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Extract:

“Optimal skin integrity in association with the securement of vascular access devices is often overlooked, with primary emphasis being the prevention of infection at insertion site and catheter-related blood stream infections. There is limited literature regarding skin integrity associated with vascular access devices and in particular peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs).”

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“Much of what does exist focuses on skin tears associated with the choice of dressing and irritant contact dermatitis (LeBlanc et al, 2011; Kutzscher, 2012; McNichol et al, 2013). However, this does not address other significant issues associated with dressings used for the securement of vascular access devices.”

Reference:

Hitchcock, J. and Savine, L. (2015) Medical adhesive-related skin injury: VADS and dressings. British Journal of Nursing. 24(Sup14), p.S13-S13.

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