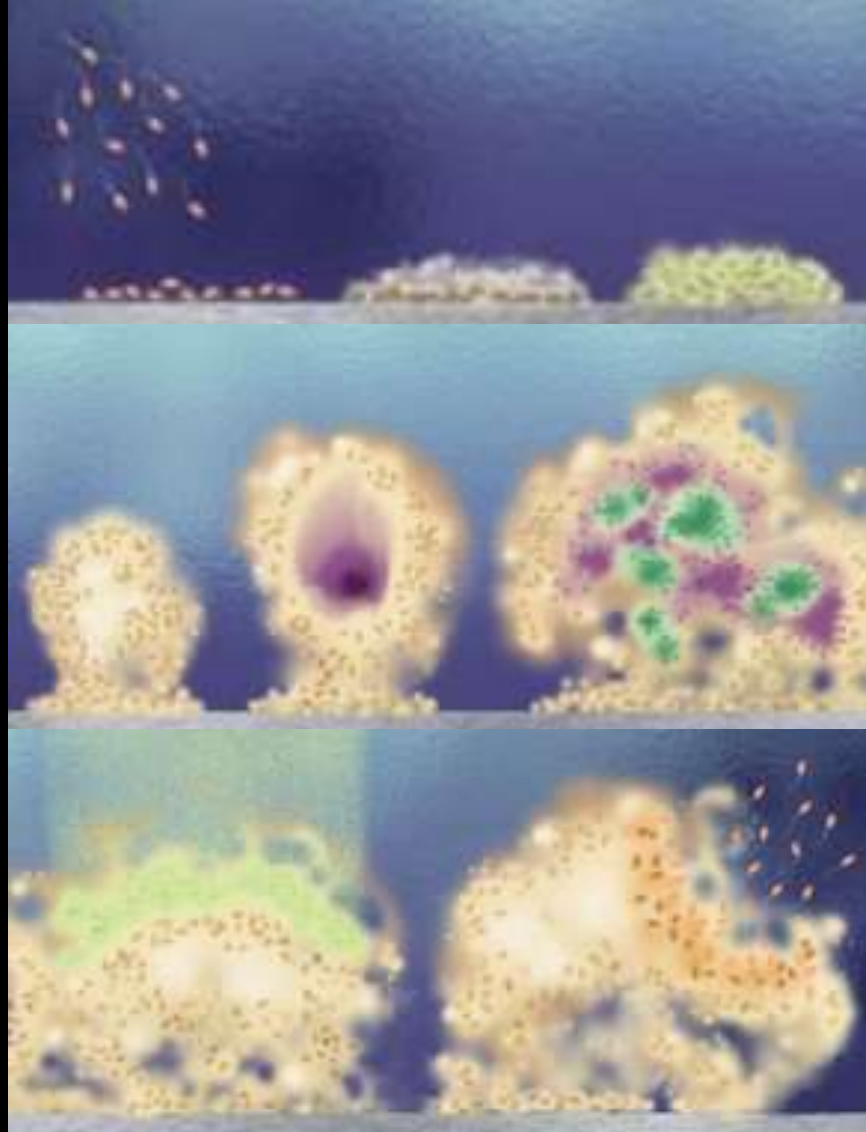








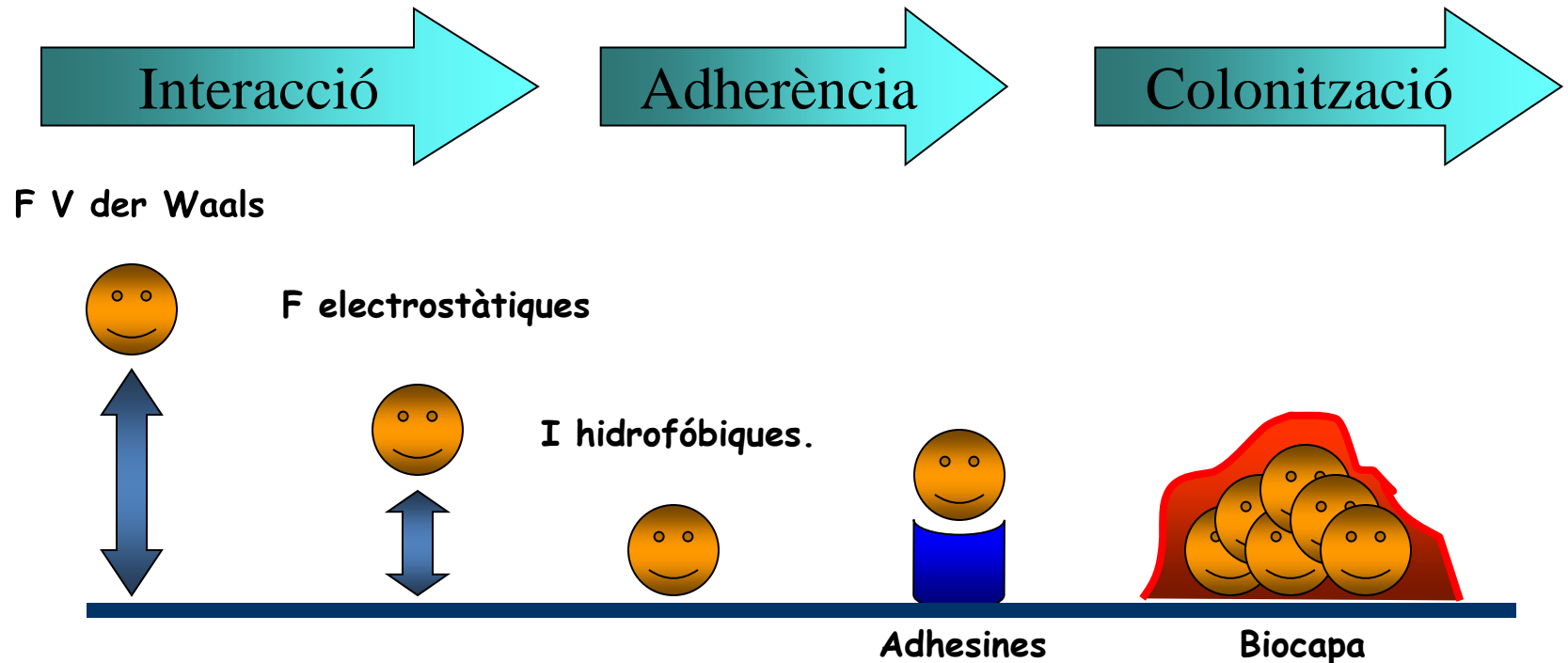
# The Life Cycle of a Biofilm





**La adhesió bacteriana depèn de la interacció entre la superfície del material inert i el microorganisme**

**La cinètica del procés està marcada per factors ambientals.**



# Mechanisms of Biofilm Tolerance

- Failure of the Antimicrobial to Penetrate the Biofilm Matrix
- Degradation of the Agent
- Metabolic Heterogeneity
- Phenotypic Versatility
- Metabolic Quiescence
- Persister Cells

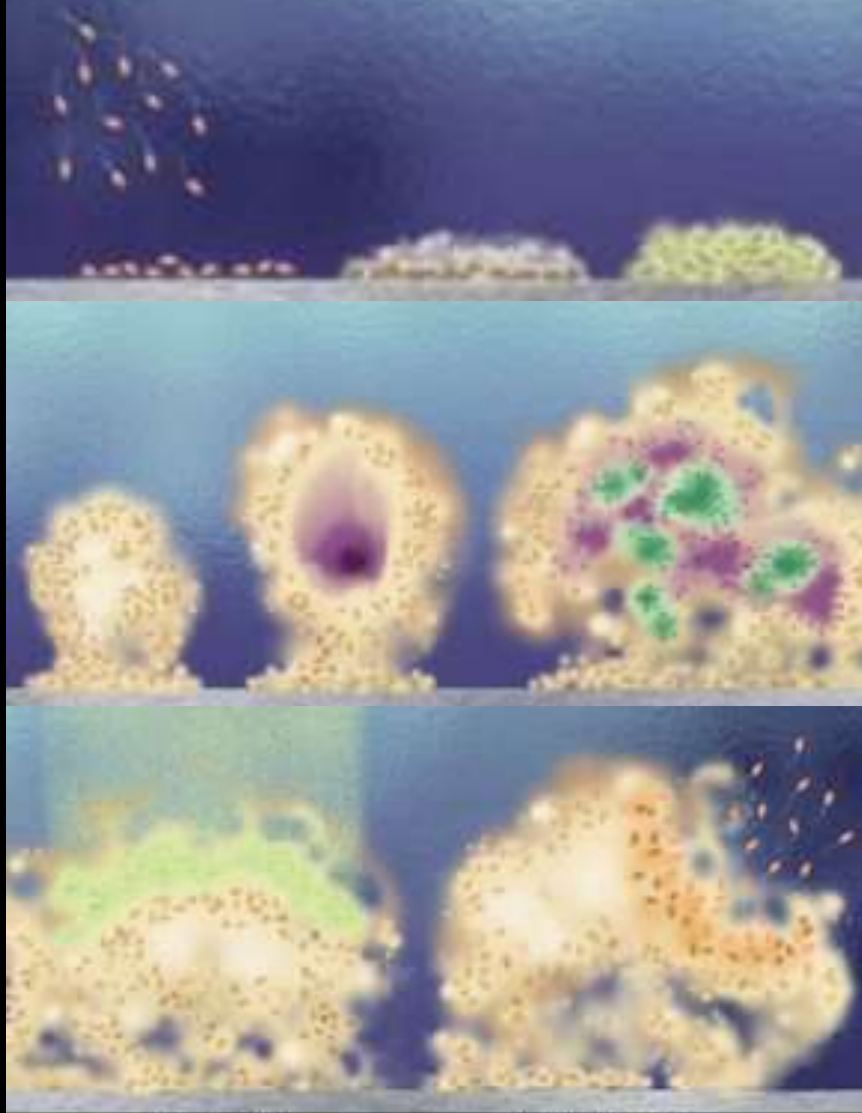
**Slow  
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**Stress  
Response**

**Altered  
Microenvironment**

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## The Life Cycle of a Biofilm



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"We tend to think of bacteria as primitive, single-celled creatures.

