

# Technology & Technique: Reducing CLABSI in the Era of Value-Based Purchasing

This CE activity is available as an On-Demand Webinar at [www.ProCE.com/CLABSI](http://www.ProCE.com/CLABSI)

## Activity Description

Central-line associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) is a costly and dangerous condition that causes billions of dollars in preventable healthcare costs in the U.S. annually. Because of this, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Value-Based Purchasing program is penalizing healthcare organizations who do not reduce the incidence of CLABSI in their facilities, while offering monetary rewards to the institutions that do. This activity presents the latest scientific research and vascular care protocols aimed at reducing or even eliminating CLABSI in hospitals, while also explaining current and upcoming changes in CMS reimbursement policy.

## Learning Objectives

- Define CMS Value-Based Purchasing
- Describe the impact of CLABSI rates in Value-Based Purchasing
- Discuss the link between catheter occlusion and CLABSI
- Identify best practices for reducing the risk of CLABSI
- Describe the design and function of specific vascular access products and their use with preventing CLABSI

## Faculty

**Darcy Doellman, MSN, RN, CRNI, VA-BC™**  
Clinical Manager, Vascular Access Team  
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center  
Cincinnati, Ohio

## Accreditation



Wild Iris Medical Education, Inc. is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This CE activity is jointly provided by ProCE, Inc. and Wild Iris Medical Education, Inc.

This activity provides 1.0 contact hour of nurse CE credit.

**Release Date:** November 2, 2015

**Expiration Date:** November 2, 2017

## Faculty Disclosure

It is the policy of ProCE, Inc. to ensure balance, independence, objectivity and scientific rigor in all of its continuing education activities. Faculty must disclose to participants any significant financial interest or affiliation with companies that manufacture or market products discussed in this activity. Darcy Doellman is a Consultant for Teleflex Medical (Arrow® International brands), and a Speaker for Genentech and Hospira, a Pfizer company. A portion of grant funds received by ProCE from Hospira will be used to compensate the faculty for this presentation.

Please note: The information and views presented in this activity are those of the faculty through clinical practice and knowledge of the professional literature. Portions of this activity may include the use of drugs and/or devices for unlabeled indications, which should be considered experimental. Participants are advised to consult manufacturer product information and the professional literature, and use professional judgment in applying the presented information in patient-care activities.

## Funding

This activity is supported by an educational grant from Hospira, a Pfizer company.