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STATO DELL'ARTE DELLA TROMBOSI CATETERE-RELATA

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Published trends and research hotspots of central venous catheter-associated thrombosis from 1973 to 2022

A scientometric analysis

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Abstract

This study aims to explore the intellectual landscape and research hotspots in the central venous catheter-related thrombosis (CVC-RT) research field. Studies discussing CVC-RT published from 1973 to 2022 in the Web of Science Core Collection database were retrieved on February 24th, 2022. Citespace was used to perform a scientometric analysis to identify the intellectual landscape and research hotspots in the research fields of CVC-RT. A total of 4358 studies were retrieved, with an ascending trend in publication numbers. The United States of America was the most influential country. The Journal of Vascular Access published the most studies, and McMaster University was the most prolific institution. The results showed that the focus population of CVC-RT research has changed from pediatric patients to cancer patients, the management of CVC-RT has become more formal and standardized, and the focused CVC type has shifted to port and peripherally inserted central catheters. In addition, seventeen active burst keywords were detected, such as patient safety, clinical practice guidelines, and postthrombotic syndrome. This study comprehensively reviewed publications related to CVC-RT. The research topics on patient safety, clinical practice guidelines, and postthrombotic syndrome related to CVC-RT may be future hotspots.

Abbreviations: BSI = bloodstream infection, CVC-RT = central venous catheter-related thrombosis, CVCs = central venous catheters, DVT = deep vein thrombosis, HPN = home parental nutrition, PICCs = peripherally inserted central catheters, PTS = postthrombotic syndrome, USA = United States of America, VTE = venous thromboembolism.

Keywords: central venous catheter, CiteSpace, intellectual mapping, scientometric analysis, thrombosis

Table 1**The top 10 countries, institutions, and authors publishing the most articles on CVC-RT.**

Rank	Country	Count	Institution	Count	Author	Count
1	USA	1617	MCMASTER UNIV (Canada)	94	CHOPRA V	40
2	ITALY	328	UNIV TORONTO (Canada)	80	PITTIRUTI M	28
3	CANADA	327	UNIV MICHIGAN (USA)	65	FAUSTINO EVS	22
4	GERMANY	326	HOSP SICK CHILDREN (Canada)	61	BRANDAO LR	21
5	FRANCE	255	MAYO CLIN (USA)	51	CHAN AKC/MONAGLE P	20
6	ENGLAND	244	HARVARD UNIV (USA)	50	FLANDERS SA	19
7	PEOPLES R CHINA	231	JOHNS HOPKINS UNIV (USA)	39	TREROTOLA SO	18
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9	AUSTRALIA	133	UNIV PENN(USA)	35	DEBOURDEAU P/GOLDENBERG NA	15
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Table 2**The top 10 journals publishing the most articles on CVC-RT and the top 10 co-cited journals.**

Rank	Journal	Count	IFh 2022	CQ* 2022	H-index	Co-cited journal	IF* 2022	CQ* 2022
1	J VASC ACCESS	175	2.326	Q3	42	NEW ENGL J MED	176.079	Q1
2	J VASC INTERV RADIOL	109	3.682	Q3	142	CHEST	10.262	Q1
3	THROMB RES	81	10.407	Q3	124	J VASC INTERV RADIOL	3.682	Q3
4	COCHRANE DB SYST REV	62	12.008	Q2	309	LANCET	202.731	Q1
5	J VASC SURG	60	4.190	Q2	210	THROMB HAEMOSTASIS	6.681	Q2
6	CARDIOVASC INTER RAD	55	8.271	Q1	92	RADIOLOGY	29.146	Q1
7	JPEN-PARENTER ENTER	55	3.896	Q3	110	J CLIN ONCOL	50.717	Q1
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Editorial

Reconsidering the GAVeCeLT Consensus on catheter-related thrombosis, 13 years later

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ALCUNE CONSIDERAZIONI CLINICHE PRELIMINARI SULLA TROMBOSI CATETERE-CORRELATA

- È un fenomeno ben diverso dalla trombosi non correlata a catetere (CRT clinica = esasperazione di un evento fisiopatologico inevitabile)
- L'unica CRT da prendere in considerazione è quella sintomatica:
 - le CRT asintomatiche spesso non sono trombosi, ma guaine connettivali
 - la storia naturale della CRT asintomatica è diversa dalla CRT sintomatica
- La CRT sintomatica è una complicanza con incidenza moderata (1-10 %), ma con rischio minimo di mortalità (0.05%), costo relativamente basso (<2000 euro per episodio), e quasi sempre senza effetti negativi sull'utilizzo del dispositivo
- Purtroppo però la CRT è fonte di ansietà nel paziente e nei curanti, nonché di problemi logistici a meno che la gestione dell'evento non sia standardizzata

ALCUNE RAPIDE PUNTUALIZZAZIONI BASATE SULLA LETTERATURA CORRENTE

- A proposito della diagnosi
- A proposito del trattamento
- A proposito della prevenzione

A PROPOSITO DELLA DIAGNOSI

- Confusione terminologica
- Confusione diagnostica
- Ruolo oramai preponderante della ecografia
- Raccomandazioni

PRIMO PROBLEMA: CONFUSIONE TERMINOLOGICA


- Nella letteratura anglosassone, si parla di '*thrombotic occlusion*' dei dispositivi di accesso venoso
- In realtà, TROMBO (THROMBUS) e COAGULO (CLOT, or COAGULUM) sono cose ben diverse: quindi, la CRT e la occlusione del catetere da coaguli sono complicanze completamente diverse in termini di prevenzione e trattamento

