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## **Assessment of in-line filters to prolong the life of intravenous cannulae in cystic fibrosis patients.**

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### **Participants**

12 patients with cystic fibrosis

### **Interventions**

replace the Venflon cannulae as they became non-patent and inserting a filter on alternate occasions. Thus each patient acted as her/his own control. 12 courses of intravenous antibiotics, each over 10-14 days, both with and without the use of an extended-life disposable filter

### **Outcome measures**

times during which cannulae remained patent

### **Main results**

Comparison of times during which cannulae remained patent showed a 50% improvement with use of a filter for 4 patients and no change for 7 patients. There was no significant difference associated with the use of a filter for the group as a whole but our small sample size excludes modest improvements.

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/cochrane/clcentral/articles/246/CN-00120246/frame.html>

### **See also**

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### **Keywords**

Adolescent; Adult; hydration; Hypertonic Solutions; Inhalation OR nebulised; non pharmacological intervention - devices OR physiotherapy; pharmacological\_intervention; Anti-Bacterial Agents; Bacterial Infections; Infection; Respiratory Tract Infections; Intravenous; Respiratory System Agents; Respiratory Tract Diseases;