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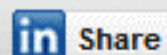
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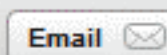
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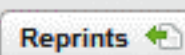
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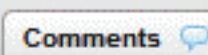
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★ Methodist recognized for combating line infections

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A research study to be published in the September 2012 issue of the Journal of the Association for Vascular Access highlighted findings from Methodist Extended Care Hospital that demonstrated significantly lower rates of central line-associated bloodstream infections, or CLABSIs.

The study compared infection rates among three separate IV connectors and found that the use of an intraluminal protection device, or IPD, resulted in an infection rate six to 12 times lower than the other, more commonly used connectors.

"We always put our patients first, which is why we've used the best technology available and why we make sure that our clinicians follow the best evidence-based practices," [Sandra Bailey-DeLeeuw](#), chief executive officer at Methodist Extended Care Hospital, said in a release.

Though small in size, the IPD studied at the Methodist facility was found to have reduced the CLABSI rate to one infection for every 2,000 catheter days.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) estimate anywhere from 30,000 to 62,000 deaths each year are related to blood stream infections. The approximately 250,000 CLABSIs each year typically result in longer hospital stays, higher costs and increased risk of mortality.

"This study shows that if this IV connector is added to best nursing practices, it is possible to achieve major reductions in potentially deadly bloodstream infections," [Debra Lynch](#), the author of the article and infection prevention lead at Methodist Extended Care Hospital said.

The hospital is part of [Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare's](#) seven-hospital network and is located in Midtown at 225 S. Claybrook St. It is a 36-bed acute care facility that had gross charges of \$32.4 million in 2010.