SECONDO PROBLEMA: CONFUSIONE DIAGNOSTICA

- La guaina fibroblastica o '*fibroblastic sleeve*' (FS) (precedentemente nota con il nome inappropriato di 'guaina di fibrina' o '*fibrin sleeve*') viene oggi **SISTEMATICAMENTE** scambiata per CRT asintomatica da parte di radiologi, angiologi, ecografisti, chirurghi vascolari, e cosiddetti 'esperti' di accessi venosi
- Ciò comporta una sovraindicazione inaccettabile nella indicazione a trattamenti antitrombotici
- La guaina è un fenomeno fisiopatologico inevitabile (e innocuo) in qualunque dispositivo per accesso venoso, presente nel 100% dei casi e visibile ecograficamente nel 30-40%

The fibroblastic sleeve, the neglected complication of venous access devices: A narrative review

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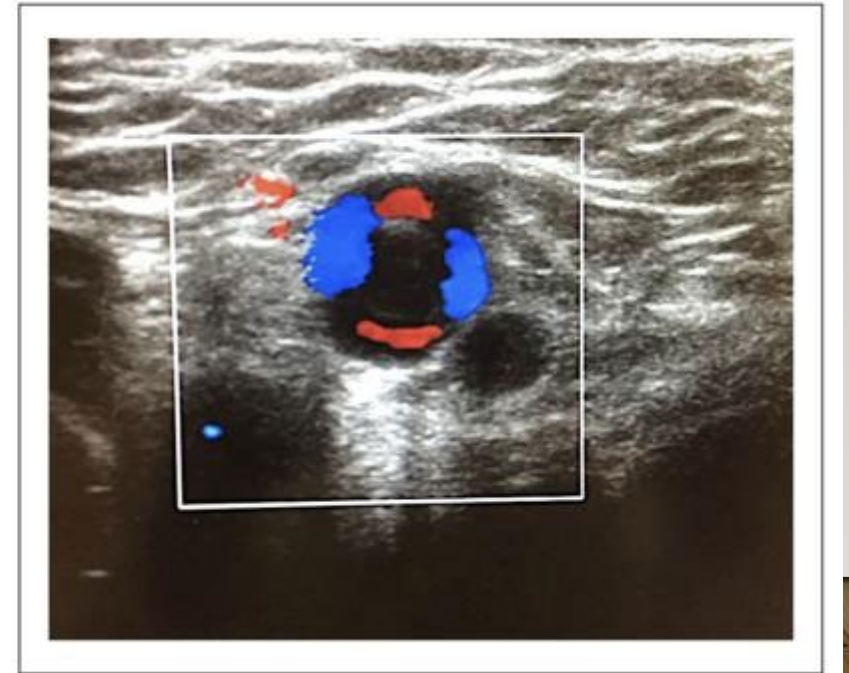
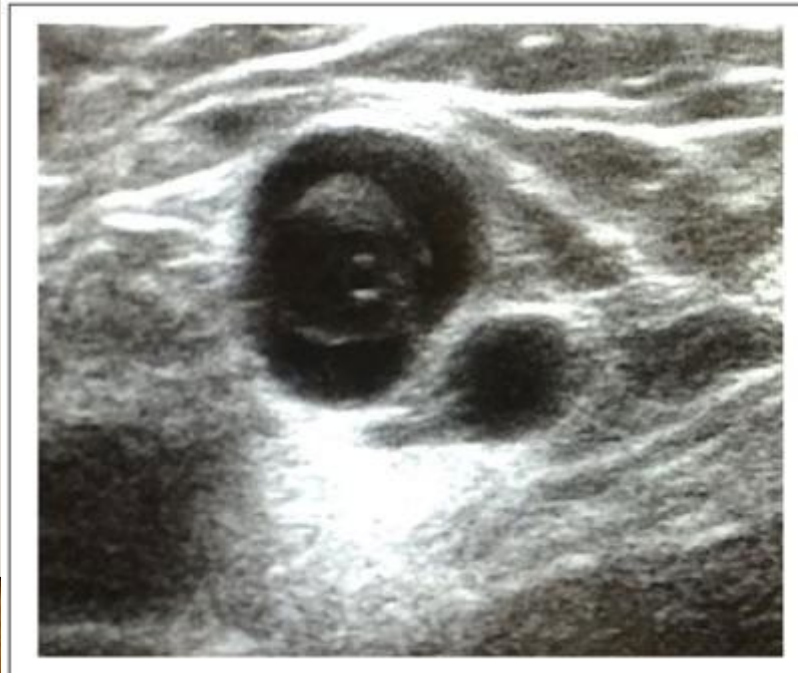
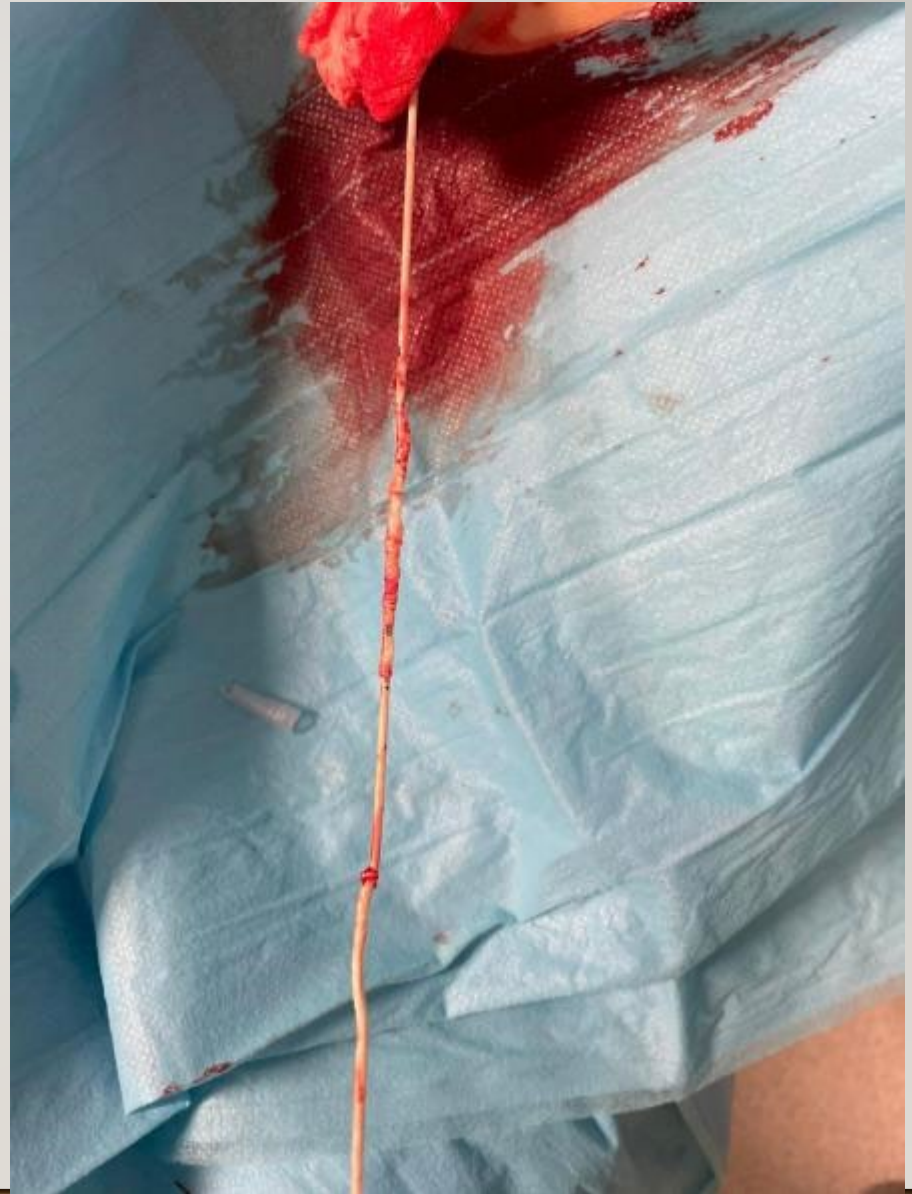


