

Changing the default for peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) ordered from non-critical care units to single-lumen devices resulted in a sustained reduction in PICC-related complications” Lam et al (2018).

Abstract:

Changing the default for peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) ordered from non-critical care units to single-lumen devices resulted in a sustained reduction in PICC-related complications. This system of care would be transferrable to other institutions with potential for improved patient safety and efficiency in outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy clinics.

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