

INFORMATION LEAFLETS FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF A CHILD

Problem Solving for PICC Lines at Home



This information leaflet details problems, possible causes and what to do if a patient has a problem with a PICC line at home.

Problem	Possible cause	What to do
Temperature/chills Redness/tenderness At line site	Infection	Contact I.D. team
Swollen arm/hand	Line displacement Infection	Contact I.D. team
Fluid leaking from line/site	Line breakage Line displacement	If breakage noted, clamp line above breakage or if unable to clamp pinch line with sterile gauze at site of breakage. Contact I.D. team
Bleeding from line site	Line displacement Trauma / injury NOTE: A small amount of bleeding from line site is normal in the first 24 hours post insertion, dressing can be changed after 24 hours	Place a sterile gauze pad over line site on top of dressing and hold and press until bleeding stops. Contact I.D. team
Securement Device (Box) becomes loose Secuacath Device		Place a sterile gauze pad over line and tape securely Contact I.D. team
Tagaderm (3M) I.V Advanced Tagaderm I.V Advanced CHG 2% Gel		Do not remove place another IV 3000 dressing over to secure.
PICC line comes out		Place a sterile gauze over line site and press firmly until bleeding stops. Contact I.D. team

Office Hours OLCHC	Out of Hours OLCHC	Local Hospital
Main Switch 01 409 6100 OPAT Bleep 8543 / 8523 Admin office 01 409 6338 / 6893 / 6096	Main Switch 01 409 6100 Ask to contact Infectious Disease consultant on call.	

Remember: Ask your nurse if you are unsure about anything about your child's care

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