



Catheter –Related Endocarditis prophylaxis and Treatment

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Introduction:

- ✓ Long-term infusion of intravenous fluids,
- ✓ Broad-spectrum antibiotics,
- ✓ Chemotherapeutic agents for cancer,
- ✓ Critical care therapies,
- ✓ Antibiotics administered at home,
- ✓ Total parenteral nutrition,
- ✓ Hemodialysis.



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- ✓ Central lines
- ✓ Central line–associated bloodstream infection
- ✓ Cost
- ✓ Mortality
- ✓ Prevention of CLABSI



Definition of CLABSI :

- ✓ Laboratory-confirmed bloodstream infection in a patient who has had a central venous catheter in place for **more than 48 hours** before the date on which blood was drawn for culture, if no other source of bacteremia or fungemia is identified.



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- ✓ This definition is **based on surveillance** rather than on a clinical presentation, with no requirement for signs or symptoms of infection.
- ✓ Overestimation
- ✓ Catheter-related bloodstream infection (CRBSI) is a clinical definition used for diagnosis and treatment (catheter as the source of the bloodstream infection).



CRBSI:

- ✓ Signs and symptoms of infection (e.g., fever, elevated white-cell count, and erythema at the catheter exit site) when blood was drawn for culture.
- ✓ CRBSI rates are not used for surveillance.



Pathogenesis:

- ✓ 1-Catheter contaminated at insertion site (by hospital staff)
Extraluminal spread.
- ✓ skin pathogens at the insertion site can enter the cutaneous catheter tract and migrate down the external surface of the catheter toward the tip.
- ✓ This most commonly happens **within the first 7 days** after catheter placement.



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- ✓ 2-Catheter hub manipulation (by hospital staff) Intraluminal spread.
- ✓ Biofilm
- ✓ This contamination typically happens **more than 7 days** after catheter insertion and is related to the care and maintenance of the catheter, as well as the number of times the catheter is manipulated.



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- ✓ 3-Catheter contaminated by secondary infection, Intraluminal spread.
- ✓ Catheters become contaminated hematogenously from a secondary bloodstream infection that develops from another focus of infection (e.g., **pneumonia or a urinary tract infection**).
- ✓ Biofilm