But in biofilms, they **differentiate, communicate, cooperate, and deploy collective defenses** against antibiotics.

Individual microorganisms in a biofilm act together like one multicellular organism."

**Phil Stewart**  
**Center for Biofilm Engineering**  
**Montana State University**



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YOUR TABLETS...





# The Quality of Health Care Delivered to Adults in the United States

**Table 3.** Adherence to Quality Indicators, Overall and According to Type of Care and Function.

Variable	No. of Indicators	No. of Participants Eligible	Total No. of Times Indicator Eligibility Was Met	Percentage of Recommended Care Received (95% CI)*
Overall care	439	6712	98,649	54.9 (54.3–55.5)
Type of care				
Preventive	38	6711	55,268	54.9 (54.2–55.6)
Acute	153	2318	19,815	53.5 (52.0–55.0)
Chronic	248	3387	23,566	56.1 (55.0–57.3)
Function				
Screening	41	6711	39,486	52.2 (51.3–53.2)
Diagnosis	178	6217	29,679	55.7 (54.5–56.8)
Treatment	173	6707	23,019	57.5 (56.5–58.4)
Follow-up	47	2413	6,465	58.5 (56.6–60.4)

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The new film written and directed by Sofia Coppola

# APLICABILITAT



# Audit and feedback: effects on professional practice and health care outcomes (Review)



Jamtvedt G, Young JM, Kristoffersen DT, O'Brien MA, Oxman AD



## **Authors' conclusions**

Audit and feedback can be effective in improving professional practice. When it is effective, the effects are generally small to moderate. The relative effectiveness of audit and feedback is likely to be greater when baseline adherence to recommended practice is low and when feedback is delivered more intensively.



ALERTA SANITARIA El personal sanitario se queja de la poca formación que ha recibido

# 'Mañana me toca atender a la enferma de ébola y nadie me ha enseñado a ponerme el traje'

- Médicos de La Paz denuncian haber recibido información 'insuficiente' para tratar ébola
- 'Han dado charlas de 10 minutos y hay fotos en la pared de cómo vestirse'



El doctor Santiago Yus, este martes. | A. DI LOLLI

EL ÉBOLA EN ESPAÑA ▸

## Consejero de Sanidad: "No hace falta hacer un máster para ponerse el traje"

- Javier Rodríguez insiste en que la enfermera ocultó información
- "Si tuviera que dimitir, dimitiría", ha dicho, aclarando que es médico y tiene "la vida resuelta"
- [Escuche la entrevista completa](#)

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**Archivado en:** Sanidad pública Francisco Javier Rodríguez Ébola Sistema sanitario Epidemia Enfermedades infecciosas Sanidad Enfermedades Medicina Salud



El consejero de Sanidad de la Comunidad de Madrid, Javier Rodríguez. / BALLESTEROS (EFE)

El consejero de Sanidad de la Comunidad de Madrid, Javier Rodríguez, calificó esta mañana de "poco afortunada" la expresión que el miércoles empleó para decir que la enfermera contagiada de ébola **pudo haber mentado sobre su salud**, pero se ratificó en que la sanitaria ocultó información sobre un posible contacto con el virus. **En declaraciones a la Cadena SER**, Rodríguez aseguró que el servicio de prevención del Hospital Carlos III de Madrid no tomó medidas cuando la profesional llamó para advertir de que tenía fiebre porque el protocolo marca que "hay que alarmarse" cuando el paciente pasa de 38,6 grados y ella no dijo que hubiera



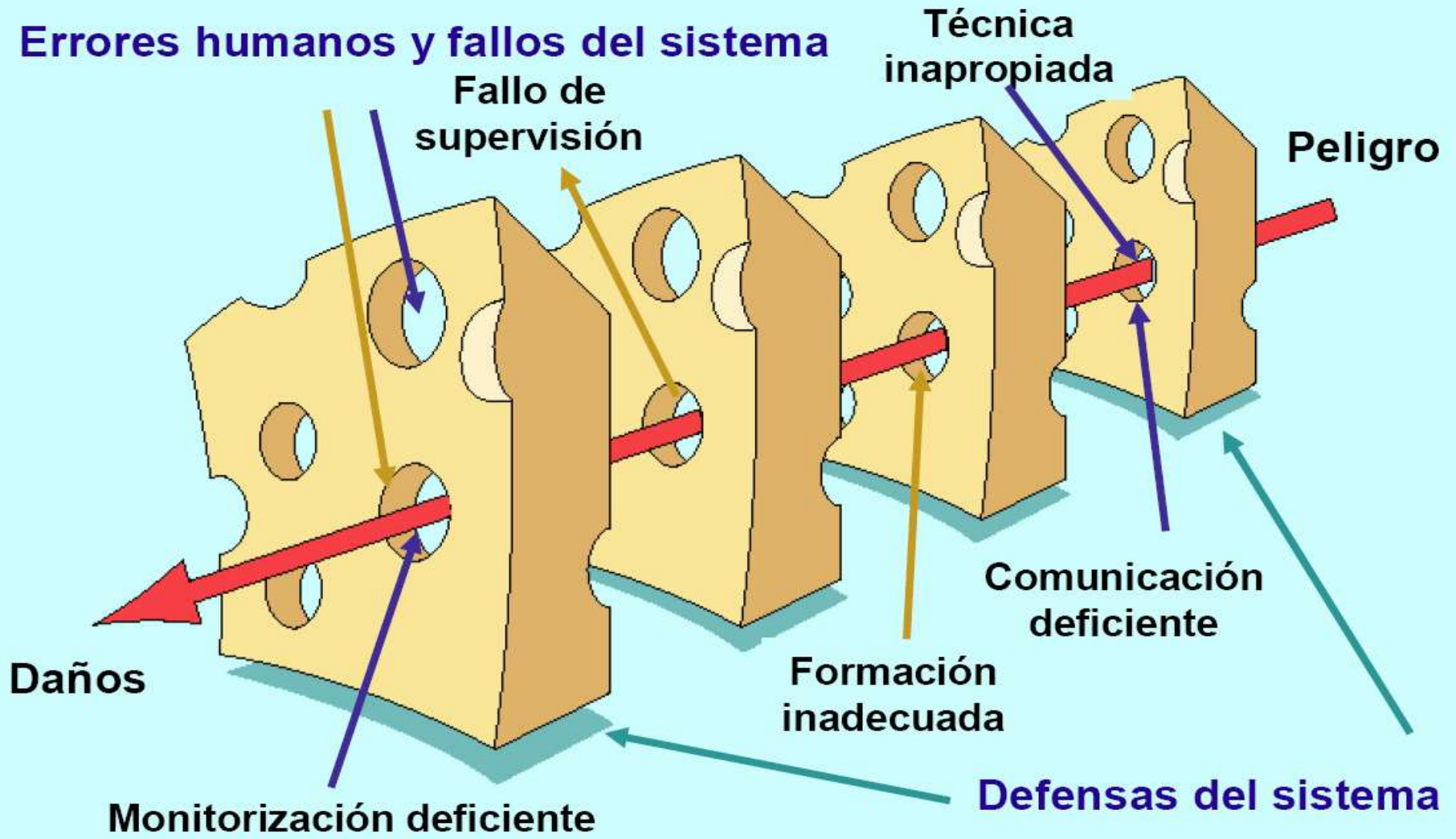
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# Errores humanos y fallos del sistema



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## An Intervention to Decrease Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections in the ICU

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Resumir la evidència



**MMWR**<sup>TM</sup>

**Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report**

**Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular  
Catheter-Related Infections**

Resumir la evidència

Identificar barreres locals  
a la implementació



# Resumir la evidència

## Identificar barreres locals a la implementació

### Catheter-related Blood Stream Infection Care Team Checklist

**Purpose:** To work as a team to decrease patient harm from catheter-related blood stream infections  
**When:** During all central venous or central arterial line insertions or re-wires  
**By whom:** Bedside nurse

1. Today's date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year
2. Procedure:  New line  Rewire
3. Is the procedure:  Elective  Emergent
- 4.
- |   | Yes                      | No                       | Don't know               |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Before the procedure, did the housestaff:</b>                        |                          |                          |                          |
| Wash hands (chlorhexidine or soap) immediately prior                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sterilize procedure site  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Drape entire patient in a sterile fashion                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>During the procedure, did the housestaff:</b>                        |                          |                          |                          |
| Use sterile gloves  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Use hat, mask and sterile gown  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Maintain a sterile field  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Did all personnel assisting with procedure follow the above precautions | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>After the procedure:</b>   |                          |                          |                          |
| Was a sterile dressing applied to the site                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please return completed form to the designated location in your ICU.

