

ABSTRACT
MEDICAL ARTICLE

A method of making a medical article, for example a central venous catheter, able to release an anti-microbial agent in vivo comprises:

- i) forming on at least the external surface of a polyurethane member a hydrophilic coating which becomes lubricious on contact with aqueous liquid by contact of said surface with an aqueous liquid;
- ii) contacting the coated member with an aqueous solution of benzalkonium halide or other anti-microbial agent so as to impregnate the coating with said halide;
- iii) drying the impregnated coating; and
- iv) immersing the thus treated polyurethane member in an humid atmosphere for a period of at least 30 minutes whereby redistribution of the benzalkonium halide or other anti-microbial agent takes place within the coating;