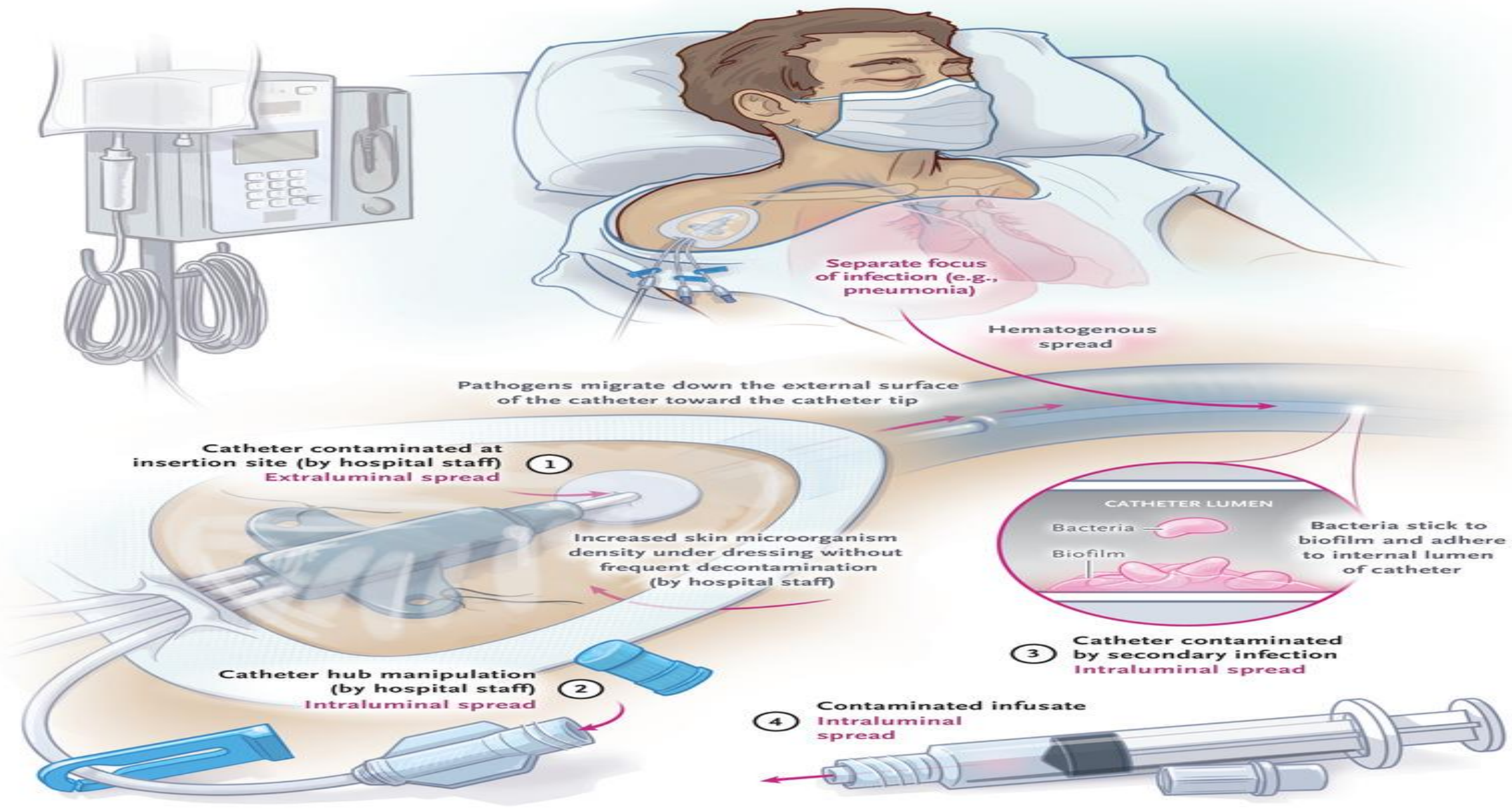


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- ✓ 4-Contaminated infusate(rare)
- ✓ **Knowledge** of the pathogenesis of CRBSI has informed the development of **strategies** for prevention.



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. Risk Factors:

✓ Patient factors

- Immunocompromise Neutropenia, Burns, Malnutrition, BMI >40
- ✓ Prolonged hospitalization before catheter insertion
- ✓ Prematurity in infants
- ✓ Limited venous access

✓ Provider factors

- ✓ Emergency catheter insertion
- ✓ Incomplete adherence to aseptic technique
- ✓ Multiple manipulations of the catheter
- ✓ Low nurse-to-patient ratio
- ✓ Failure to remove unnecessary catheter

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- ✓ Device factors
- ✓ Catheter material
- ✓ Catheter insertion site
- ✓ Indications for use (e.g., for hemodialysis)



Strategies and Devices for Preventing CLABSI:

- ✓ Checklists
- ✓ Catheter-insertion cart or kit
- ✓ Hand hygiene
- ✓ Maximal sterile barrier precautions
- ✓ Alcoholic chlorhexidine skin antisepsis
- ✓ Selection of subclavian catheter-insertion site (in patients in the intensive care unit)
- ✓ Chlorhexidine dressings
- ✓ Chlorhexidine bathing
- ✓ Antibiotic- or antiseptic-impregnated catheters
- ✓ Manual decontamination of catheter hubs and caps before catheter insertion
- ✓ Antiseptic-containing hubs and caps

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Proven Preventive Strategies and Devices:

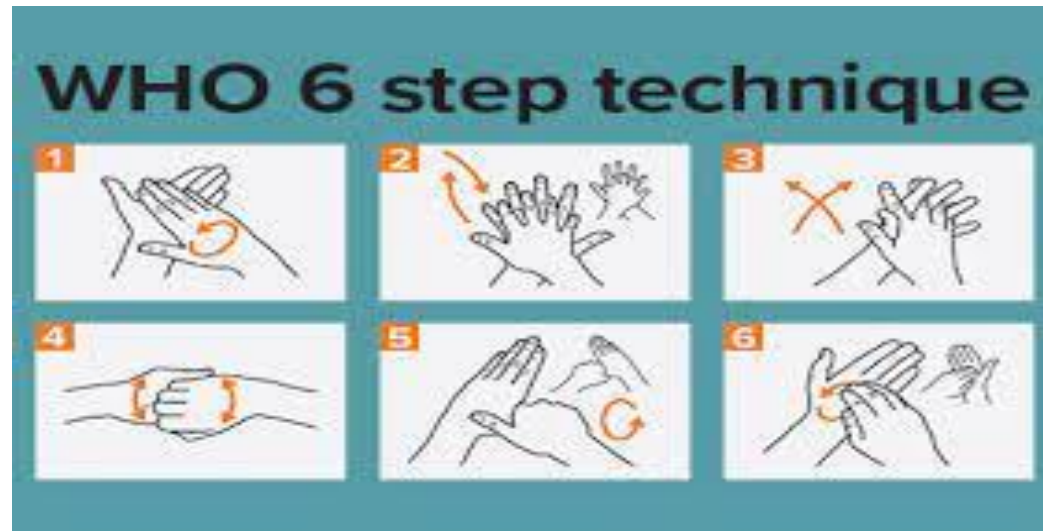
- ✓ Checklists
- ✓ **Observer**
- ✓ hand hygiene
- ✓ Gowning, gloving, masking, draping the patient, and applying antiseptic agents to the patient's skin.
- ✓ Checklists have been shown to improve adherence to infection-control practices at the time of catheter insertion and to reduce the incidence of infection.

