METHOD FOR TREATMENT OF INDWELLING CATHETER OCCLUSION USING FIBRINOLYTIC METALLOPROTEINASES

ABSTRACT

A method is provided for the localized intravascular administration of a fibrinolytic metalloproteinase to a human subject in amounts that are both safe and effective to lyse an occluding fibrin-containing blood clot, which also avoiding the neutralizing effects of α_2-macroglobulin in the circulating blood. A method is also provided for the treatment of a blood clot in, around or attached to an indwelling vascular acess device. A method for restoring patency and function of an indwelling vascular access device is also provided.

(FIGURE 1)