References - Catheter Flow Rates

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Figure 1 - Configuration for testing catheters of various sizes.



Figure 2 - Catheter flow rate versus infusion set type. Flow rates through each catheter were measured with all four infusion sets regularly used at our institution. The data show the influence of both catheter selection and infusion set type on flow rate. CVC, central venous catheter; PICC, peripherally inserted central catheter; PIV, peripheral intravenous catheter; RIC, rapid infusion catheter; SLC, single-lumen catheter; SLIC, single-lumen infusion catheter

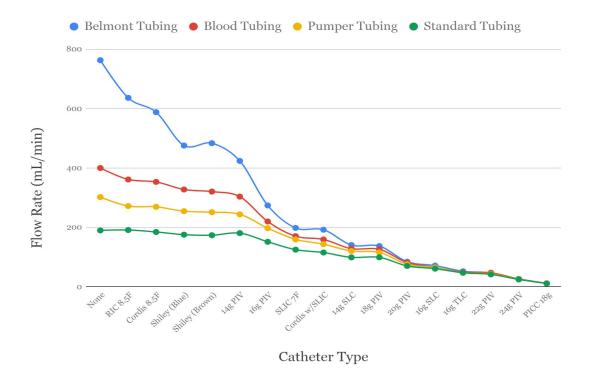


Figure 3 - An inset of the slower catheters from figure 2.

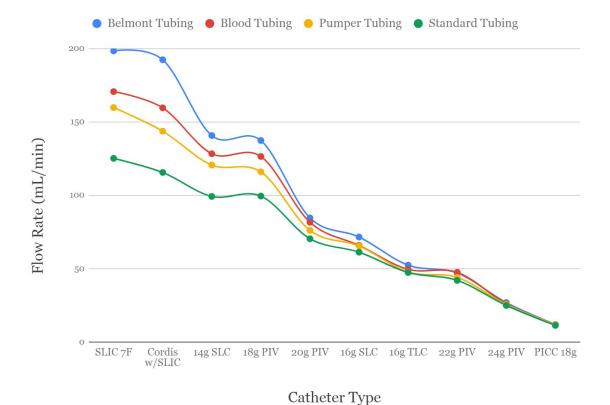


Figure 4 - Flow rate vs. infusion set and added equipment.

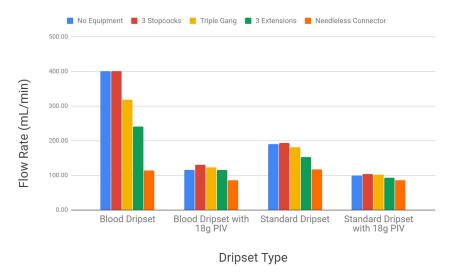
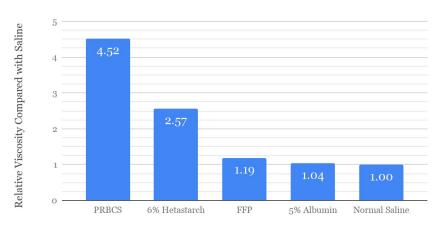


Figure 5 - Relative viscosity of colloids and crystalloids.



Fluids

Table 1 - Catheters Tested

Catheter	French (Fr)	Gauge	Diameter	Length	Manufacturer-Rated
			(mm)	(cm)	Maximal Flow
					(mL/min)
RIC	8.5	11.8		6.4cm	Not rated
Cordis	8.5	11.8		10cm	Not rated
Cordis with SLIC	8.5 with <i>7</i> -Fr	11.8			Not rated
	catheter in				
	lumen				
Shiley	13.5	<10	4.5	20cm	Not rated
	dual-lumen				
14g PIV	6.3	14	2.1	4.5	350
16g PIV	5	16	1.7	3	215
SLIC	7	13.3		20	Not rated
14g Single CVC	6.3	14	2.2	16	Not rated
18g PIV	3.8	18	1.3	3	105
20g PIV	2.7	20	1.1	2.5	65

16g Single CVC	5	16		16	Not rated
16g Triple CVC	5	16	2.4	20	Not rated
22g PIV	2.	22	0.9	2.5	35
Dual-lumen	5 (each lumen	18	55	55	Not rated
PICC	18g)				
24g PIV	1.7	24		1.4	26

CVC, central venous catheter; PICC, peripherally inserted central catheter; PIV, peripheral intravenous catheter; RIC, rapid infusion catheter; SLC, single-lumen catheter; SLIC, single-lumen infusion catheter

Table 2 - Tubing and Adjuncts Tested

Equipment Nickname	Equipment Name	Manufacturer			
Standard infusion set	SmartSite Gravity Set	CareFusion, San Diego CA			
Alaris infusion set	BD Alaris Pump Infusion Set	CareFusion, San Diego CA			
Pumper tubing	Primary Y-Type Blood Set	ICU Medical Inc, San Clemente CA			
Belmont tubing	The Belmont 3-Spike Disposable Set	Belmont Instrument Corporation, Billerica MA			
Blood tubing	Primary Blood Set	Hospira Inc, Lake Forest IL			
Extension set	Extension Set with 4-Way Stopcock & Spin-Lock	Codan USA Corporation, Santa Ana CA			
Stopcock	Hi-Flo 4-Way Stopcock with Swivel Male Luer Lock	Smiths Medical ASD Inc, Dublin OH			
Triple gang	Adult Set Carrier Gang Stopcocks	Smiths Medical ASD Inc, Dublin OH			
Needleless connector	One-Link Needle-free IV Connector	Baxter Healthcare Corp, Deerfield IL			