

CAUTI in veterinary medicine

CAUTI stands for **C**atheter-Associated **U**rinary **T**ract **I**nfections. They are a type of nosocomial infection (NI), meaning an infection acquired in a veterinary clinic or hospital.

Rates



- 10% – 32%
- Most common NI in veterinary medicine (1–5)

Consequences and costs



- Prolonged patient stays (2)
- Higher costs for owners and veterinary hospitals (2)

Factors



- Animal intestinal flora through perineal or periurethral contamination (1)
- Medical personnel (1)
- Causes may include disruption of physiological elimination, urinary catheter having a barrier function
- Biofilm can form on the catheter. NI reduction comparatively difficult due to pathophysiology

Approaches & Solutions



- Clear indication
- Avoidance of unnecessary catheter days
- Good process hygiene

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Our many years of process consulting and product development experience help us offer solutions and support tailored specifically to veterinary medical needs. Extensive information on infection prevention in veterinary medicine is available at:

www.bbraun-vetcare.com/inyourhands



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