Table 3. Main differences between catheter-related thrombosis (CRT) and fibroblastic sleeve (FS).


	CRT	FS
Etiopathogenesis	Endothelial damage	Foreign body reaction
Molecular trigger	Tissue thromboplastin	Fibronectin
Type of tissue	Thrombus	Connective tissue
Location	At the site of vein wall damage	Around the catheter
Evolution	Fibrosis/reabsorption	Reabsorption (?)
US imaging	Mass obstructing the vein Anechoic, and then hypo-echoic Mainly attached to the vein wall	Sleeve all around the catheter Hypo- or hyper-echoic Mainly attached to the catheter
Clinical manifestation	Signs and symptoms of venous obstruction + risk of catheter malfunction	Catheter malfunction
Risk of pulmonary embolism	Yes	No
Need for VAD removal	Rare (not responsive to therapy)	Rare (irreversible catheter malfunction)
Preventable with anticoagulants	Yes (not consistently)	No
Sensitive to thrombolysis	Yes (in the initial phase)	No
Pharmacological management	LMW heparin	None

2020



Incidence of fibroblastic sleeve and of catheter-related venous thrombosis in peripherally inserted central catheters: A prospective study on oncological and hematological patients

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Results: We enrolled 254 patients with power injectable polyurethane 4Fr peripherally inserted central catheters. Ultrasound scan of the veins of the arm showed fibroblastic sleeve in 76 patients (29.9%); the fibroblastic sleeve was first detected on day 7 in 45 cases (17.7%), on day 14 in 26 cases (10.2%), on day 21 in 3 cases (1.2%), and on day 28 in 2 cases (0.79%). There was no correlation between the type of disease and the development of fibroblastic sleeve. The incidence of asymptomatic catheter-related thrombosis was 5.12%: all catheter-related thromboses were detected before day 14. There was only one case of symptomatic catheter-related thrombosis (0.39%) in a leukemia patient. Fibroblastic sleeve and catheter-related thrombosis were associated only in two cases (0.78%).

RUOLO ORAMAI PREPONDERANTE DELLA ECOGRAFIA: VANTAGGI

- La ecografia consente di visualizzare catetere, parete vasale e immagini intravascolari (CRT o FS) con minimo costo, minima invasività, con semplice manovra *'bedside'*
- Nel neonato e nel bambino è possibile la visualizzazione di qualunque vena percorsa da dispositivo per accesso venoso (anche se nell'adulto vi sono alcune aree *'mute'*: VCS, tratto della VCI sotto le renali, vene iliache comuni)
- La ecografia consente la differenziazione tra CRT e FS sulla base della ecogenicità e della morfologia; la ecocardiografia consente la differenziazione tra CRT (trombi atriali) e FS (cosiddetta *'fibrin tail'*)

DIAGNOSIS OF CRT

Particularly easy with PICCs, since arm veins are easy to explore:



RUOLO ORAMAI PREPONDERANTE DELLA ECOGRAFIA: SVANTAGGI

- La disponibilità immediata di sonde ecografiche '*bedside*' e la non-invasività della manovra inducono ad esami ecografici periodici non giustificati in pazienti asintomatici, con conseguenze negative:
- Diagnosi accidentale di FS, che viene sistematicamente scambiata per CRT asintomatica, il che comporta trattamenti inappropriati
- Diagnosi accidentale di CRT asintomatica 'vera', il che spesso comporta trattamenti di dubbia indicazione, che altrimenti non sarebbero stati presi in considerazione

RESEARCH

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Incidence of asymptomatic catheter-related thrombosis in intensive care unit patients: a prospective cohort study



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52 (14%) out of 375 catheters inserted developed CRT after 5 [3–10] days from insertion.
46 CRTs (88%) were partial thrombosis.
All CRTs remained asymptomatic.

SLEEVE OR THROMBUS?

ORIGINAL

Daily point-of-care ultrasound-assessment of central venous catheter-related thrombosis in critically ill patients: a prospective multicenter study



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The study included 1262 patients. The incidence of CRT was 16.9%


SLEEVE OR THROMBUS?

