



This report discusses the influence of choice of transparent dressing type and chlorhexidine concentration on skin reactions at CVC insertion sites” Loewenthal et al (2016).

Abstract:

Infection at central venous catheter (CVC) sites remains a common problem, particularly with long-term use. This report discusses the influence of choice of transparent dressing type and chlorhexidine concentration on skin reactions at CVC insertion sites. A concentration of 2% chlorhexidine is associated with a higher rate of skin reactions than either 0.5% or 1% chlorhexidine. Higher chlorhexidine concentrations may not decrease the number of central line-associated bloodstream infections.

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Loewenthal, M., Dobson, P. and Boyle, M. (2016) Chlorhexidine 2% and choice of transparent dressing increase skin reactions at central venous catheter insertion sites. American Journal of Infection Control. August 17th. .



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