**Resumir la evidència**

**Identificar barreres locals  
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**Dissenyar l'acció (4-6 ordres)**

## **Catheter-Related Blood Stream Infections (CR-BSI) FACT SHEET**

Bottom line

- 1. CR-BSIs are associated with increased morbidity, mortality and costs of care.**
- 2. CR-BSIs are a preventable complication that causes as many as 11 deaths every day in the U.S.**
- 3. The following interventions decrease the risk for CR-BSIs:**
  - Appropriate hand hygiene,
  - Use of chlorhexidine for skin preparation,
  - Use of full-barrier precautions during central venous catheter insertion,
  - Subclavian vein placement as the preferred site, and
  - Removing unnecessary central venous catheters.

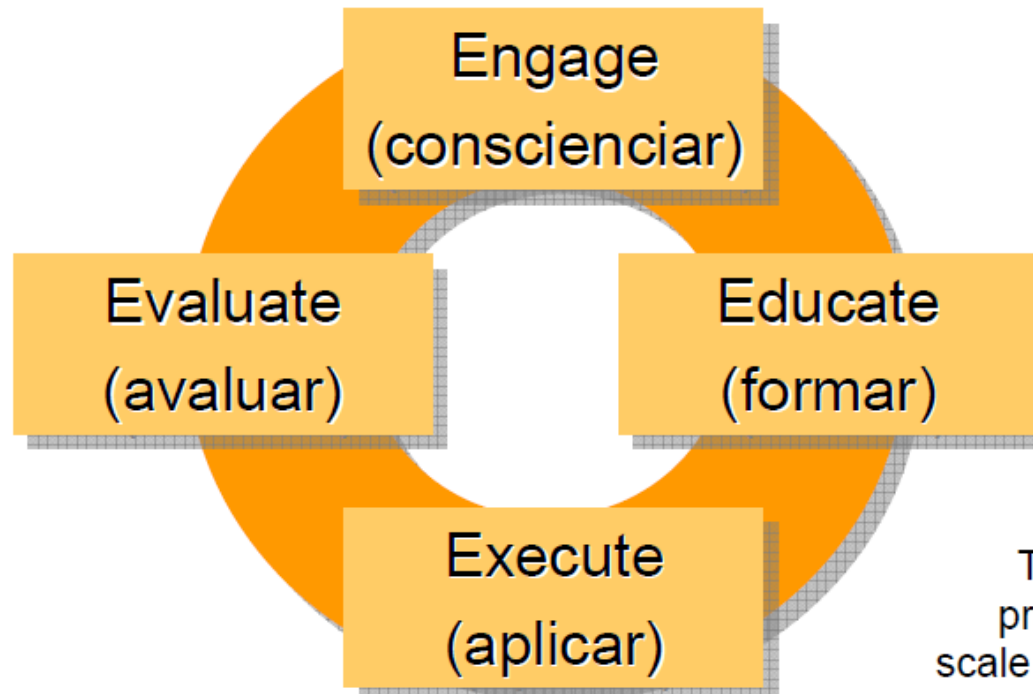


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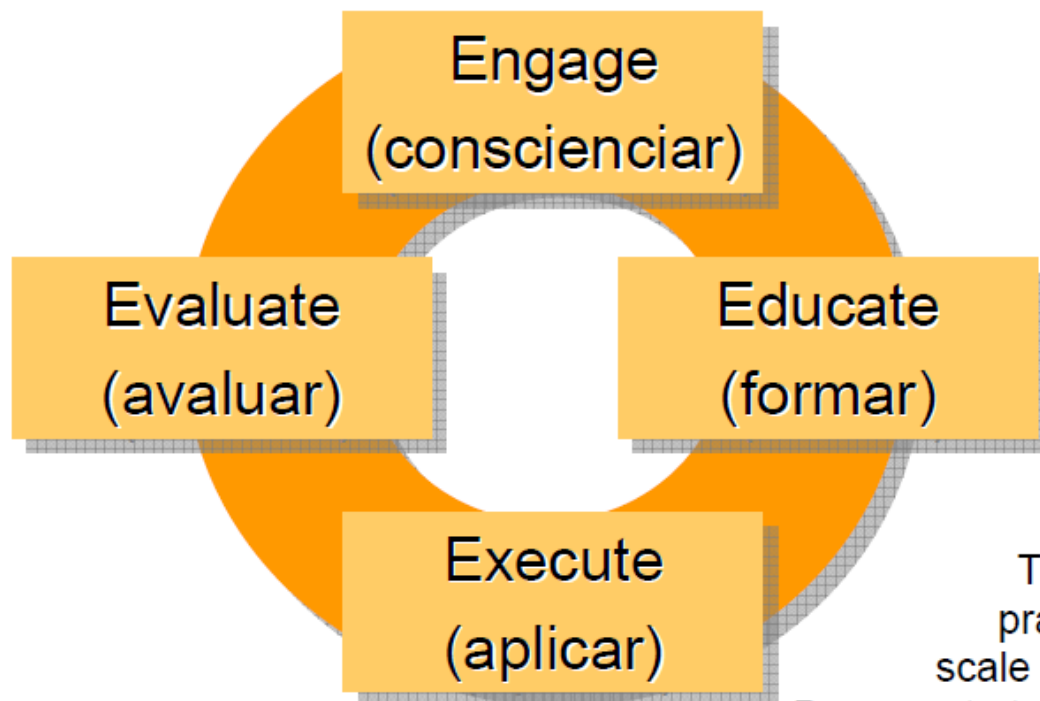


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practice: a model for large  
scale knowledge translation.

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Implementar l'acció



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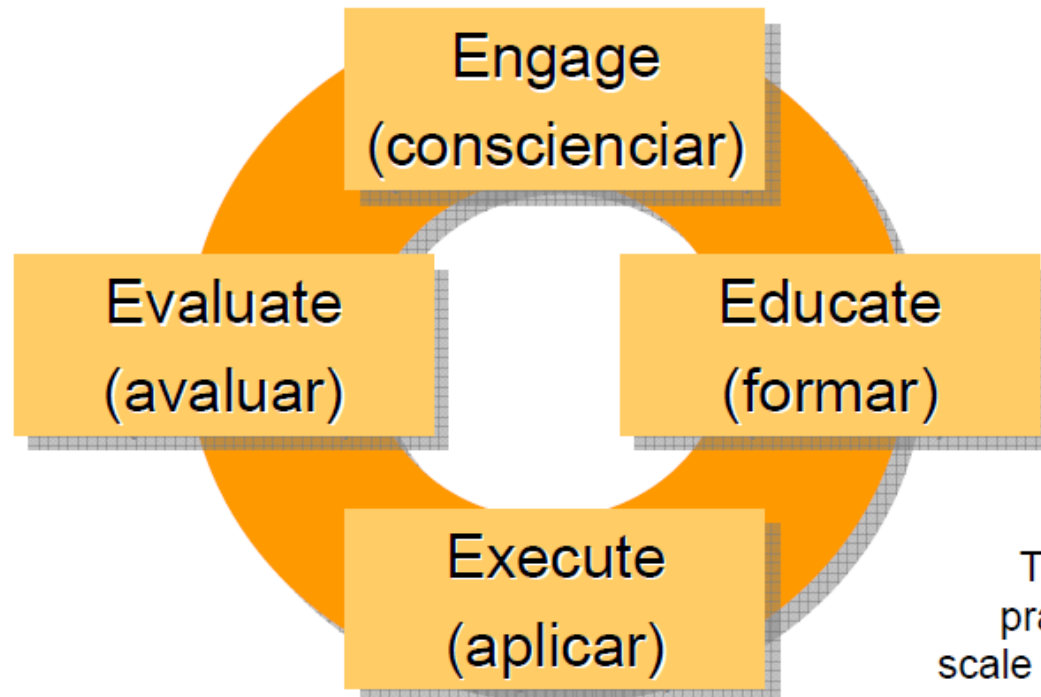
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Table 4. Incidence-Rate Ratios for Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections.<sup>a</sup>

Variable	Incidence-Rate Ratio (95% CI)	P Value
Study period		
Baseline	1.00	
During implementation	0.76 (0.57–1.01)	0.063
After implementation		
0–3 mo	0.62 (0.47–0.81)	<0.001
4–6 mo	0.56 (0.38–0.84)	0.005
7–9 mo	0.47 (0.34–0.65)	<0.001
10–12 mo	0.42 (0.28–0.63)	<0.001
13–15 mo	0.37 (0.20–0.68)	0.001
16–18 mo	0.34 (0.23–0.50)	<0.001
Teaching hospital	1.34 (0.73–2.46)	0.35
Bed size (per 100 beds)	1.03 (0.97–1.09)	0.33

The overall median rate of catheter-related bloodstream infection decreased from 2.7 (mean, 7.7) infections per 1000 catheter-days at baseline to 0 (mean, 2.3) at 0 to 3 months after implementation of the study intervention ( $P \leq 0.002$ ) and was sustained at 0 (mean, 1.4) during 18 months of follow-up (Table 3). A significant decrease was observed in both teaching and nonteaching hospitals and in small hospitals (<200 beds) and large hospitals ( $\geq 200$  beds) (Table 3).