Hand Hygiene:

- ✓ Hand hygiene before insertion of a central catheter is an **essential part** of an infection-prevention program.
- ✓ Washing with conventional soap and water or with an alcohol-based, waterless hand rub.
- ✓ An **alcoholbased sanitizer** is **preferred** for hands that are not visibly soiled.
- ✓ Typically, **3 to 5 ml** is applied to the palm, and the hands are rubbed vigorously and thoroughly so that all surfaces on both hands are covered.

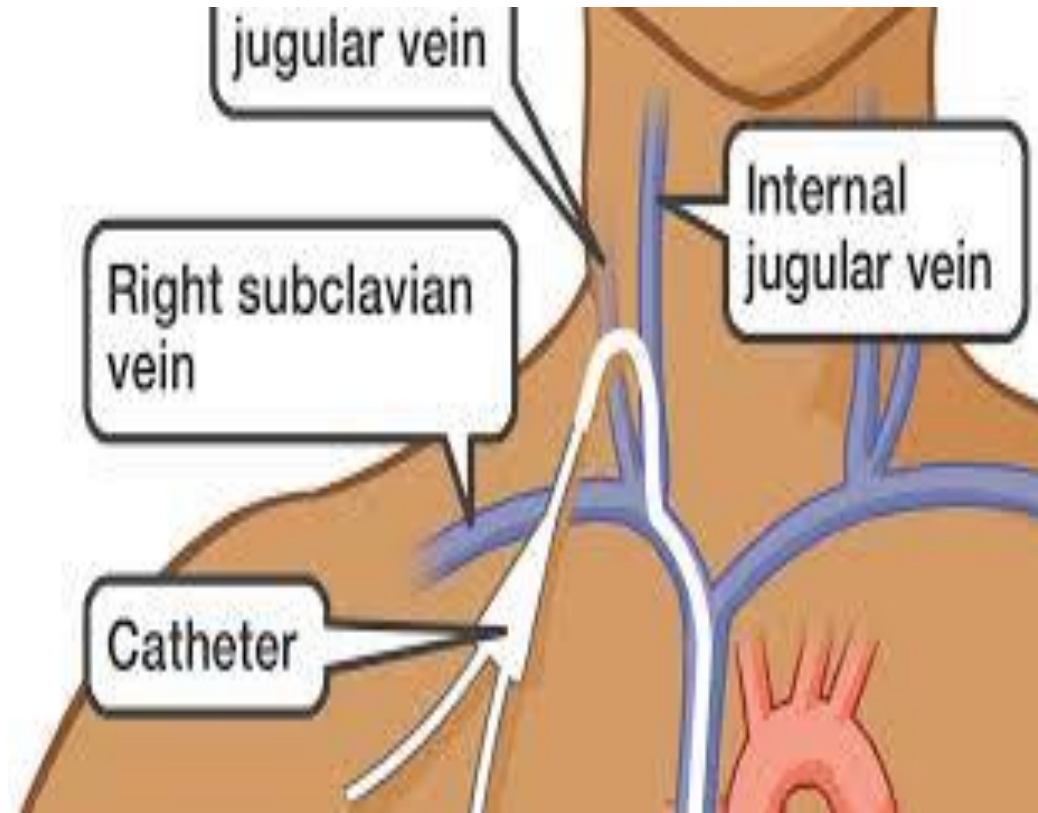
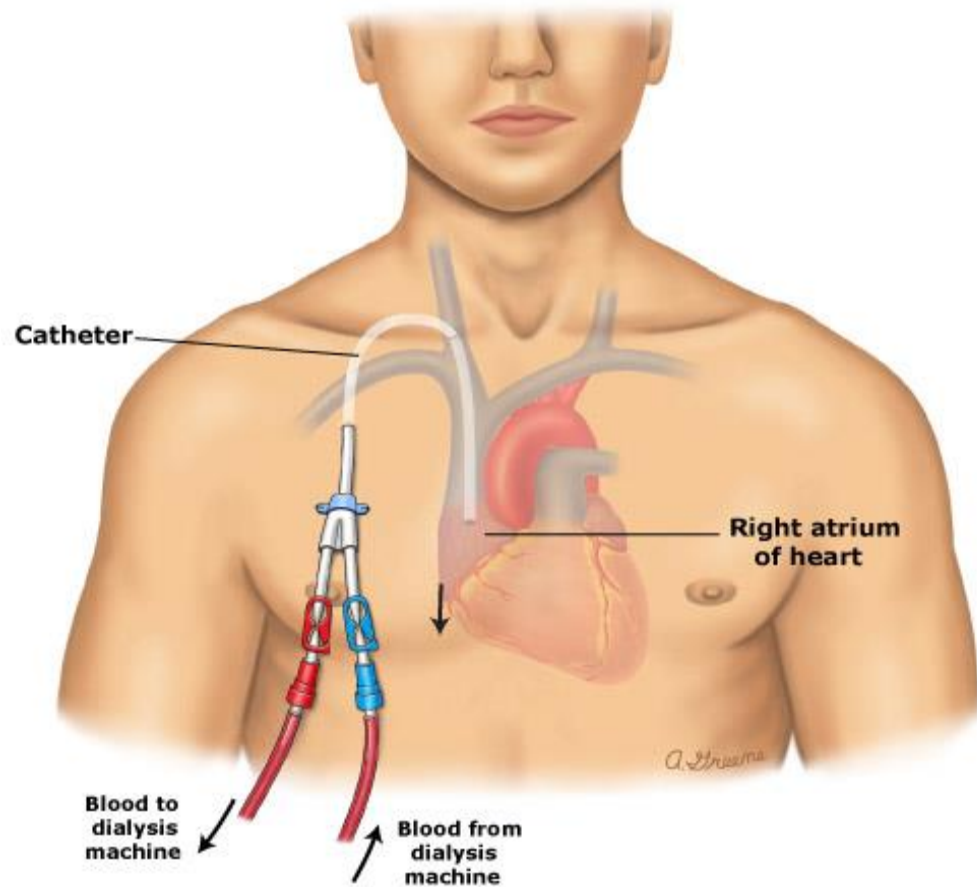
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- ✓ If hands are not cleaned before gloves are donned, any organisms on the hands may be transferred to the outside surface of the gloves.



