

A prospective double blind randomised clinical trial of 70% ethanol to treat proven or suspected catheter related sepsis in haematology patients.

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Status	RECRUITING
Phase	Phase 3
Sponsor	Dr Alan Pithie
Enrollment	20 participants

Plain Language Summary

This study is testing whether flushing a central line (a tube inserted into a large vein for medical treatment) with 70% ethanol (alcohol) can treat or prevent a serious bloodstream infection called catheter-related sepsis. This type of infection is a significant problem for patients with blood cancers who need bone marrow transplants, since they often require long-term central lines. The study compares alcohol flushing to a placebo (saline flush) to see whether it helps clear the infection.

You may be eligible if:

- You are 18 years or older
- You have a haematological malignancy (blood cancer) or have had a bone marrow transplant
- You have a proven or suspected catheter-related bloodstream infection
- You are able to give consent

You may NOT be eligible if:

- You have a known allergy to ethanol (alcohol)
- Your liver function tests are significantly elevated (more than 2.5 times the upper normal limit)
- You have a known history of alcoholism
- You are pregnant or breastfeeding
- The organisms found in your blood tests do not match between your central line and peripheral blood cultures

Talk to your doctor about whether this trial might be right for you.

Key Eligibility Criteria

Inclusion (1)

- Proven catheter related sepsis (same organism in both the peripheral blood and central line culture or from the FAS brush). Suspected CRS > 1000 organisms in either FAS sample or Central line blood culture. Consents to participate in the trial Haematological Malignancy Bone Marrow Transplantation.

Exclusion (1)

- Known allergy to Ethanol Elevated LFTs (2.5 times above the upper normal range). Known history of Alcoholism. Pregnant or lactating women, Positive cultures both peripherally and centrally but NOT the same organism.

Locations (1 total)

New Zealand

<https://www.anzctr.org.au/Trial/Registration/TrialReview.aspx?ACTRN=ACTRN12605000489695>

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