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Abstract:

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Data source: A literature review of common catheters and personal communication with inventors. Only first person accounts from inventors or those close to the invention were used.

Conclusions: CVCs are now essential devices that have saved countless lives. Though the inventors have earned the honor of naming their catheters, it may be reasonable to consider

more consistent terminology to describe these catheters to avoid confusion.

Reference:

Gow, K.W., Tapper, D. and Hickman, R.O. (2017) Between the Lines: The 50th Anniversary of Long-Term Central Venous Catheters. The Journal of the Association for Vascular Access. 22(4), p.165-177.

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