The invention claimed is:

1. A method for applying an antimicrobial coating to catheter tubing in a pattern, the method comprising:

applying an antimicrobial coating over an outer surface of catheter tubing; and

passing the catheter tubing through a die to remove a portion of the antimicrobial coating from the outer surface such that a pattern of antimicrobial coating remains on the outer surface after the catheter tubing has passed through the die.

2. The method of claim **1**, wherein the pattern comprises one or more stripes.

3. The method of claim **1**, wherein the outer surface of the catheter tubing comprises one or more channels, the pattern comprising the antimicrobial coating within the one or more channels.

4. The method of claim **1**, wherein the pattern comprises one or more portions of the outer surface that do not include the antimicrobial coating or that include an insignificant amount of the antimicrobial coating so that contents of a lumen of the catheter tubing remain visible through the one or more portions.

5. The method of claim **1**, wherein the pattern conforms to radiopaque material contained within the catheter tubing.

6. The method of claim **1**, wherein the die includes one or more channels on an inner surface of the die, the one or more channels forming the pattern.

7. The method of claim **1**, wherein the catheter tubing comprises a segment of catheter tubing having a tip, and wherein the antimicrobial coating is not applied to the tip.

8. The method of claim **1**, further comprising:

prior to applying the antimicrobial coating to the outer surface of the catheter tubing, inserting a mandrel into one end of the catheter tubing to prevent the antimicrobial coating from entering the end.

9. The method of claim **8**, wherein the end comprises an end opposite a tip formed on the catheter tubing.