

This information leaflet is for parents / carers detailing problems, possible causes and what to do if a patient has a problem with a PICC line at home.

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

Intravenous (IV) Device Details	
I. V. line: PICC / Midline / PIVC (please encircle)	
Size:	
Make/model/material:	
How many lumens?	
Securement device:	
Dressing type:	
Insertion date:	

When your treatment is finished, please place all unused intermates into the yellow bin provided by the company for collection. If not collected in a week's time, please call the number written on it. Thank you!



Additional Instructions



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**Outpatient Parenteral
Anti-Microbial Therapy (OPAT)
Troubleshooting for PICC
Lines at Home**

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You can also contact/go to your local hospital

Problem	Possible cause	What to do
Temperature / chills Redness / tenderness at line site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact I.D. team
Swollen arm/hand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line displacement • Infection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact I.D. team
Fluid leaking from line / site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line breakage • Line displacement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line displacement • Trauma/injury <p><i>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</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place a sterile gauze pad over line site on top of dressing, press and hold until bleeding stops. • Contact I.D. team
Securement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If dressing becomes loose or starts lifting off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place a sterile gauze pad over line and tape securely • Contact I.D. team
Dressing <i>Wrap arm in cling film for shower</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the dressing gets wet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not remove! • Place IV 3000 dressing over to secure.
PICC line comes out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loose stat-lock or if the PICC line gets pulled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place a sterile gauze over line site and press firmly until bleeding stops. • Contact I.D. team