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The importance of the identification of bacteremia is less important than previously described for most patients. Additional BCs are associated with an increased rate of BCC who is responsible for increased costs.

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