## Implementar l'acció



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EL ÉBOLA EN ESPAÑA »

# Hilitos de plastilina, caldo de vaca loca y otros errores en gestión de crisis

Los políticos tienden a culpar al último eslabón y a minimizar los riesgos ante los grandes problemas

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El consejero de Sanidad madrileño, Javier Rodríguez, que se burló de la capacidad de Romero para ponerse el traje de protección, y la ministra de Sanidad, Ana Mato, regelada del mando de la gestión de crisis por el contagio de ébola. / ALEJANDRO RUESGA (EL PAÍS)

No es la primera vez que ante una crisis el Gobierno tiene que relegar al ministro del ramo tras un aluvión de críticas. Lo ha hecho Mariano Rajoy con Ana Mato en la crisis del ébola y ya lo hizo cuando él era *número dos* de José María Aznar y recibió el encargo de crear un comité especial por las vacas locas —Celia Villalobos, de Sanidad, y Miguel Arias Cañete, de Agricultura, se quedaron fuera—. La experiencia de los últimos años muestra que muy pocos políticos han sabido dominar el reflejo de esquivar responsabilidades y culpar al último eslabón de la cadena (la auxiliar de

enfermería, el maquinista del Alvia, el patrón del Prestige...) y que la mayoría minimiza el problema, lo que casi siempre acaba agravándolo. Este es un repaso a los patrones de improvisación, frivolidad u opacidad que se repiten. Las lecciones no aprendidas.



## "El ébola es la enfermedad de la disciplina"

Médicos sin Fronteras sólo ha tenido dos contagios entre su personal internacional y ha tratado a 4.000 enfermos en África

Sanidad | 07/10/2014 - 21:35h | Última actualización: 08/10/2014 - 09:09h



Personal sanitario atiende en Monrovia, Liberia, a personas que han entrado en contacto con el virus del ébola Ap / Abbas Dulleh

Aparte de ir perfectamente protegido con los vestidos reglamentarios cuando están dentro de la sala de enfermos, “siempre vamos a pares: uno actúa y el otro cuida de ti, de que no se mueva el guante, que cuando tocas a un enfermo te laves los guantes con agua clorada antes de ver al siguiente Ese otro vigila y advierte si hay un error. Eso supone mucho más personal, pero también mucha más seguridad”.

También se cronometran. No se puede estar más de una hora dentro de la ropa protectora porque hay un gran riesgo de deshidratación. “Me he pesado después de una visita de hora y 50 minutos y había perdido 1,6 kilos. Así que antes de entrar bebemos, y al salir bebemos y tomamos plátano o tomate, para recuperar potasio”, cuenta Miriam Alía. Esa deshidratación pone en peligro al personal, porque provoca mareos, dolor de cabeza. Facilita los errores.

La tercera pieza de la disciplina es la rotación. Cada profesional se alterna con otro en las visitas. Una sí y otra no. También limitan las semanas de trabajo, no más de ocho. Luego hay que parar. “Hemos visto que los errores se concentran en dos momentos: al principio, por desconocimiento e impericia, y a partir de la cuarta semana, por fatiga”.

MSF no quiere opinar sobre [el caso de Madrid](#), porque no sabe de sus normas ni de del material que emplean. “pero esperamos que sirva de reactivo, para que se actualicen protocolos y se tomen más medidas de protección. Es fundamental detectar cuando antes los casos sospechosos. Nosotros visitamos cada día durante los 21 días de vigilancia a todo aquel que ha estado en contacto con el virus. Así puedes detectar [los síntomas](#) desde el primer día y actuar inmediatamente. Es importante para el pronóstico del enfermo y, sobre todo, es lo que interrumpe la propagación”, explica la experta.

# Los cinco errores que precipitaron la crisis del ébola en España

ABC | Día 08/10/2014 - 13.45h

► El posible contacto con el equipo de protección contaminado, una formación inadecuada y una actuación poco rápida, entre las claves

## 1. Contacto con la capa exterior del equipo de protección contaminado



HOSPITAL LA PAZ

Trabajar dentro de un traje de bio. Los miembros del equipo a Feijóo y García Viejo ya son El protocolo para ponerse, y extremadamente detallado y

## 2. Formación inadecuada



Dentro de las líneas de investigación q investigar, está la de que se comprueba si estaba en óptimas condiciones o si a profesionales. Una charla de apenas 2 para asimilar correctamente un eslabo para quitarse el traje se requirieron 25 m

## 3. Al Hospital de Alcorcón



JOSÉ RAMÓN LATORA

Resulta difícil de explicar que una persona con pacientes de ébola llame en tres ocasiones encuentra mal y que en lugar de enviarla al hospital de referencia, si de Alcorcón, donde fue estricto.

## 4. Acudió a una oposición al día siguiente de trabajar con ébola



ANGEL NAVARRETE

La organización con más experiencia en el Feijóo. Y ello, cuando rotan a su pesar tienen durante los 21 días recibidos hasta o manifiestan síntomas. En el caso español, lo tomó vacaciones al día siguiente y se reanuda

## 5. Síntomas vagos en casa

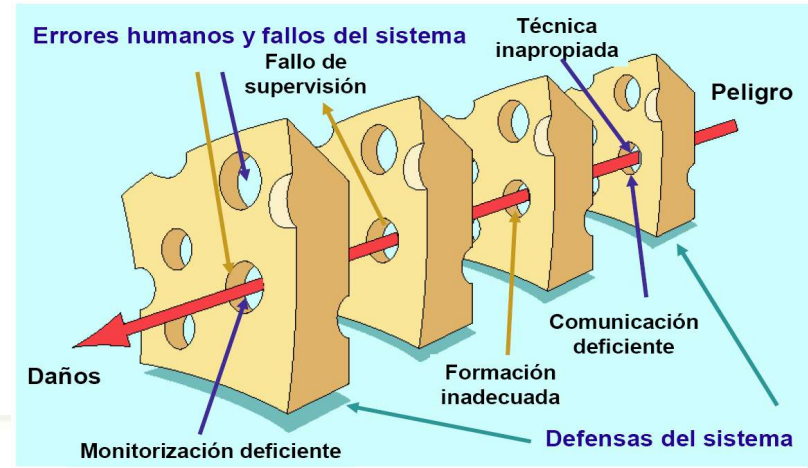


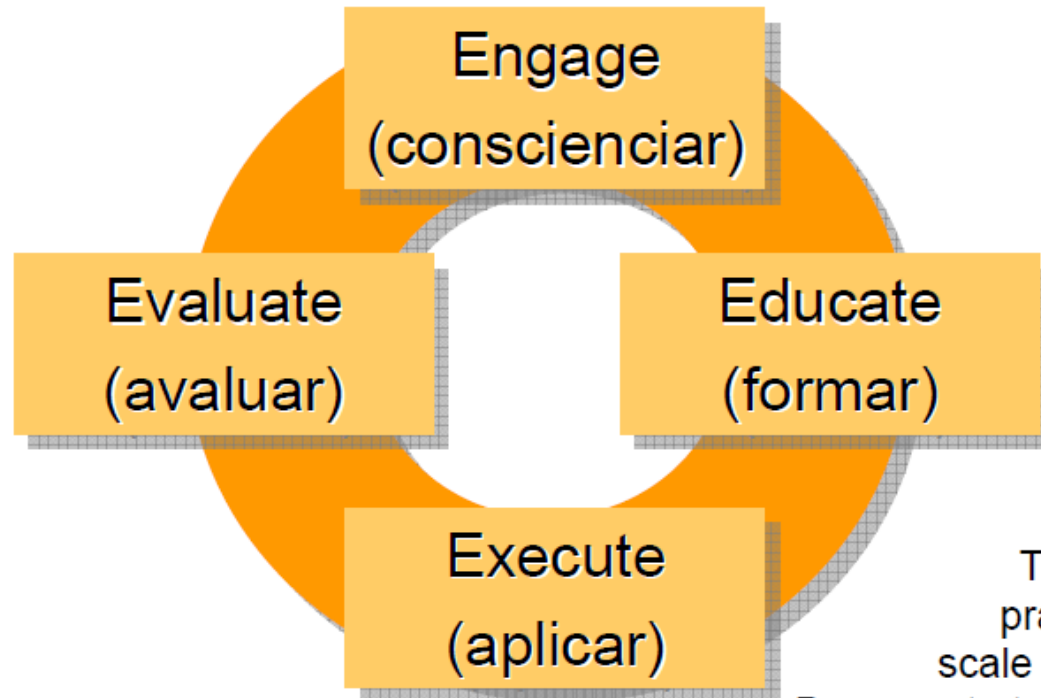
El principal motivo por el que no se actuó con rapidez ante la aparición de los «síntomas vagos» es que la auxiliar aseguraba no tener fiebre alta, uno de los principales elementos de filtrado de los casos sospechosos. Que afirmase tener manchas cutáneas no fue suficiente para que saltase la alarma.