2023

CORRESPONDENCE

Catheter-related thrombosis in critically ill patients: a clinical problem or just a matter of definition?



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SLEEVE OR THROMBUS?



RACCOMANDAZIONI

- Eseguire eco-color-doppler soltanto se il paziente ha segni o sintomi sospetti per CRT
- Conoscere la diagnosi differenziale ecografica tra CRT e FS
- Ricorrere a esame TC con mdc soltanto in casi molto particolari, nel paziente adulto (trombo non visualizzabile interamente, poiché la 'coda' si perde in direzione della vena cava superiore o in direzione della vena iliaca interna/vena cava inferiore)
- Porre indicazione al trattamento
 - Mai – in caso di FS
 - Sempre – in caso di CRT sintomatica
 - In pazienti selezionati – in caso di CRT asintomatica

A PROPOSITO DEL TRATTAMENTO

- Trombolisi locale?
- Quale trattamento antitrombotico?
- Rimuovere il dispositivo per accesso venoso?
- Per quanto tempo continuare il trattamento?
- Raccomandazioni

TROMBOSI VENOSA DA CATETERE

FINALITA' DEL TRATTAMENTO

- **Controllo della sintomatologia clinica**
- **Prevenire la progressione del trombo**
- **Prevenire l'occlusione vascolare cronica**
- **Prevenire le recidive e la EP**
- **Mantenere il catetere in funzione a meno che non sia più necessario, malfunzionante, dislocato o infetto**

SYMPTOMATIC CRT SHOULD ALWAYS BE TREATED



TROMBOLISI LOCALE?

- Soltanto in casi eccezionali.
- Infatti:
 - È efficace soltanto se attuata precocemente (nelle prime 48 ore)
 - Richiede la infusione del trombolitico (rTPA) all'interno del trombo
 - Il dosaggio di rTPA è pari al 50% del dosaggio sistemico, ma pur sempre rischioso

QUALE TRATTAMENTO ANTITROMBOTICO?

- Iniziare il trattamento appena possibile, usando il farmaco antitrombotico a dosaggio terapeutico pieno (salvo situazioni di piastrinopenia o alto rischio emorragico, etc.)
- Vengono utilizzati sia LMWH, sia il fondaparinux, sia i DOAC
 - Per motivi di praticità prescrittiva, vengono attualmente preferiti come prima opzione i preparati sottocute (enoxaparina 100 unità/kg/12 ore, tinzaparina 175 unità/kg/24 ore, fondaparinux 7.5-10 mg secondo il peso corporeo, etc.)
- Salvo controindicazioni, il trattamento a dosaggio pieno va protratto per 2-3 settimane, monitorando la risoluzione del quadro ecografico e la regressione di segni e sintomi



2022

A Single Center Retrospective Cohort Study Comparing Different Anticoagulants for the Treatment of Catheter-Related Thrombosis of the Upper Extremities in Women With Gynecologic and Breast Cancer

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Conclusion: These results, although retrospective and based on a relatively small sample size, indicate that, in women with gynecologic or breast cancer, CRT of the upper extremities may be treated with similar effectiveness and safety with fondaparinux, enoxaparin, and edoxaban. Further studies are needed to substantiate these findings.

QUALE TRATTAMENTO ANTITROMBOTICO?

- Nella maggior parte dei casi, il trattamento comporta risoluzione dei sintomi soggettivi entro 48-72 ore
 - Può essere indicata la aggiunta di farmaci analgesici (nei casi più sintomatici)
 - Non vi è indicazione ad aggiungere antibiotici
 - Non vi è indicazione ad aggiungere farmaci 'antiedema' o 'venoprotettori' (!)
 - Non vi è indicazione a pomate o unguenti o creme locali (!)
- E' ragionevole rivalutare il paziente – clinicamente ed ecograficamente – dopo 5-7 gg

RIMUOVERE IL DISPOSITIVO PER ACCESSO VENOSO?

No, tranne casi eccezionali.

Infatti:

- la rimozione del DAV non accelera la guarigione della CRT
- la rimozione immediata del DAV prima di aver iniziato il trattamento può associarsi a EP per mobilizzazione del trombo
- la presenza della CRT non si associa quasi mai a malfunzionamento del DAV, che quindi può essere utilizzato per il suo scopo senza interruzioni
- l'eventuale riposizionamento del DAV dopo la rimozione del primo potrebbe comportare difficoltà di accesso + nuovo rischio di CRT

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2007

Conclusions of the Consensus

- Catheter removal or maintenance does not influence the outcome.
- Although local thrombolytic treatment may require the presence of the catheter, a poor peripheral vein status could represent a major limiting factor for most therapies, if the catheter has been removed.
- In case of clinically overt or imaging-diagnosed DVT , a risk of embolization during or immediately after catheter removal has been clinically confirmed.
- Catheter should be removed in case of:
 - Infected thrombus;
 - Malposition of the tip (radiologic reposition of the tip often fails, as a consequence of the inability to reach it inside the thrombus); or
 - Irreversible occlusion of the lumen.

review

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2008 SOR guidelines for the prevention and treatment of thrombosis associated with central venous catheters in patients with cancer: report from the working group

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2008

- 3** Maintenance of the catheter is justified in the event that the catheter is mandatory, functional, in the right position, and not infected, with a favorable clinical evolution under close monitoring. In this case, an anticoagulant treatment should be maintained as long as the catheter is present.
- 4** In the event of catheter removal, there is no standard approach in terms of the interval between removal and initiation of anticoagulant treatment.



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ESPEN Guidelines on Parenteral Nutrition: Central Venous Catheters (access, care, diagnosis and therapy of complications)

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2009

Catheter removal or maintenance does not appear to influence the outcome of the thrombosis; indeed, the presence of the catheter might be useful for local thrombolytic treatment, when indicated. Moreover there is a risk of embolization of clot partially attached to the catheter which may easily become dislodged during catheter removal. The catheter should be removed in the case of infected thrombus, when the tip is malpositioned, and if occlusion proves irreversible (Grade C).

