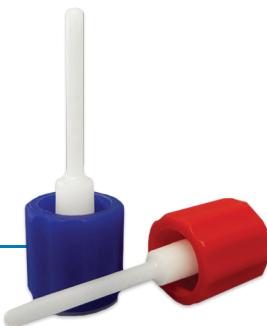


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Dialysis Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infections: A Cluster-Randomized Trial of the ClearGuard HD Antimicrobial Barrier Cap

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ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΑ:

Η χρήση του **ClearGuard™ HD** έναντι της χρήσης των κοινών πωμάτων σχετίστηκε με χαμηλότερα ποσοστά BSI κατά:

- **56%** σύνολο περιόδου (**P=0.01**)
 - **68%** σε de novo καθετήρες (**P=0.02**)
 - **69%** κατά την εδραιωμένη χρήση (**P=0.01**)

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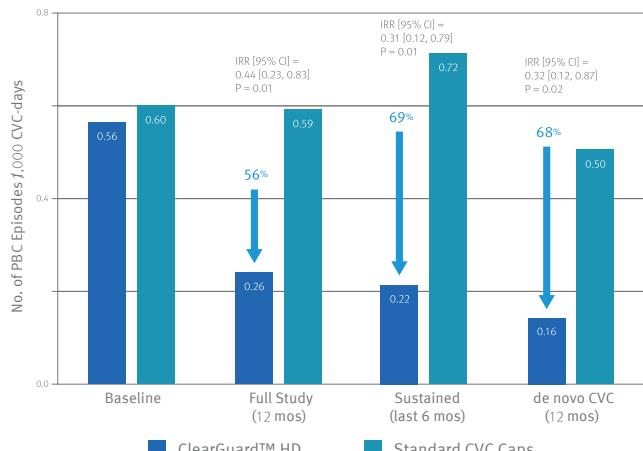
› 2.470 ασθενείς

- 1.245 Ομάδα ClearGuard™ HD
 - 1.225 Ομάδα αγωφοράς

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➤ **40 κέντρα** Αιμοκάθαρση στις ΗΠΑ

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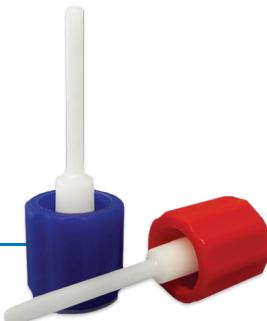


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Cluster-Randomized Trial of Devices to Prevent Catheter-Related Bloodstream Infection

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ABSTRACT

Central venous catheters (CVCs) contribute disproportionately to bloodstream infection (BSI) and, by extension, to hospitalized hospital-acquired infections and health care costs in patients undergoing dialysis or hemodialysis. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of a cluster-randomized trial to facilitate evidence-based patient care decisions. In a 13-month prospective, cluster-randomized trial, we compared the incidence of catheter-related BSI in hemodialysis patients assigned to banner caps (CleaGuard group) with those in facilities using Tag hemodialysis connectors plus Cura caps (control group). The primary outcome was the rate of catheter-related BSI per 1000 days of dialysis matched by ED rate, number of patients using CVCs, and geographic location, and then cluster randomized. Secondary outcomes included the rate of catheter-related BSI per 1000 days of dialysis matched by age to heparin or cholinesterase. Overall, 1647 patients participated in the study, accruing >183,000 CVC-days. The study outcomes were positive blood culture (PCR) test as an endpoint. During the 13-month period immediately before study interventions, the groups had similar BSI rates (P = .20). During the 13-month period immediately after study interventions, the CleaGuard group had significantly lower BSI rates than did the Tag/Cura group (P < .001; 77.75 PCR/1000 CVC-days, respectively; P = .02). Overall, the results suggest that the CleaGuard device, which uses a different hemodialysis connector than the Tag or Cura caps, CleaGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps significantly lowered the rate of catheter-related BSI in patients undergoing hemodialysis using CVCs, representing an important advancement in hemodialysis prevention.