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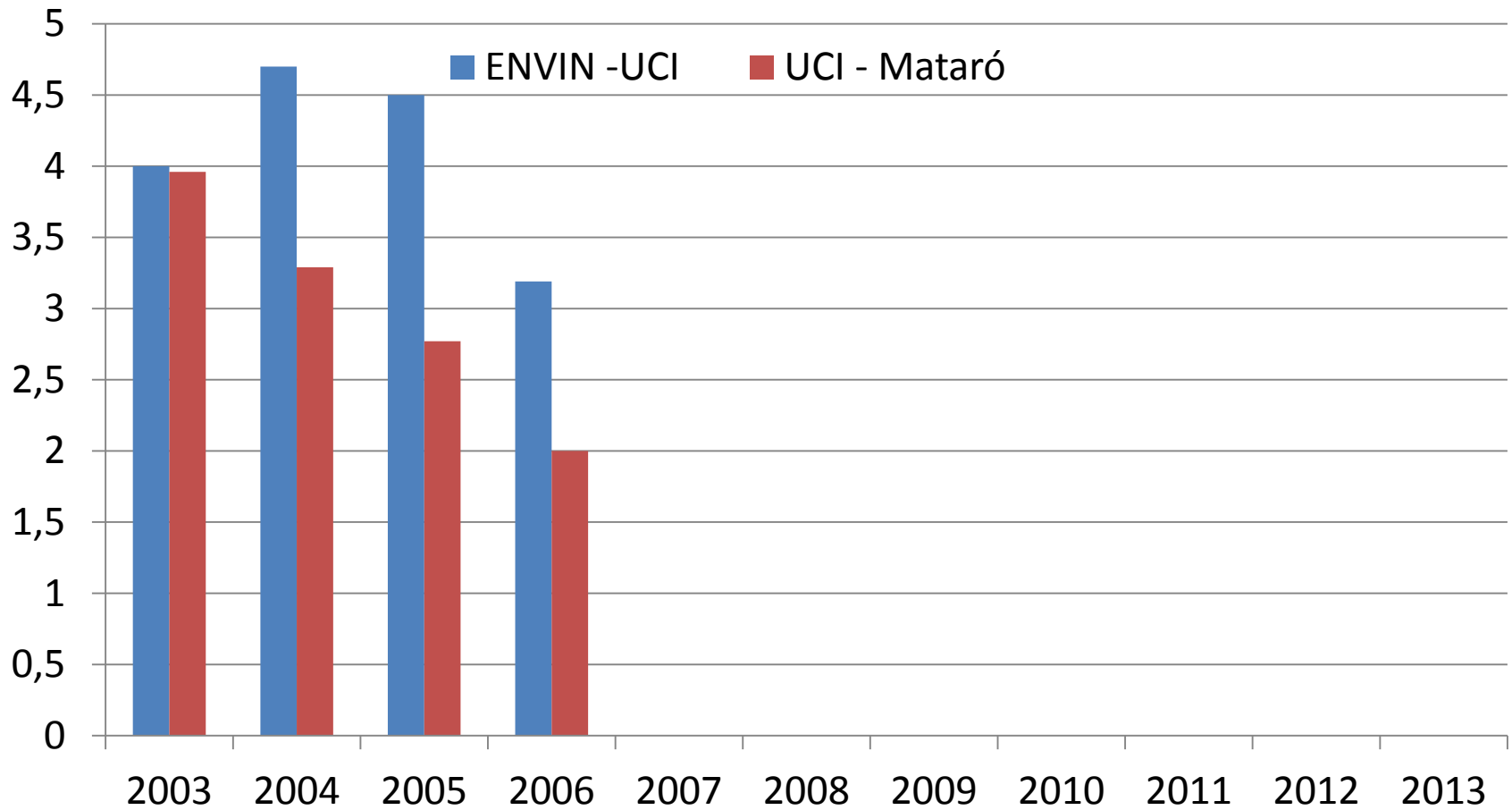




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# COM EVITAR LES INFECCIONS PER CATÈTER

Les infeccions per catèter causen més de una mort no esperada al dia a l'estat espanyol

## 1. MÍNIM RISC

(PERIFÈRICA – DRUM – SUBCLAVIA – JUGULAR - FEMORAL)

## 2. INSERCIÓ ESTÈRIL

(TÈCNICA QUIRÚRGICA, MONITORITZACIÓ PUNT D'INSERCIÓ)

## 3. DESINFECCIÓ TAPS

(MANIPULACIÓ ESTÈRIL ACCESOS I EQUIPS)

## 4. RETIRADA PRECOÇ

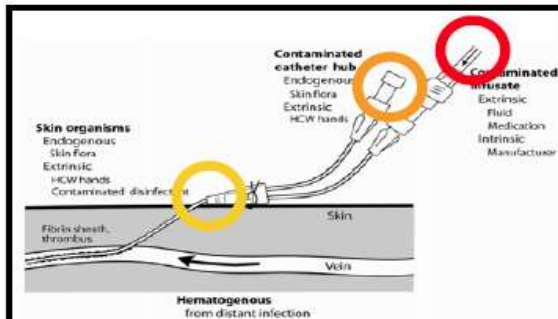
(EVITEU CATÈTERS INACTIUS)

# Triptychs used for the non-attendance education



## EL PER QUÈ DE LES ESTRATÈGIES PER PREVENIR LES INFECCIONS PER CATÈTER

Grup per la prevenció de les infeccions  
associades a catèters endovasculars



Els catèters endovasculars posen en contacte una cavitat estèril (la sang) amb el mitjà extern. A la pell dels malats i dels treballadors sanitaris hi viuen prop de 1.000 unitats formadores de colònies de bacteris per cm<sup>2</sup>. Si la pell del malalt, les connexions o els equips d'infusió no es manipulen correctament moltes d'aquestes bacteries poden passar des de la pell del malalt o des de les mans dels treballadors sanitaris al catèter (colonització) i arribar a la sang a on la temperatura (37°C) i la presència de nutrients afavoreix el seu creixement i el desenvolupament d'infeccions a la sang (bacterièmies).



La inserció dels catèters es probablement el moment de major risc de contaminació. Qualsevol contacte del catèter amb una superfície no estèril provocarà la colonització del catèter pels microorganismes de l'entorn i afavorirà el desenvolupament d'una posterior bacterièmia.

La inserció del catèter s'ha d'entendre com un acte quirúrgic, pel que s'ha de procedir amb estrictes mesures d'esterilitat (rentat de mans estèril, bata i guants estèrils, mascareta i gorro, tallatge estèril ample).



## Check-list inserció

1. Està justificat insertar el catèter
2. Segons l'estat del malalt hem escollit el lloc d'inserció amb menys complicacions sèptiques i mecàniques.
3. Hem desinfectat la pell amb clorhexidina alcohòlica 1%.
4. Hem preparat un camp estèril ample, i hem adoptat mesures extremes d'asèpsia.
5. Hem col·locat un apòsit estèril amb tècnica estèril.

# Triptychs used for the non-attendance education

## Check-list manteniment

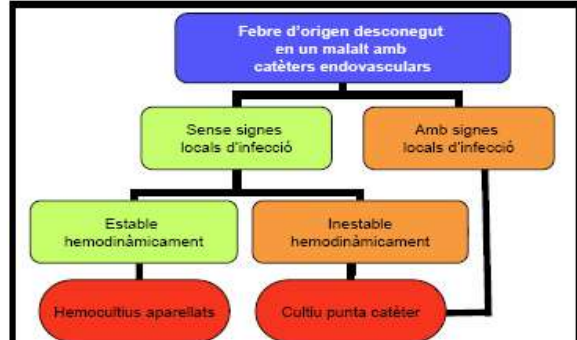
1. He fet higiene de mans abans i després de manipular el catèter o les seves connexions
2. He netejat els connectors amb antisèptic abans d'administrar un bolus o connectar un equip d'infusió.
3. He manipulat la nutrició parenteral amb tècnica estèril.
4. He recanviat els connectors amb tècnica estèril.
5. He retirat aquells catèters que ja no calen o que presenten signes locals d'infecció.



