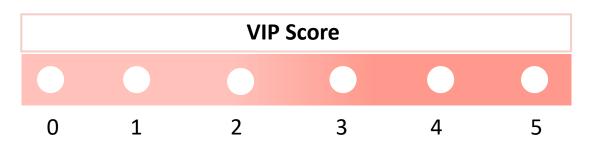
A MULTI-CENTER STUDY of PERIPHERALLY INSERTED CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETERS (PICC-CF): PREDICTORS of DIFFICULT LINE INSERTION, MALFUNCTION and SOFT TISSUE INJURY

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The primary outcomes for this study included catheter related venous thrombosis or occlusion of the catheter requiring removal or catheter-related blood stream infection, which were rare (1). Here we present several composite secondary outcomes.

- 375 catheters enrolled over 3 years for a total of 4828 catheter-days of observation
- Clinical and demographic data collected at the time of PICC placement
- Visual Infusion Phlebitis (VIP) score
 (2) used to grade local reactions
- Observational data collected every 2-3 days thereafter and on the day of catheter removal



0 = Site appears healthy

1= One of the following □ slight pain near IV site

☐ slight erythema near IV site

2= Two of the following □ pain near the IV site

□ erythema

□ swelling

3= All of the following □ pain along the catheter

□ erythema

□ induration

4= All of the following □ pain along the catheter

□ erythema

□ palpable venous cord

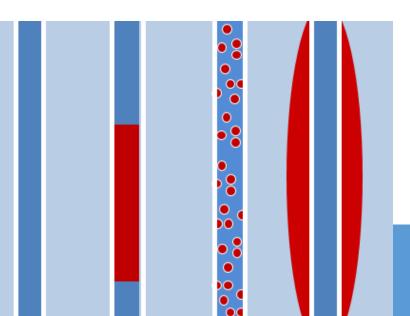
5=All of the following

□ pain along the catheter

□ erythema

□ palpable venous cord

☐ fever > 38° C core



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More than 60% of inserted catheters had an uncomplicated course, and in 95.7% of cases lines were maintained for a full course of treatment without early removal*

AT LINE INSERTION





AT LINE REMOVAL VIP SCORE 0



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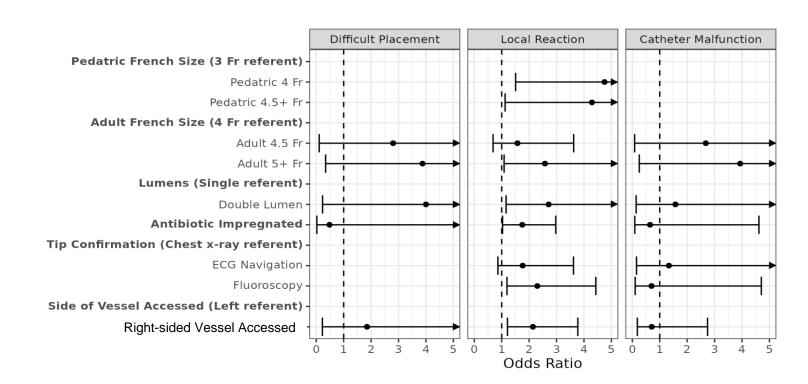
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A. Catheter site and dressing shortly after insertion. **B.** Line site with VIP score 2 before early removal.



Forest plot of risk factors for secondary outcomes. Whiskers denote 95% CI for point estimates. Arrows signify that the upper bounds of 95% CI extend beyond scale. Data is not shown when modeling resulted in unstable estimates (e.g., low event rate).

CONCLUSIONS

A number of predictors of common problems associated with PICC use were identified, including catheter size, lumen number, antibiotic impregnation, and insertion site. However, despite these problems, 95.7% of inserted lines were maintained for a full course of treatment.

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