

Let's Talk About...

Patient Safety: Central Line Bundle

Dear Parents,

Your child has a central line. It is important that we work together to prevent your child from getting a central line infection. If your child gets a central line infection it can be very dangerous.

The following tips can help prevent an infection. These are important for your child's safety. We want you to be your child's advocate. Speak up if you see any member of your child's healthcare team not following these important steps with the central line. If you are not sure what a central line is or where it is on your child, please ask your nurse or other member of the team.

Here are some important tips to follow

- You and all staff members should always wash your hands or use hand sanitizer before doing anything with your child.
- Anyone handling the central line should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer AND then put on gloves.
- The place used to enter the central line should have a disinfectant cap on it. It is used to protect the central line from germs. It may also need to be scrubbed with alcohol for 15 seconds and allowed to dry for 15 seconds before entering the line.
- The dressing on the central line should always be clean, dry, and intact. The edges of the dressing should be in contact with your child's skin.
- The dressing should have a label with the date of when it was changed. It will be changed 7 days from that date or sooner if needed.
- Every day the healthcare team should discuss if the central line is still needed or if it can be removed.
- Please try to avoid toys, extra blankets, and other items from collecting in your child's bed and room. These can get germs on them and lead to an infection.
- If you change your child's diaper, please use gloves. Ask your child's nurse for an absorbent white pad. Place the dirty diapers and wipes on the absorbent white pad and throw them away.



Sincerely,
Your Healthcare Team

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