La manipulació dels connectors i dels equips d'infusió es l'origen de les bacterièmies fins en un 80% dels casos d'infecció quan els catèters estan insertats més de 1 setmana. La administració d'un bolus sense desinfecció prèvia del connector produeix el pas de microorganismes a la sang fins en un 35% dels casos, afavorint la colonització del catèter

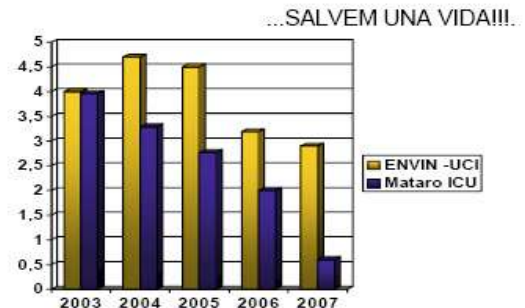


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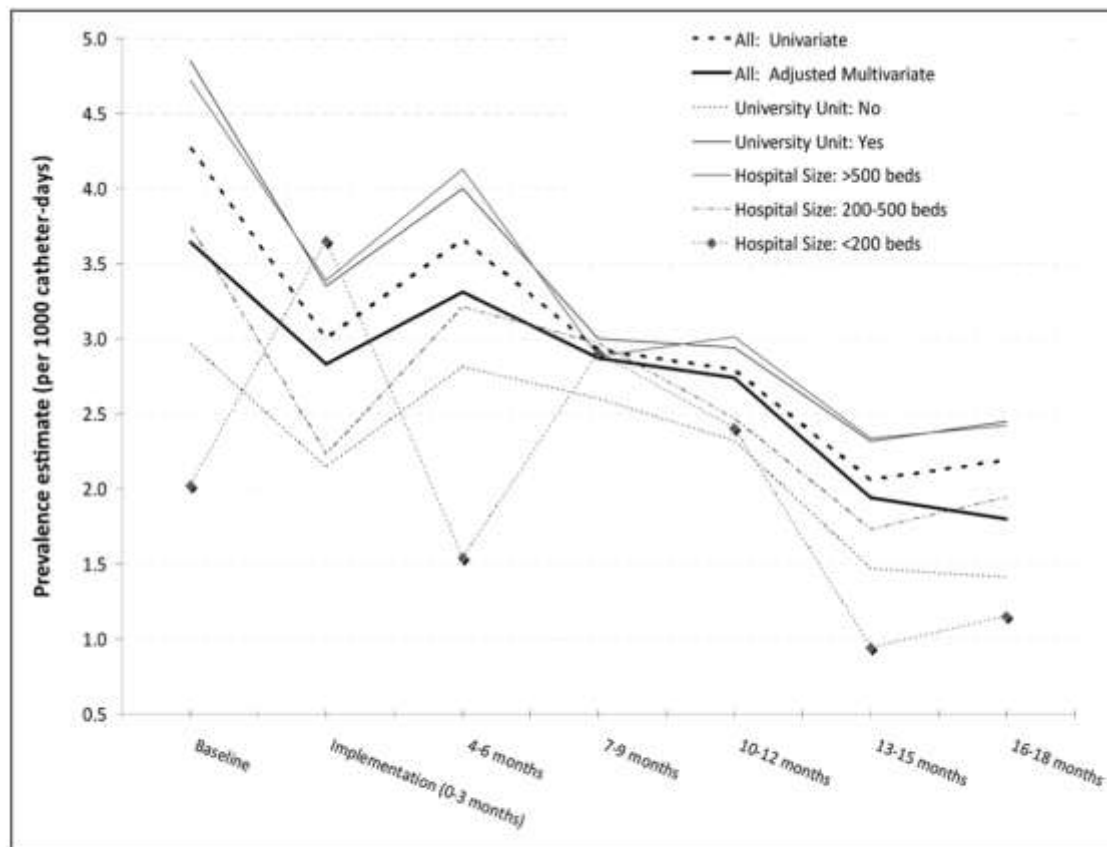
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Taxes de bacterièmia sense focus i associada a catèter (per 1000 dies amb catèter) a la UCI de Mataró en comparació a las mitja de les UCIs espanyoles





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Polymicrobial	12 (9)	3 (2)	>0.02
Catheter-related bloodstream infections, n (%) <sup>†</sup>	7 (5)	0	<0.01
Infections confirmed by DNA typing, n (%) <sup>†</sup>	5 (4)	0	0.02
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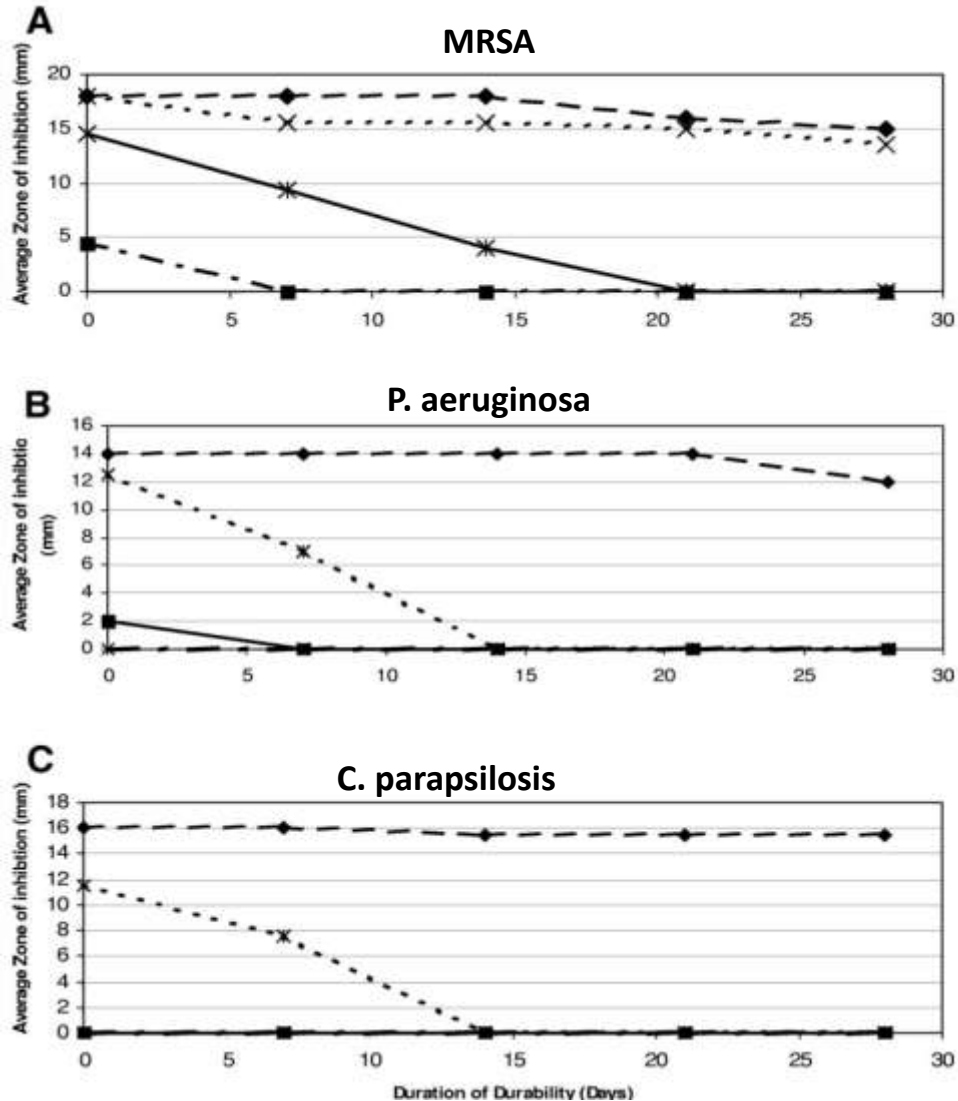
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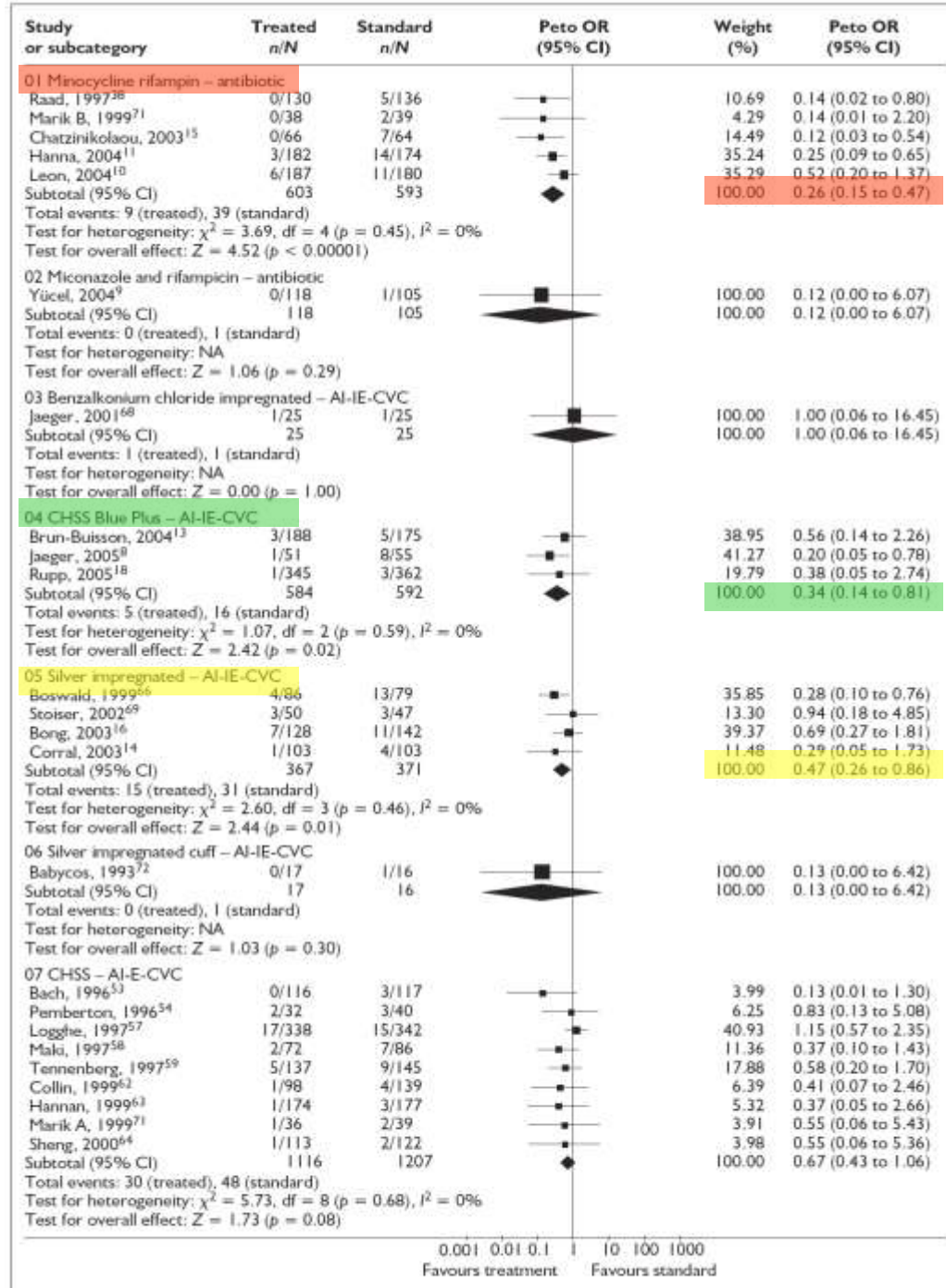


