

CAUTI Comments (CDC)

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M. Catheter materials

Silver alloy – coated catheters need not be used routinely to prevent CAUTI (Cat II)

Routinely needs to be further clarified. Currently most of us try to avoid Foleys as much as possible so I don't consider our use as "routine" Foley in general should be used smartly and only as necessary. This is also true of the silver coated.

Further research is needed? All 19 of the meta-analysis used in this review "favored silver" (Pg 293-302)

It appears that only the very basics have received a category 1 level recommendation. I agree that the basic bundles must be completed before going on to additional steps but with that said, there should be additional recommendations from this group to add these additional precautions if the initial bundles do not decrease the UTI rate to what the individual institution finds acceptable.

Most of us utilize CDC guidelines as our basis for developing protocols and purchase of supplies. If the additional recommendations are not present (even with literature supporting the use) it becomes difficult if not impossible to obtain the financial support to add these important additional steps.

Thank you for allowing me to add my comments. Tom Button, RN, CIC