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# Building a central vascular access device (CVAD) registry in an adult intensive care unit: feasibility study



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## Feasibility Outcomes

### Criteria 1: Consistency ✓

- PICC failure was systematically identified in EMRs.
- Type of device failure - only captured if it was recorded by the end users.

### Criteria 2: Governance ✓

- Received both ethics and governance approvals.

### Criteria 3: Operational requirements ✗

- Required 10-30 mins for each PICC data when using EMR.
- The use of a research nurse is not sustainable in the long-term unless the EMR platform enables auto-population of the registry fields.

### Criteria 4: Scope ✓

- Entire ICU population was captured.

### Criteria 5: Capturing necessary data ✗

- Approximately 50% were transferred to a hospital ward that lacked EMR system.
- Challenging and time-consuming task to gather the removal information from the paper charts.

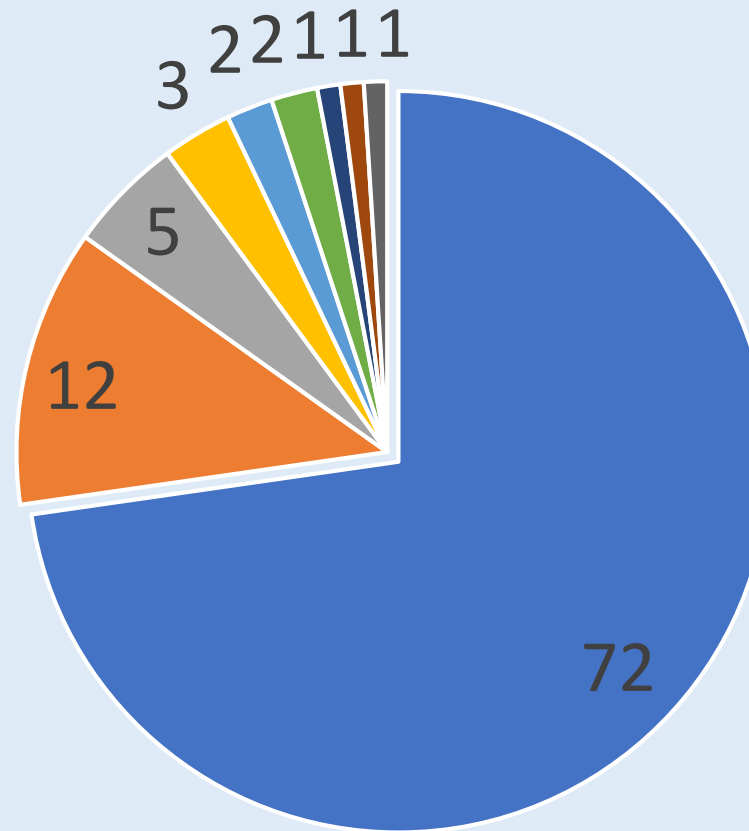
### Criteria 6: Clinically meaningful indicators ✓

- Used outcome indicators routinely collected for infection surveillance and other well established CVAD failure outcomes.

### Criteria 7: Infrastructure ✗

- 20% of patients were lost to follow up post ICU-discharge due to lack of EMR in general wards.
- Registry was able to capture 100% of eligible patients from EMRs.

## Reason for PICC Removal (%)



**280 PICCs/  
225 patients  
(3000 CVL days)**

- Removed with no complications
- Suspected BSI
- Other
- Occlusion
- Thrombosis
- Dislodgement
- Placement failure

# Recommendations

- The study highlighted the inefficiencies of using paper-based charts for registry implementation.
- The EMR was superior for efficient data collection -
  - However, there is a need for registry questions to auto populate.
  - Unique PICC device number need to be allocated at the time of insertion to correctly calculate dwell time and follow-up.
- For future registry projects to be successful, there is a need for accessible EMRs throughout the **entire** episode of care.