FIGURE 8 CRBSI rates, subgrouped by different CVCs



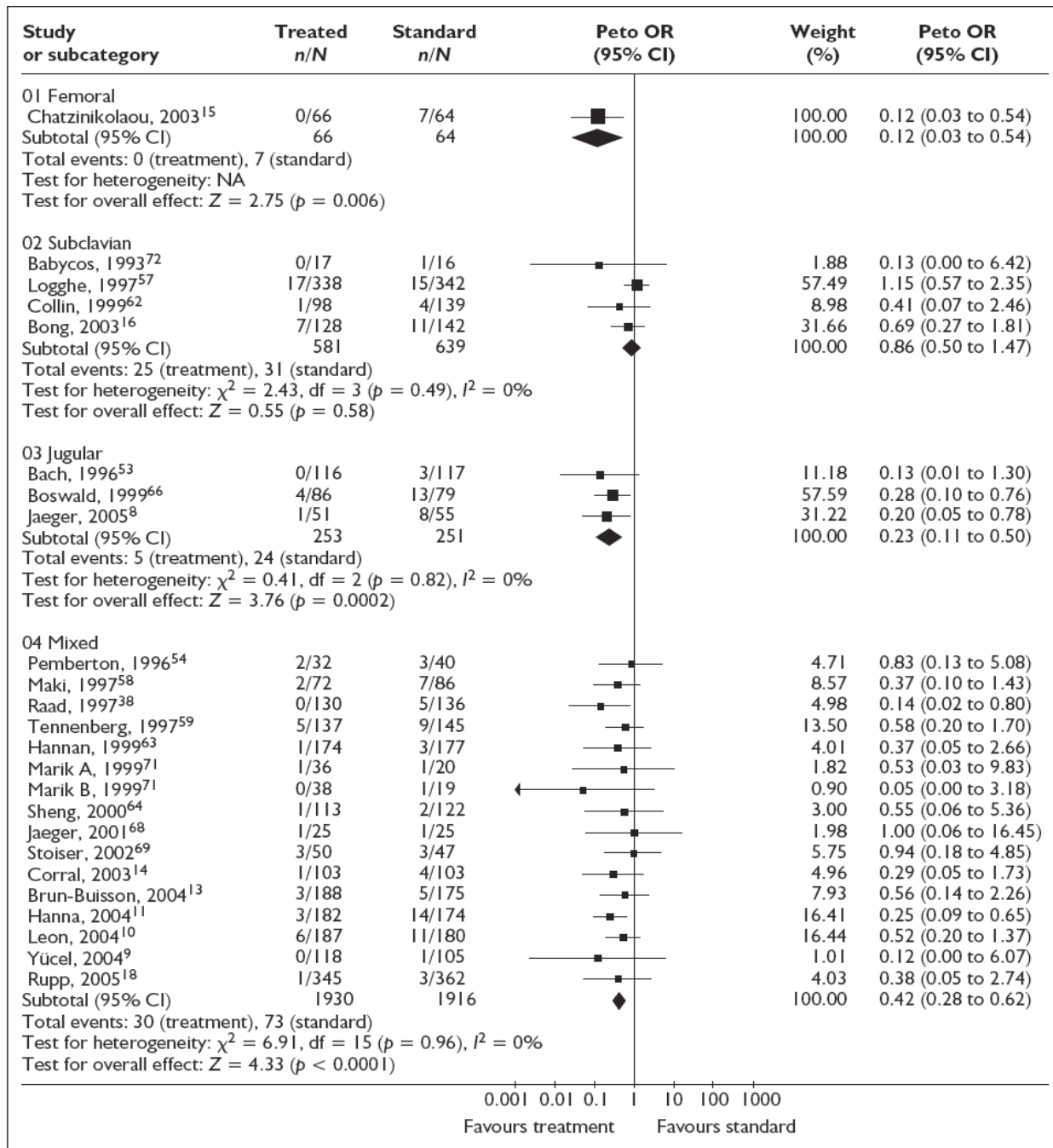


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# The Use of Rifampicin-Miconazole–Impregnated Catheters Reduces the Incidence of Femoral and Jugular Catheter-Related Bacteremia

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**Table 1. Characteristics of patients with either rifampicin-miconazole–impregnated catheters (RMC group) or standard catheters (SC group) placed at either the femoral or central jugular venous sites.**

Variable	Femoral placement			Central jugular placement		
	RMC group (n = 73)	SC group (n = 111)	P	RMC group (n = 114)	SC group (n = 127)	P
No. of catheter-days	634	927		1107	1217	
Age, mean years ± SD	59.77 ± 17.71	58.05 ± 16.48	.24	64.10 ± 14.57	65.04 ± 14.23	.65
Male sex	47 (64.4)	78 (70.3)	.42	75 (65.8)	80 (63.0)	.89
APACHE II score, mean value ± SD	17.51 ± 5.49	17.35 ± 6.20	.77	16.55 ± 5.87	16.72 ± 7.18	.65
Diagnosis group			.97			.84
Cardiac surgery	11 (15.1)	21 (18.9)		18 (15.9)	16 (12.6)	
Cardiology	9 (12.3)	17 (15.3)		13 (11.4)	18 (14.2)	
Respiratory	17 (23.3)	22 (19.8)		27 (23.7)	37 (29.1)	
Digestive	12 (16.4)	18 (16.2)		33 (28.9)	34 (26.8)	
Neurological	10 (13.7)	15 (13.5)		15 (13.2)	16 (12.6)	
Traumatology	13 (17.8)	16 (14.4)		8 (7.0)	6 (4.7)	
Intoxication	1 (1.4)	2 (1.8)		0 (0)	0 (0)	
Order of catheter insertion			.41			.45
First	40 (54.8)	66 (59.5)		71 (62.3)	85 (66.9)	
Second	18 (24.7)	29 (26.1)		34 (29.8)	34 (26.8)	
Third	15 (20.5)	16 (14.4)		9 (7.9)	8 (6.3)	
Use of tracheostomy	25 (34.2)	36 (32.4)	.87	27 (23.7)	27 (21.3)	.76
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Use of antimicrobial drugs	56 (76.7)	90 (81.1)	.58	92 (80.7)	98 (77.2)	.53
Use of total parenteral nutrition	7 (9.6)	12 (10.8)	.81	19 (16.7)	16 (12.6)	.46
Use of paralytic agents	9 (12.3)	13 (11.7)	.99	10 (8.8)	11 (8.7)	.99
Use of urinary catheter	71 (97.3)	106 (95.5)	.70	113 (99.1)	122 (96.1)	.22
Use of vasoactive agents	24 (32.9)	35 (31.5)	.87	41 (36.0)	41 (32.3)	.59
Use of propofol	23 (31.5)	31 (27.9)	.62	27 (23.7)	33 (26.0)	.77
Reason for catheter removal			.71			.85
Death	11 (15.1)	18 (16.2)		16 (14.0)	20 (15.7)	
Suspicion of catheter-related infection	28 (38.4)	45 (40.5)		31 (27.2)	32 (25.2)	
Catheter no longer needed	30 (41.1)	38 (34.2)		59 (51.8)	69 (54.3)	
Accidental removal	4 (5.5)	10 (9.0)		8 (7.0)	6 (4.7)	
Duration of catheter use, mean days ± SD	8.68 ± 4.90	8.35 ± 4.49	.77	9.71 ± 5.11	9.58 ± 4.55	.89
CVCRB	0 (0)	8 (7.2)	.02	0 (0)	6 (4.7)	.02
No. of CVCRB cases per 1000 catheter-days	0	8.62	.03	0	4.93	.04
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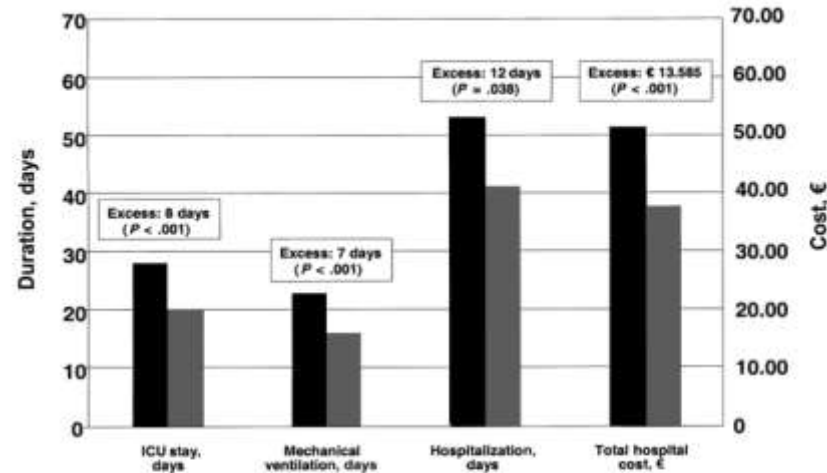
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**Figure 2.** Economic determinants for critically ill patients with catheter-related bloodstream infection ( $n = 176$ ) and for matched control patients ( $n = 315$ ). Black bars represent patients with catheter-related bloodstream infection, and gray bars represent matched control patients. Values are expressed as medians, and excesses are calculated by subtracting the median value for the control subjects from the median value for the patients with catheter-related bloodstream infection.