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Central venous catheters (CVCs) are used in only 10% of dialysis procedures in the United States, but are responsible for approximately 10% of all hospital-acquired bloodstream infections (BSIs).¹ In addition, BSI is the second most common cause of death in patients undergoing hemodialysis who use CVCs for their vascular access.

Recent reports^{2–4} have demonstrated that CVCs contribute disproportionately to BSI and, by extension, to hospitalized hospital-acquired infections and health care costs in patients undergoing dialysis or hemodialysis. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the effectiveness of a cluster-randomized trial to facilitate evidence-based patient care decisions. In a 13-month prospective, cluster-randomized trial, we compared the incidence of catheter-related BSI in hemodialysis patients assigned to banner caps (CleaGuard group) with those in facilities using Tag hemodialysis connectors plus Cura caps (control group). The primary outcome was the rate of catheter-related BSI per 1000 days of dialysis matched by ED rate, number of patients using CVCs, and geographic location, and then cluster randomized. Secondary outcomes included the rate of catheter-related BSI per 1000 days of dialysis matched by age to heparin or cholinesterase. Overall, 1647 patients participated in the study, accruing >183,000 CVC-days. The study outcomes were positive blood culture (PCR) test as an endpoint. During the 13-month period immediately before study interventions, the groups had similar BSI rates (P = .20). During the 13-month period immediately after study interventions, the CleaGuard group had significantly lower BSI rates than did the Tag/Cura group (P < .001; 77.75 PCR/1000 CVC-days, respectively; P = .02). Overall, the results suggest that the CleaGuard device, which uses a different hemodialysis connector than the Tag or Cura caps, CleaGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps significantly lowered the rate of catheter-related BSI in patients undergoing hemodialysis using CVCs, representing an important advancement in hemodialysis prevention.

Significance Statement

Catheter-related bloodstream infections are a common complication of hemodialysis. Central venous catheters (CVCs) are used to facilitate increased access to the vascular system for hemodialysis and other uses. Studies have shown that CVCs are associated with significant morbidity and mortality, particularly in patients undergoing hemodialysis. The results of this study demonstrate that the use of a different hemodialysis connector, CleaGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps, significantly lowered the rate of catheter-related BSI in patients undergoing hemodialysis using CVCs. This study represents an important advancement in hemodialysis prevention for patients dialyzing with CVCs.

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Η χρήση του **ClearGuard™ HD** έναντι της Ομάδας αναφοράς (Tego+Curos) σχετίστηκε με μικρότερη συχνότητα BSI κατά

- **63%** σύνολο περιόδου ($P=0.001$)
 - **72%** σε de novo καθετήρες ($P<0.001$)

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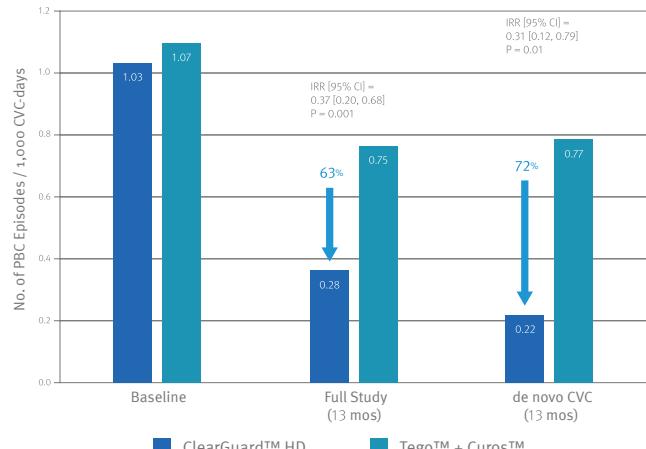
> 1.671 ασθενείς

