# Role of antibiotic line locks in the prevention of tunnelled haemodialysis catheter infection: a double-blind, randomised controlled trial

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Plain English summary of protocol

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Type(s)

Scientific

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# Additional identifiers

**Protocol serial number** 08/05

# Study information

Scientific Title

**Study objectives** 

The null hypothesis to be tested is that antibiotic line locks will not reduce the incidence of catheter related blood stream

infection compared with the standard practice of catheter filling with heparin alone.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Not provided at time of registration

#### Study design

Randomised double blind controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

#### Study type(s)

Prevention

### Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Haemodialysis catheter related sepsis

#### **Interventions**

Control group will receive usual heparin line locks between dialysis sessions. Intervention group will receive a line lock containing heparin, vancomycin and gentamicin.

#### **Intervention Type**

Other

#### Phase

**Not Specified** 

## Primary outcome(s)

The time in days from insertion of tunnelled haemodialysis catheter (THDC) to first catheter related infection (CRI). CRI will be diagnosed by a combination of clinical suspicion, raised temperature, blood tests (white

cell count and inflammatory markers) and the results of blood cultures from the tunnelled haemodialysis catheter (THDC) and from a peripheral vein.

# Key secondary outcome(s))

- 1. Mean haemoglobin concentration
- 2. Mean erythropoietin dose adjusted for body mass
- 3. Mean serum albumin concentration
- 4. Mean number of days in hospital per annum
- 5. Mean number of hospital admissions per annum

## Completion date

01/08/2006

# **Eligibility**

#### Key inclusion criteria

All patients requiring insertion of a tunnelled haemodialysis catheter (THDC) for haemodialysis.

#### Participant type(s)

Patient

#### Healthy volunteers allowed

No

#### Age group

Adult

#### Sex

All

#### Key exclusion criteria

- 1. Patients on prolonged courses of antibiotics (oral or parenteral) i.e. for greater than 2 weeks. (This may reduce the incidence of CRI and therefore confound the results).
- 2. Patients with a known allergy to vancomycin or gentamicin
- 3. Patients known to suffer from heparin induced thrombocytopenia
- 4. Patients who are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. (Vancomycin and gentamicin are potentially toxic to the fetus).
- 5. An inability to provide informed consent to participation in the study

#### Date of first enrolment

01/08/2004

#### Date of final enrolment

01/08/2006

# Locations

#### Countries of recruitment

United Kingdom

England

# Study participating centre Arrowe Park Hospital

Liverpool United Kingdom CH49 5PE

# Sponsor information

## Organisation

Wirral Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

#### **ROR**

https://ror.org/05cv4zg26

# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Hospital/treatment centre

#### Funder Name

Funded within our department

# **Results and Publications**

Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

# IPD sharing plan summary

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