TITLE: Positive Pressure Valve Connectors Used With Central Venous Catheters: Clinical-Effectiveness

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RESEARCH QUESTION:

What is the clinical-effectiveness of using positive pressure valve connectors with central venous catheters?

METHODS:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 2, 2009), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international health technology agencies, and a focused Internet search. The search was limited to English language articles published between 2004 and April 2009. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links were provided, where available.

RESULTS:

HTIS reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, observational studies, and evidence-based guidelines.

Three observational studies were identified. No health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, controlled clinical trials, or evidence-based guidelines were identified. Additional articles that may be of interest are located in the appendix.

Health technology assessments
No literature identified
Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
No literature identified

Randomized controlled trials
No literature identified

Controlled clinical trials
No literature identified

Observational studies


Guidelines and recommendations
No literature identified

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Randomized controlled trials


Observational studies