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

International clinical practice guidelines for the treatment and prophylaxis of thrombosis associated with central venous catheters in patients with cancer

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2012

The experts do not recommend catheter removal if all the following conditions are met: (i) the distal catheter tip is in the right position (at the junction between the superior vena cava and the right atrium), (ii) the catheter is functional (good blood reflux), (iii) the catheter is mandatory or vital for the patient, and (iv) there is no fever or any sign or symptom of infected thrombophlebitis. In contrast, catheter removal is warranted if there is a prime risk factor for thrombosis (catheter too short, misplaced, etc.).

clinical practice guidelines

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Central venous access in oncology: ESMO Clinical Practice Guidelines[†]

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2015

Catheter-related thrombosis —treatment

- Anticoagulation therapy with LMWH is the preferred treatment, as it is more effective in preventing thrombosis and has less risk for bleeding compared with VKA [II, A]
- If the catheter is functional and there are no risks for complications, or severe/rapid progressive symptoms, anticoagulation treatment should be continued for the time length of time the catheter is in use [III, C]
- If the CVC is not necessary or non-functioning, or there is concomitant deep vein thrombosis, sepsis, or if long-term anticoagulation is contraindicated, a short course (3–5 days) of anticoagulation therapy is recommended and then the catheter should be removed [I, A]
- LMWH alone or LMWH followed by warfarin should be used for a minimum of 3–6 months [I, C]
- It is recommended to continue anticoagulation therapy at a prophylactic dose, until the catheter is in place [I, C]
- Thrombolytic (urokinase, streptokinase and alteplase) treatment is not recommended as a first-line therapy, due to a greater risk of thrombosis [I, B]



REVIEW ARTICLE

Recommendations for the use of long-term central venous catheter (CVC) in children with hemato-oncological disorders: management of CVC-related occlusion and CVC-related thrombosis. On behalf of the coagulation defects working group and the supportive therapy working group of the Italian Association of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology (AIEOP)

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2015

The removal of the CVC is not recommended if all the following conditions are present: (a) the distal tip of the catheter is in the right position (at the junction of the superior vena cava and the right atrium), (b) the catheter is working both on entry and extraction, (c) the catheter is mandatory or of vital importance to the patient, and (d) there is no fever or any signs or symptoms of infectious thrombophlebitis (IIC).

The removal of the catheter is indicated in the presence of a primary risk factor for thrombosis (catheter too short, dislocation, etc.) (IIC).

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2016

J. Do not remove a CVAD in the presence of DVT when the catheter is correctly positioned at the cavoatrial junction, the catheter is functioning correctly with a blood return, and there is no evidence of any infection (refer to Standard 44, *Vascular Access Device [VAD] Removal*).

Special article

Catheter-related thrombosis: A practical approach

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2016

Line removal

The current recommendations^{3,23} state that if the CVC is still required and functioning well, it does not have to be removed provided it

- is well positioned
- is non-infected
- demonstrates good resolution of symptoms on surveillance.

The line should be removed if not all the criteria are met, if anticoagulation is contraindicated, if the thrombosis is life or limb threatening or if symptoms are not resolving.

Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice

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Do not remove a CVAD in the presence of CA-DVT when the catheter is correctly positioned, functional, and necessary for infusion therapy.^{3,10,27,45} (II)

1. Catheter removal and replacement in a new site are associated with a high rate of new-site CA-DVT.⁴⁶ (IV)

RIMUOVERE IL DISPOSITIVO PER ACCESSO VENOSO?

Casi speciali in cui il dispositivo va rimosso:

Infezione catetere-correlata concomitante (evenienza assai rara)

Malfunzione del catetere da ostruzione causata dalla CRT (quando la CRT si è verificata in corrispondenza della punta del DAV): tipicamente, a causa di malposizione secondaria o primaria

Dispositivo non più utilizzato per fine uso

Ostruzione venosa persistente e/o sintomi persistenti dopo una settimana di trattamento

Rimuovere il DAV soltanto dopo aver iniziato il trattamento da 3-7 gg (e controllando la evoluzione/morfologia ecografica)

USE ULTRASOUND BEFORE/DURING CATHETER REMOVAL !

- Is the thrombus still 'young' (anechogenic)?
- Is fixed to the vein wall or floating?
- Is it going to move during catheter removal?

US GUIDED CATHETER REMOVAL



PER QUANTO TEMPO CONTINUARE IL TRATTAMENTO?

- Dopo le prime 2-3 settimane a dosaggio terapeutico, se i sintomi sono regrediti completamente e se il quadro morfologico si è quasi normalizzato, si passa a trattamento antitrombotico a dosaggio profilattico (utilizzando LMWH, fondaparinux opp. DOAC)
 - Il dosaggio profilattico va proseguito per almeno tre mesi (anche se nel frattempo si è tolto il DAV)
 - Se il DAV rimane in sede oltre tre mesi, la profilassi va continuata fino alla rimozione del DAV per fine uso
- Se la profilassi continua per molti mesi, preferire i DOAC

SPECIAL ARTICLE

Venous thromboembolism in cancer patients: ESMO Clinical Practice Guideline[☆]

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- For the treatment of symptomatic CRT in cancer patients, anticoagulant treatment is recommended for a minimum of 3 months [III, A]. LMWH is suggested, although, in the absence of direct comparisons between anticoagulants in this setting, VKAs or DOACs may be considered alternative options [IV, C].
- It is recommended to remove the catheter if it is not needed or is infected, anticoagulant treatment is contraindicated or there is clinical deterioration due to thrombus extension despite treatment [III, B].
- In patients with CRT, who have completed 3 months of anticoagulant treatment, extended anticoagulation until catheter removal is suggested, if the patient's bleeding risk is low [IV, C].

