

Clinical Practice Process Improvement Tool : Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Continuing Care

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Functional Area:	Start Date:	Overall Auditors:	
Module: Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Continuing Care			
Date: Auditors:			

Standard: Evidence based best practice is being consistently applied to prevent central venous catheter infections

Quest	Question Set: Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Continuing Care - Continuing Care Observation:						
	Question	Guidance	Yes	No	N/A	Comment	
1	Has the need for the CVC been reviewed daily and the review recorded?	Check documentation.					
2	Is the CVC entry site checked every day for signs of leakage/inflammation and the review recorded.	Check documentation.					
3	Is the dressing intact and has it been changed within the last 7 days?	Check dressing and documentation.					
4	Is a plastic apron and sterile gloves worn during the aseptic dressing change?	Observe practice.					
5	Are injection ports and catheter hubs disinfected prior to each access with chlorhexidine 2% in alcohol 70% impregnated swabs?	Observe practice.					
6	Is hand hygiene performed prior to the procedure?	Observe practice. Moment 2 - before an aseptic task.					
7	Is a plastic apron and gloves worn when accessing/manipulating the line?	Observe practice.					
8	Is chlorhexidine gluconate 2% in 70% alcohol used for cleaning the insertion site during dressing changes	Observe practice.					
9	Is an aseptic technique used for all line access?	Observe practice.					
10	Is hand hygiene performed immediately following removal of personal protective equipment? (20, 90)	Observe practice. Moment 3 - after body fluid exposure.					
11	If TPN is being administered, has a dedicated port been allocated?	Observe practice.					
12	Is the administration set changed between 72-96 hours and are changes recorded?	Check that lines are labelled with the date.					
13	If lipids or blood are being administered, are administration sets changed at the end of the infusion or every 24 hours?	Check lines are labelled with the date.					



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Question Set Comments/Recommendations for Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Continuing Care - Continuing Care

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