

# THE RESULTS ARE IN COOK SPECTRUM®

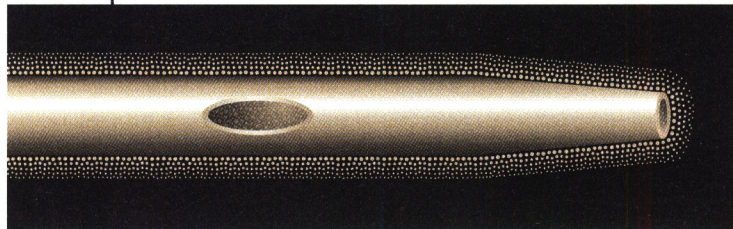
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To learn how Cook Spectrum® can reduce infection rates in vascular access patients and significantly lower treatment costs, contact your COOK CRITICAL CARE representative. Or call COOK at 1-800 457-4500.

An extensive new study just published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* concludes that catheters impregnated with minocycline and rifampin are **twelve times less likely** to cause bloodstream infections than catheters impregnated with chlorhexidine and silver sulfadiazine.<sup>1</sup>



Central venous catheters are vital to patient care, but they are also the leading cause of primary nosocomial bloodstream infection.<sup>2</sup>

A single episode of catheter-related septicemia can cost up to \$28,000 to treat (and an extra 6.5 days in the ICU).<sup>3</sup>

Cook Spectrum® antimicrobial central venous catheters are impregnated throughout their inner and outer surfaces with an effective combination of minocycline and rifampin to fight bacterial colonization and infections.

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