RACCOMANDAZIONI

- Iniziare il trattamento non appena fatta la diagnosi ecografica di CRT sintomatica: dosaggio terapeutico di LMWH opp. Fondaparinux per 2-3 settimane
- Rimuovere il DAV soltanto se infetto, o inutile, o malfunzionante
- Ricontrollare il paziente (es. ogni settimana) e passare a dosaggio profilattico dopo 2-3 settimane, se vi è regressione dei sintomi e riduzione del quadro morfologico
- Continuare la profilassi per tre mesi o – se a tre mesi il DAV è ancora in sede – fino alla rimozione del DAV

A PROPOSITO DELLA PREVENZIONE

- Quando è indicata la prevenzione farmacologica?
- Come può influire sul rischio di CRT la scelta del DAV?
- Come può influire sul rischio di CRT la tecnica di inserzione del DAV?
- Raccomandazioni

QUANDO È INDICATA LA PREVENZIONE FARMACOLOGICA?

- La prevenzione farmacologica di tutti i pazienti candidati a DAV non è giustificata
- La prevenzione farmacologica (dosaggio profilattico di LMWH, fondaparinux, opp. DOAC da iniziare il giorno dopo l'impianto) è consigliata nei seguenti casi:
 1. Pazienti con nota diatesi trombofilica legata ad alterazioni congenite
 2. Pazienti con anamnesi di CRT in occasione di pregressi DAV
 3. Pazienti oncologici con anamnesi di trombosi venosa non catetere correlata diagnosticata contestualmente alla diagnosi di malattia oncologica o poco prima o dopo tale diagnosi

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- Routine pharmacological prophylaxis of CRT is not recommended [II, D].

ESISTE UNA EFFICACE PREVENZIONE FARMACOLOGICA DELLA CRT ?



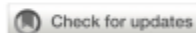
COME PUÒ INFLUIRE SUL RISCHIO DI CRT LA SCELTA DEL DAV?

- Cateteri il cui calibro esterno è $> 1/3$ del diametro interno della vena si associano a maggior rischio di CRT
- Alcuni materiali si associano a maggior rischio di CRT (PE, PTFE, PVC)
- Non è ancora chiaro se il PUR trattato con Endexo possa realmente ridurre il rischio di CRT
- I DAV con sito di emergenza instabile o collocato in zone di flessione (zona antecubitale, collo, inguine) si associano a maggior rischio di CRT

COME PUÒ INFLUIRE SUL RISCHIO DI CRT LA TECNICA DI INSERZIONE DEL DAV?

La tecnica di impianto ha un ruolo fondamentale nel ridurre il rischio di CRT. Strategie provatamente efficaci sono le seguenti:

- Scelta della vena di calibro appropriato
- Venipuntura ecoguidata
- Uso di kit di microintroduzione
- Accurato posizionamento intraprocedurale della punta (per i DAV centrali)
- Adeguata stabilizzazione del DAV al sito di emergenza



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SPECIALTY SECTION

Prevention and treatment of catheter-related venous thrombosis in long-term parenteral nutrition: A SINuC position statement

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Which are the risk factors to develop CRT?

Recommendation
A catheter larger than 33% of the diameter should be considered a risk factor for CRT
Active cancer, inflammatory states and thrombophilia should be considered as factors that further promote CRT
Chemical and mechanical endothelial damage should be considered as a risk factor for CRT
Local inflammation should be considered as a risk factor for CRT
There is no convincing evidence to suggest antithrombotic material over classical materials to prevent CRT
Micro-introduction kits should be considered to reduce CRT risk
Intraprocedural methods of tip placement (such as intracavitary ECG, cardiac ultrasound assessment, or, in special cases, fluoroscopy) should be considered to improve the accuracy of the central position and reduce CRT risk
A correct catheter fixation should be considered as useful to reduce CRT risk

THE GAVECELT INSERTION BUNDLE FOR PREVENTING CRT

1. Appropriate choice of the vein
2. Appropriate technique of venipuncture
3. Adequate position of the tip
4. Proper securement

THE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

Match the VAD caliber with the vein caliber:

- Inner vein diameter should be at least three times the catheter diameter
 - 3Fr PICC = vein of 3 mm or larger
 - 4Fr PICC = vein of 4 mm or larger
 - 5Fr PICC = vein of 5 mm or larger
 - 6Fr PICC = vein of 6 mm or larger

Symptomatic Deep Vein Thrombosis Associated With Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters of Different Diameters: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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**International evidence-based
recommendations on ultrasound-guided
vascular access**

Table 6 Recommendations regarding sterility using ultrasound guidance and prevention of infectious and mechanical complications using ultrasound-guided cannulation

Sterility during ultrasound vascular procedures

Domain code	Suggested definition	Level of evidence	Degree of consensus	Strength of recommendation
D8.S1	Sterile techniques should always be used during the placement of a vascular access device, including hand washing; sterile full body drapes; wearing of sterile gowns, gloves, caps and masks covering both the mouth and nose. Probe and cable sterility have to be maintained using sterile gel and appropriate probe and cable shields	A	Very good	Strong
Prevention of infectious and mechanical complications with ultrasound-guided cannulation				
D8.S2	Ultrasound guidance should be used in order to decrease the rate of CRBSI in adults and children	C	Very good	Strong
D8.S3–4	A multi-faceted strategy, including the use of ultrasound guidance with specific preventive and educational measures and the promotion of good practices applied by both medical and nursing staff, is suggested in order to reduce the incidence of CRBSI	B	Good	Strong
D8.S5	Ultrasound guidance should be used to avoid cannulation of thrombotic sites	A	Very good	Strong
D8.S6	Ultrasound guidance, by reducing puncture attempts, technical failure rates and mechanical complications, has to be preferred because of a reduced incidence of catheter-related thrombosis	A	Very good	Strong

2012

USE MICROINTRODUCER KITS !



