

ClearGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps for preventing haemodialysis catheter-related bloodstream infections

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NICE has said ClearGuard HD antimicrobial barrier caps can be used in the NHS to prevent bloodstream infections in people having haemodialysis with a central venous catheter.

NICE has also said more data should be collected on long-term exposure to chlorhexidine, especially in children.

Central venous catheters have caps on the end. ClearGuard caps contain a rod that is coated in the disinfectant chlorhexidine acetate, which reduces the risk of bacteria from your catheter entering your bloodstream.

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