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Abstract:

Infection prevention and control is a core element of patient safety and in the reduction of central line-associated bloodstream infections. These deadly infections can cause a mortality rate of approximately 12%-25% in inpatient populations. Bloodstream infections can in many cases be prevented through the adoption of evidence-based standards from organizations such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Association for Vascular Access. Vascular access professionals play a critical role in infection prevention in patient care by practicing frequent hand hygiene, maintaining a clean and sanitary clinical environment of care, and performing proper skin antisepsis before the insertion of a vascular access catheter. Each of these interventions contributes to the overall goal of eliminating central line-associated bloodstream infections in these very vulnerable patients.

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