Catheter-Related Central Venous Thrombosis: The Development of a Nationwide Consensus Paper in Italy

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Which is the role of the position of the catheter tip?

In many prospective studies, tip position emerged as the main independent prognostic factor for malfunction, thrombosis and reduced duration of the device.

In oncology patients, the atrial-caval junction is apparently the optimal position of the catheter tip, as it minimizes the risk of central venous thrombotic events.

Strength B Recommendation

review

Annals of Oncology 20: 1459–1471, 2009
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2008 SOR guidelines for the prevention and treatment of thrombosis associated with central venous catheters in patients with cancer: report from the working group

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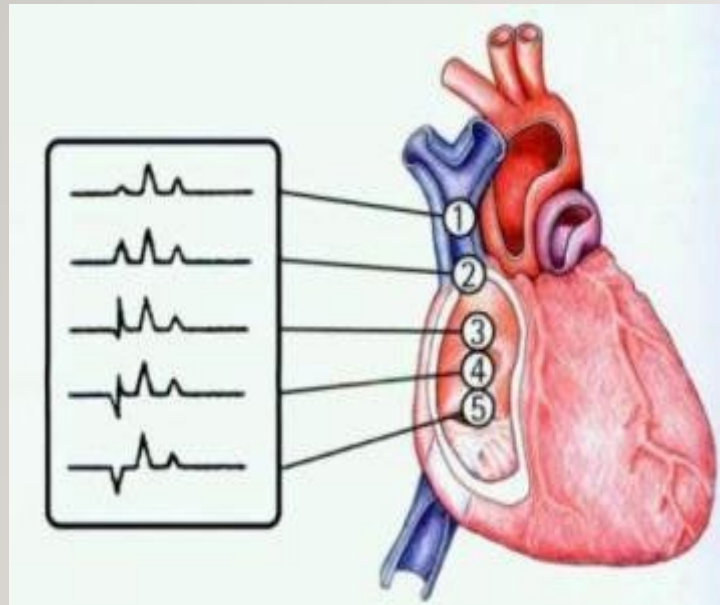
primary prevention of CVC-associated thrombosis in patients with cancer

standards.

2009

- 1** The distal tip of CVC should be placed at the junction between the superior vena cava and the right atrium.

USE INTRACAVITARY EKG !



GLUE



SUTURELESS DEVICES

- Skin adhesion



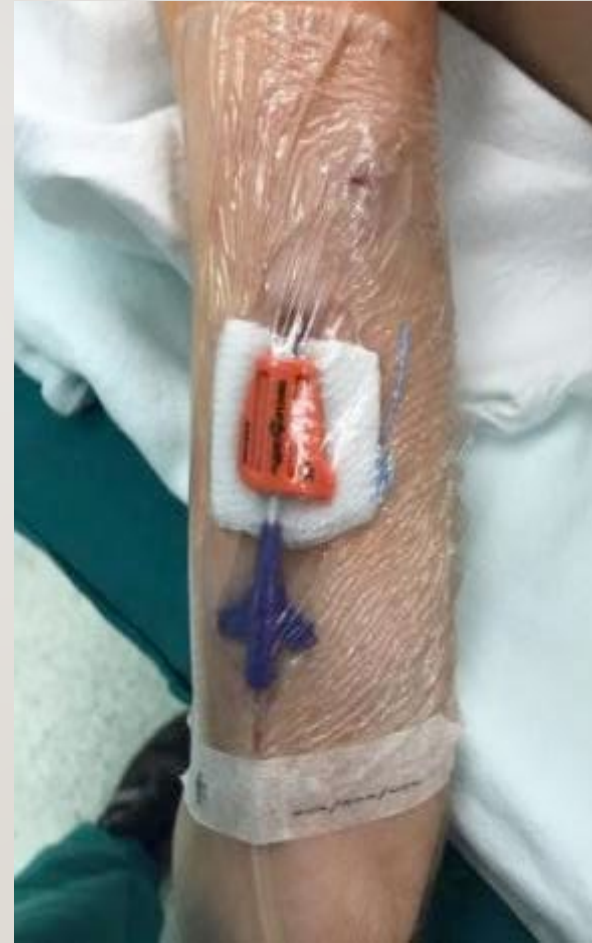
SUTURELESS DEVICES

- Included in the dressing



SUTURELESS DEVICES

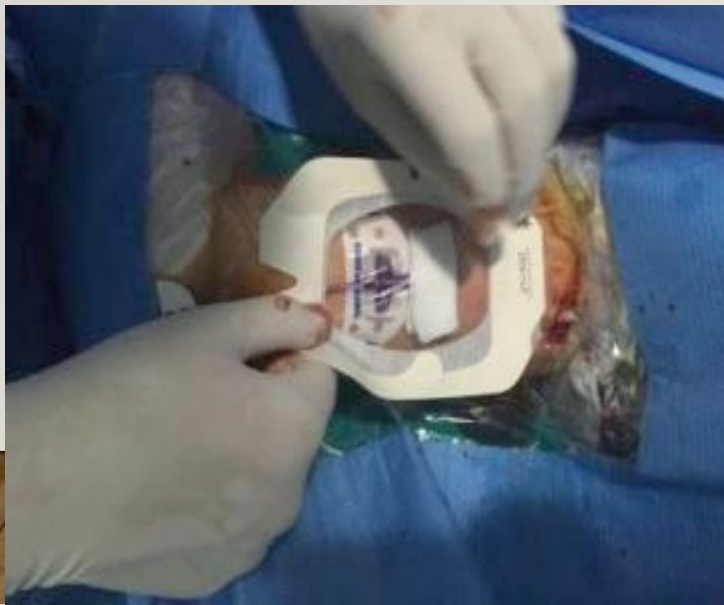
- Anchored subcutaneously



TRANSPARENT DRESSING

- Transparent dressings are to be preferred not only because protective against bacterial contamination, but also because of the catheter securement they offer

(see EPIC guidelines 2014)



INSERTION-BUNDLE TO PREVENT CRT

PICC insertion

1) PROPER CHOICE OF THE VEIN



2) US-GUIDED VENIPUNCTURE + MICROINTRODUCER KIT



3) INTRACAVITARY EKG FOR INTRAPROCEDURAL TIP LOCATION



4) GLUE + SUTURELESS DEVICE + TRANSPARENT DRESSING



DOES THIS BUNDLE WORK ?

