



The GAVeCeLT bundle for prevention of catheter-related blood-stream infections

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Table 27.1. GAVeCeLT bundle for prevention of infections associated with PICCs and CVCs.

Hand hygiene and maximal sterile barrier precautions during VAD insertion

Proper choice of insertion site (preferred sites, in decreasing order: mid-arm, infraclavicular, supraclavicular, neck, groin)

Ultrasound-guided insertion for both CVCs and PICCs

Use of 2% chlorhexidine for skin antisepsis before insertion and for continuous or discontinuous antisepsis of the exit site

Use of suture-less devices for securing the catheter, whenever possible

Use of transparent dressings, whenever possible

Prompt removal of unnecessary lines

CVC, central venous catheter.

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