- 826 Ομάδα ClearGuard™ HD
 - 845 Οικάδα αναφορώς

➤ Σύνολο 183.000 πιέσες CYC

➤ **40 κέντρα** Αιγαίκαθησυς στις ΗΠΑ

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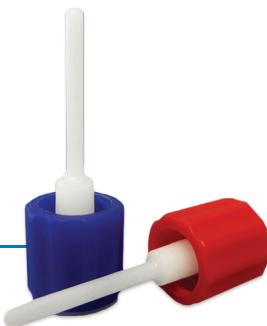


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Abstract: Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) is the second leading cause of death in hemodialysis patients. Patients dialyzed via central venous catheters (CVCs) are more susceptible to develop associated bloodstream infection (VBSI). We evaluated a novel hemodialysis central venous catheter cap to reduce VBSI.

Patients and Methods: A retrospective observational study analysis was conducted for 1 year. The first study period (May 2018–April 2019) included 967 hemodialysis patients who used standard chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) and 1044 patients who used the novel hemodialysis central venous catheter cap to standard routine eaccess for differences in CLABSI rates when using CVCs. There were two periods in the study: in the first study period, there was a group of patients undergoing hemodialysis using chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) therapy (first study period) and a second study period using the novel hemodialysis central venous catheter cap (second study period). The second study period started 1 October 2018 to 30 April 2019. The second study period spanned 9 months and four continued to be utilized 15 June 2019. The second study period spanned 9 months from October 2018 to May 2019.

Results: In the first study period, unadjusted health records of 954 patients who were dialyzed via CVC between May 2018 and May 2019 were analyzed. The mean age was 61.3 and 71.0% were male. The mean number of CVC days was 31,320 and the mean number of CVC days with standard caps, while their were 947 chlorhexidine and 126 standard hemodialysis central venous catheter caps. The mean number of CVC days with novel hemodialysis central venous catheter caps was 10,090 CVC days in the standard group ($p<0.0001$).

Conclusion: Chlorhexidine-based CVC cap provides a therapeutic improvement in CVC-associated VBSI.

Keywords: catheter-related infection, oral dialysis, quality improvement, infection control, hemodialysis, dialysis-associated CVC cap.

Introduction: Central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) is the presence of one or more viable pathogens in systemic circulation confirmed by positive microbiological blood culture. ¹ BSI can occur if a blood stream enters inflammatory response characterized by fever, chills and hypoalbuminemia. ² The most common source of CLABSI is the central venous catheter (CVC), which is a common source of secondary BSI in hospitals because setting where vascular access is created in carrying out a hemodialysis procedure. ³ In fact, central line-associated bloodstream infections are the most common type of nosocomial infection in hemodialysis patients, with an attributable mortality rate ranging between 12% and 25% and estimated

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ΑΠΟΤΕΛΕΣΜΑΤΑ

Η συνδυασμένη συχνότητα CLABSI στην ομάδα **ClearGuard™ HD** ήταν **0.09/1000** ημέρες καθετήρα έναντι **0.63/1000** ημέρες καθετήρα στην ομάδα ελέγχου ($P<0.0001$).

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Table I Comparison of CLABSI Rates by Study Group

Study Group	Patients (N)	CVC Days	CLABSI	CLABSI/1000 CVC Days	p-value
First Study Period					
Chlorhexidine Standard Therapy	967	29,010	1	0.03	<0.0001
First + Second Study Periods					
Chlorhexidine Standard Therapy	4614	138,420	13	0.09	<0.0001
	1320	39,600	25	0.63	

Abbreviations: CLABSI, central line-associated bloodstream infection; CVC, central venous catheter.

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14-μήνες (περίοδος Α: 9μήνες, περίοδος Β: 5μήνες) αναδρομική, πολυκεντρική μελέτη παρατήρησης

➤ 5.934 ασθενείς

- 4.614 Ομάδα ClearGuard™ HD
- 1.320 Ομάδα απλά πώματα

➤ Σύνολο **238.260 ημέρες** Κεντρικού Καθετήρα

➤ **13 κέντρα** στις ΗΠΑ

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