Site selection:

- ✓ The **subclavian site** is the preferred catheter insertion site for reducing the risk of CRBSI in the ICU.
- ✓ In the non-ICU setting, the difference in infection risk among insertion sites is less clear.
- ✓ Is related in part to the **density of skin flora** at the site.
- ✓ Femoral catheters have higher colonization rates.
- ✓ SUBCLAVIAN /INTERNAL JUGULAR VEIN/FEMORAL



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- ✓ subclavian-vein catheterization is associated with an increased risk of mechanical complications such as **pneumothorax**.
- ✓ Site selection should be guided by patient comfort, the ability to secure the catheter, and maintenance of aseptic technique, as well as by patient-specific factors such as coagulopathies, anatomical complexity, and preexisting catheters.



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- ✓ In patients for whom hemodialysis will probably be warranted, the subclavian site should be avoided because of the risk of subclavian stenosis.



Antibiotic and Antiseptic-Impregnated Catheters:

- ✓ Data are lacking.
- ✓ This lack of data has contributed to the reluctance to recommend antimicrobial-impregnated catheters for routine use in all patients.



Antiseptic-Containing Hubs and Caps



- ✓ “scrub the hub”
- ✓ scrubbing the catheter hub or cap with an antiseptic (alcohol or chlorhexidine) for 10 to 15 seconds and then allowing it to dry before insertion.

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- ✓ Antiseptic containing hubs and caps.
- ✓ Whether manual disinfection of the hub in accessing the catheter has any additional benefit when an antiseptic-containing protective cap has been used is **unknown**.



Conclusions:

✓ Infection-prevention system.

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