

ASSESS

1. IDENTIFY if the patient has a device

- Assess and document the presence of a PICC every shift (when accessing/de-accessing)
- Assess arm circumference and visible catheter length according to hospital policy
- Assess caps and lines to ensure there is no blood in the cap/line

2. DOES the patient need this device?

- Why was the PICC placed? Is this indication still present?
 - Parenteral Nutrition
 - Chemotherapy
 - Medications Requiring Central Access/Vesicants
 - Frequent Blood Draws (not daily labs)
- Is a safer vascular access device available for the indication?
- Can the PICC be removed and replaced with a less invasive device?

3. EFFECTIVE flow, flush, and blood return?

- Does each lumen of the PICC aspirate blood, flush, and infuse easily?

4. COMPLICATIONS or CONCERNS?

- Does the patient have redness, swelling, discharge, hardness, palpable cord, or pain at the insertion site or along catheter?
- Is the patient's arm circumference larger or is the visible/exposed catheter length increased since last documented?
- If there are any complications or concerns noted at the PICC insertion site or extremity, consult with the treating team.

5. INFECTION prevent and awareness

- Use Aseptic Non-Touch Technique
- Perform hand hygiene before manipulating the PICC
- Scrub the hub for 15 seconds and allow to dry before accessing
- Does the patient have any signs/symptoms of infection or purulent drainage at the site?

6. DRESSING and securement?

- Is the dressing clean, dry, and intact?
 - Replace dressing if it is damp, loose, or visibly soiled.
- Is the PICC and attached IV lines properly secured?
 - Is an appropriate catheter securement device in use?
 - Secure as appropriate/needed

7. EVALUATE and EDUCATE

- Evaluate patient/family understanding of need for PICC line and risks associated with treatment. Provide education.

8. DOCUMENTATION

- Document assessment findings
- Discuss assessment and recommendations with treatment team as needed

DECIDE AND ACT in collaboration with treatment team

- Continue PICC use and reassessments
- Continue PICC – Dressing Changed and/or Securement Provided
- Continue PICC – intervention for catheter occlusion
- PICC exchanged to reduce number of lumens
- PICC removed and replaced with another vascular access device _____
- PICC removed