

Documentation...

Central Line Dressings

Problem: Compliance with central line dressing changes is only 55% hospital wide, according to recent documentation audits.

Expected Practice:

1. Change original gauze dressing within 24 hours
2. Change needleless connectors and transparent dressing every Wednesday for all central lines
3. Change infusaport dressing and Huber needle every 7 days
4. Change dressing PRN if dressing becomes non-occlusive or soiled (blood at site)
5. Document your nursing interventions

Dressing Clean, Dry and Intact*

- Change original gauze dressing to transparent dressing within 24 hours of application

Dressings*

- Change needleless connectors and transparent dressing every Wednesday for all central lines except infusaport
- Change infusaport dressing and Huber needle every 7 days

How to document a central line dressing change:

Here is an example of how to accurately document a central line dressing change

Central Line	
< Right Peripherally inserted central cat...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Time Out Performed	
Procedure Start Time	
Procedure Stop Time CL	
Central Line manufacturer	
Central Line reference number	
Central Line lot number	
Total Length of Catheter CL	cm
Ext Cath Length	cm 10
Activity Type	Assessed
Num of Lumens	Double
Line Status	Flushes easily, Good blood return
Troubleshooting	
Infiltration Score *	0=No symptoms of infiltration
Phlebitis Score *	0=No symptoms of phlebitis
Site Condition	No complications
Reason for line use CL	TPN
Site/Line Care	Needleless Cap Changed/Applied
Dressing/Activity	Change, Transparent
Drainage Description	None
Flow/Patency	Flushes easily
Unexpected Events	

CLABSI Bundle:

Routine central line dressing changes is a key component of the CLABSI Prevention Bundle

Document needleless connector and dressing change here