

PICC DRESSING REMOVAL AND APPLICATION

Gather supplies, perform hand hygiene, obtain assistance, and prepare work surface/supplies prior to dressing removal/application

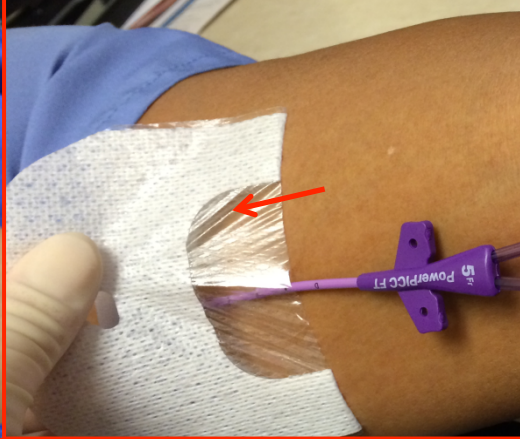
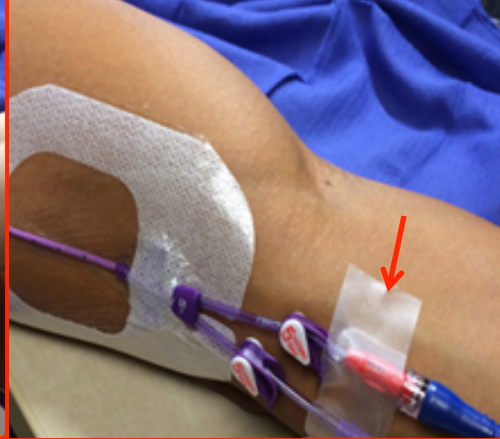
Removal Technique

1) After removing the date label, roll off dressing tape strip

2) Stabilize lumen(s) with tape

3) Remove dressing (low and slow) toward the axilla

- * Don **exam** gloves and masks
- * Cap (hair) may be required per unit protocol
- * External catheter length in cm should be consistent with length noted at time of PICC insertion – report discrepancies to the PICC and medical teams



Application Technique

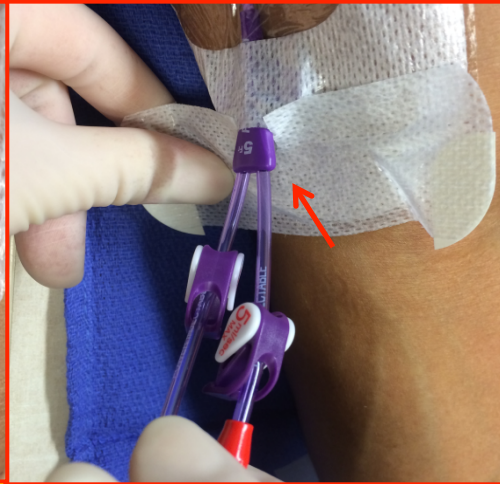
**** Contain all external catheter under the clear Tegaderm window ****
Do not stretch the dressing during application

1) Align dressing to cover catheter "wings" as shown below - smooth down

2) With notch facing insertion site, align dressing tape strip underneath junction

3) Place date label as shown

- * Don **sterile** gloves
- * Clean 4-5" around insertion site for 15 seconds with Chloraprep applicator using a back and forth action
- * Allow area to dry completely - do not blow, blot or wipe away
- * Apply skin prep over entire area the dressing will cover
- * Allow to dry completely before applying new dressing



Google "UCLA PICC" to view a video demonstration
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Use of statlock device allowed, based on patient need, if additional securement required