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	Patients with CR-BSI	Matched control patients		
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Polymicrobial CR-BSI	7/30 (23.3)	11/53 (20.8)	.788	2.5 (−16.2 to 21.2)
CoNS in monomicrobial CR-BSI	19/72 (26.4)	37/133 (27.8)	.871	NA <sup>a</sup>
All CR-BSI without CoNS <sup>b</sup>	30/104 (28.8)	45/182 (24.7)	.446	4.1 (−6.6 to 14.8)
Gram-positive bacteria <sup>c</sup>	30/121 (24.8)	58/217 (26.7)	.796	NA
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> <sup>c</sup>	4/14 (28.6)	8/23 (34.8)	.779	NA
Gram-negative bacteria <sup>c</sup>	13/47 (27.7)	22/83 (26.5)	.999	1.2 (−14.7 to 17.1)
<i>Candida species</i> <sup>c</sup>	9/20 (45.0)	8/36 (22.2)	.128	22.8 (−2.9 to 48.5)
Prompt catheter removal <sup>d</sup>	41/154 (26.0)	71/273 (26.6)	.909	0.6 (−8.1 to 9.3)
Delayed catheter removal <sup>d</sup>	8/22 (36.4)	11/42 (26.2)	.406	10.2 (−13.9 to 34.3)
Appropriate antimicrobial therapy <sup>e</sup>	35/127 (27.6)	58/231 (25.1)	.617	2.5 (−7.1 to 12.1)
No appropriate antimicrobial therapy	11/38 (28.9)	18/65 (27.7)	.999	1.2 (−16.9 to 19.3)



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Subcutaneous segment	20 (10.7)	10.4	47 (26.1)	25.1	0.41 (0.25–0.7)
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Quantitative culture (sonication method)					
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Subcutaneous segment	26 (13.9)	13.5	40 (22.2)	21.4	0.63 (0.39–1.04)
Tip	17 (9.1)	8.8	34 (18.9)	18.2	0.49 (0.27–0.87)
All sections (tip and/or subcutaneous segment and/or hub)					
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	7 (3.7)	3.6	33 (18.3)	17.6	0.21 (0.09–0.47)
<i>Candida</i> spp.	10 (5.3)	5.2	2 (1.1)	1.1	4.87 (1.07–22.2)
<b>Catheter-related bloodstream infection</b>	<b>6 (3.2)</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>11 (6.1)</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>0.53 (0.2–1.44)</b>
<b>Catheter-related clinical infectious complications</b>					
Patients given parenteral nutrition <sup>a</sup>	1 (1.6)	0.5	10 (13.9)	5.3	0.1 (0.01–0.76)
Patients given parenteral lipid emulsions <sup>b</sup>	2 (2.1)	1	13 (12.4)	6.9	0.15 (0.03–0.66)
Patients not given parenteral lipid emulsions <sup>c</sup>	9 (9.9)	4.7	3 (4)	1.6	2.92 (0.79–10.78)

<sup>a</sup> Minocycline and rifampin catheters, n=63; non-impregnated catheters, n=72

<sup>b</sup> Minocycline and rifampin catheters (including lipid-based parenteral nutrition), n=94; non-impregnated catheters, n=105

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# Effect of a Second-Generation Venous Catheter Impregnated with Chlorhexidine and Silver Sulfadiazine on Central Catheter–Related Infections

## A Randomized, Controlled Trial

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Variable	Control Catheter Group	Antiseptic Catheter Group
Definite and possible catheter colonization, <i>n</i> (%)†	59 (16.3)	32 (9.3)
Colonization/1000 catheter-days	24.1	13.3
De novo insertion, <i>n</i> (%); rate/1000 <i>d</i>	42 (17.3); 23.8	17 (7.4); 10.4
Guidewire exchange, <i>n</i> (%); rate/1000 <i>d</i>	17 (14.3); 24.9	15 (13); 19.1
Microbiological characteristics, <i>n</i>		
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	42	22
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	10	4
<i>Enterococcus</i> sp.	6	6
Diphtheroid	12	3
Gram-negative bacilli	9	1
<i>Candida</i> sp.	2	4
Other	1	2
Polymicrobial	19	9
Definite CVC-associated BSI, <i>n</i> (%)	3 (0.8)	1 (0.3)
BSI/1000 catheter-days	1.24	0.42
De novo insertion, <i>n</i> (%); rate/1000 <i>d</i>	3 (1.25); 1.7	1 (0.4); 0.6
Guidewire exchange, <i>n</i> (%); rate/1000 <i>d</i>	0	0
Microbiological characteristics, <i>n</i>		
<i>S. aureus</i>	2	0
<i>Enterococcus</i> sp.	0	1
Gram-negative bacilli	1	0
<i>Candida</i> sp.	0	1
Polymicrobial	0	1
Definite and possible CVC-associated BSI, <i>n</i> (%)‡	8 (2.2)	6 (1.7)
BSI/1000 catheter-days	3.27	2.48
De novo insertion, <i>n</i> (%); rate/1000 <i>d</i>	6 (2.5); 3.4	2 (0.9); 1.2
Guidewire exchange, <i>n</i> (%); rate/1000 <i>d</i>	2 (1.7); 2.9	4 (3.5); 5.1
Microbiological characteristics, <i>n</i>		
Coagulase-negative staphylococci	2	1
<i>S. aureus</i>	3	1
<i>Enterococcus</i> sp.	2	2
Gram-negative bacilli	1	0
<i>Candida</i> sp.	0	3
Other	1	0
Polymicrobial	1	2

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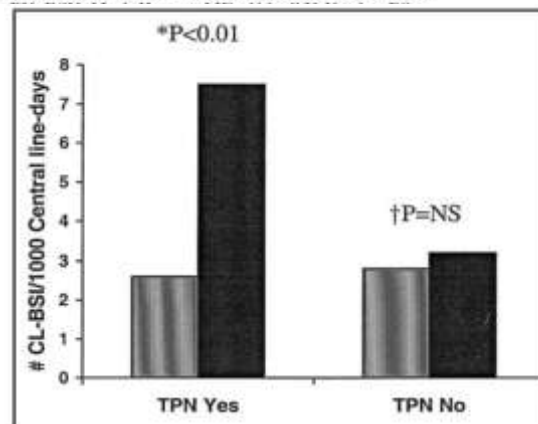


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TO 1999

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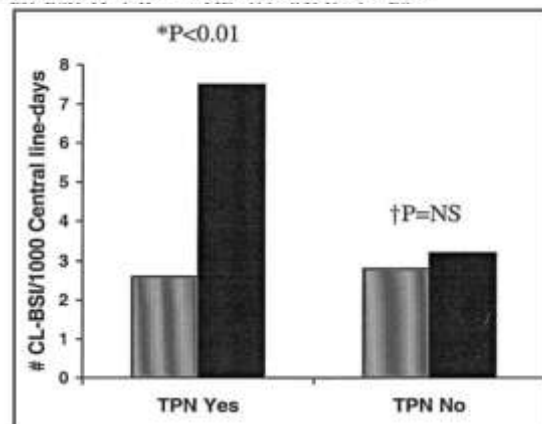
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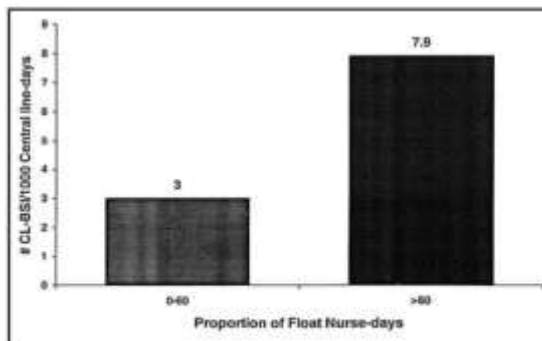
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