Pittiruti et al. *Critical Care* 2012, **16**:R21
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Clinical experience with power-injectable PICCs in intensive care patients

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See related Letter by Zampieri,

<http://ccforum.com/content/16/2/425>

89 PICCs in ICU patients – CRT 3%

DOES THIS BUNDLE WORK ?

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**Catheter-Related Complications in Cancer Patients on Home Parenteral Nutrition : A Prospective Study
of Over 51,000 Catheter Days**
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165 PICCs in cancer patients – CRT 0 %

DOES THIS BUNDLE WORK ?

Support Care Cancer

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Peripherally inserted central catheters in non-hospitalized cancer patients: 5-year results of a prospective study

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269 PICCs in cancer patients – CRT 1.1 %

DOES THIS BUNDLE WORK ?

J Vasc Access 2014; 00 (00): 000-000

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A prospective, randomized comparison of three different types of valved and non-valved peripherally inserted central catheters

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180 PICCs in cancer patients – CRT 0.5 %

DOES THIS BUNDLE WORK ?

Support Care Cancer
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Catheter-associated bloodstream infections and thrombotic risk in hematologic patients with peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC)


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612 PICCs in hematology patients – CRT 2.6 %

DOES THIS BUNDLE WORK ?

REVIEW ARTICLE

Open- vs Closed-Tip Valved Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters and Midlines: Findings from a Vascular Access Database

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793 PICCs – CRT 2.6 %

RACCOMANDAZIONI

- Utilizzare la prevenzione farmacologica soltanto se indicata
- Ricordare che l'impiantatore del DAV ha la responsabilità di adottare in modo consistente le strategie di prevenzione (vedi protocollo GAVeCeLT per la prevenzione delle CRT): la CRT è una complicanza in parte prevenibile proprio nella fase di impianto
- Tranne poche eccezioni (cateteri per ECMO), le raccomandazioni GAVeCeLT possono e devono essere applicate a tutti i DAV centrali (PICC, CICC, FICC, sistemi totalmente impiantabili)

CONCLUSIONI

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- La CRT è una complicanza frequente, ma che nella maggior parte dei casi (a) ha evoluzione benigna, (b) risponde rapidamente al trattamento, (c) non si associa ad elevati costi assistenziali, (d) non si associa a rischi gravi per il paziente, (e) non comporta la interruzione dell'utilizzo del DAV
- Il rischio di CRT ha una componente non prevenibile (trombofilia del paziente - malattia neoplastica) e una componente prevenibile (scelta del DAV e della tecnica di impianto)

PROBLEMI APERTI

- Necessità di educazione/formazione per tutti gli operatori sanitari interessati, per renderli consapevoli della esistenza della guaina fibroblastica
- Acquisire evidenze in proposito alla opportunità di trattare o meno la CRT asintomatica
- Acquisire evidenze sulla eventuale efficacia antitrombotica di cateteri di determinati materiali (Endexo)
- Acquisire evidenze sulla effettiva necessità di eseguire esami ecografici prima della rimozione di DAV scevri da segni o sintomi di CRT
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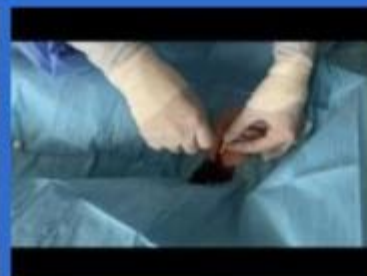
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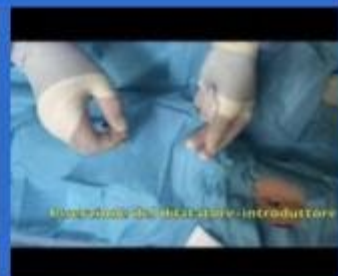
GAVeCeLT - Posizionamento di Bioflo FICC



GAVeCeLT - Posizionamento di Bioflo PICC tunnellizzato



GAVeCeLT - Tip location di FICC mediante finestra transeptica



GAVeCeLT - Posizionamento FICC in vena femorale superficiale

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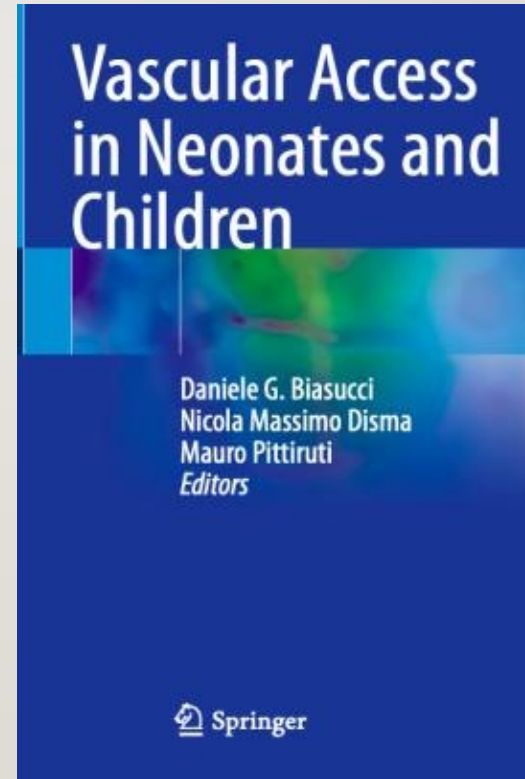
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