

ABSTRACT

MEDICAL ARTICLE

A medical article, particularly a central venous catheter, releasably incorporates a first therapeutically acceptable antibacterial agent comprising a quaternary ammonium compound other than a quaternary ammonium salt of an amino acid or other amine substituted organic acid and a second therapeutically acceptable antibacterial agent comprising an amino acid or other amine substituted organic acid or an acid addition salt of the amino acid or the other amine substituted organic acid. The first antibacterial agent is preferably benzalkonium chloride and the second antibacterial agent is preferably L-arginine or L-arginine hydrochloride.