

# 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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**EudraCT/CTIS number**

**IRAS number**

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## 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

### **Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

### **Study setting(s)**

Not specified

### **Study type(s)**

Prevention

### **Participant information sheet**

### **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 measure**

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.

## **Secondary outcome measures**

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

## **Overall study start date**

01/08/2004

## **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

## **Age group**

Adult

## **Sex**

Both

## **Target number of participants**

80

## **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**

England

United Kingdom

**Study participating centre**

**Arrowe Park Hospital**

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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

Wirral Hospitals NHS Trust (UK)

**Sponsor details**

Arrowe Park Hospital

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**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/05cv4zg26>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**Funder Name**

Funded within our department

## **Results and Publications**

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date**

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

### IPD sharing plan summary

Not provided at time of registration