

CENTRAL LINE CHECKLIST

DATE					
RESIDENT					
GLOVES, HAND HYGIENE					
BBFP W/ DRESSING CHANGES					
GOWN/MASK WITH DSG. CHANGE					
ASSESSED q 12 HOURS					
GLOVES, HAND HYGIENE					
DRESSING:					
DRY					
INTACT					
CHANGED \leq 7 DAYS					
CHANGED W/STERILE TECHNIQUE					
S/S INFECTION @ INSERTION SITE					
ERYTHEMA					
EXUDATE					
EDEMA					
PAIN/TENDERNESS					
UNUSED LUMENS CLAMPED					
LUMEN CAPS CHANGED q 3 DAYS					
LUMENS FLUSHED q 12 HOURS					
CAPS CLEANSED BEFORE/AFTER USE					
TUBING CHANGED q 3 DAYS (CONTINUOUS)					
TUBING CHANGED q 24 HOURS (INTERMITTENT)					
TUBING LABELED W/DATE, TIME, INITIALS					
FLUIDS ON A PUMP					
PHYSICIAN NOTIFIED OF POSITIVE FINDINGS					

Essentials of Care:

- Assess dressing every shift and change if damp, loose or soiled
- Change transparent dressings every 7 days or if damp, loosened or soiled
- Change gauze dressings every 2 days or if damp, loosened or soiled
- Catheter s replaced immediately if s/s of infection, infiltration or catheter damaged
- Change central line tubing every 72 hours – must be dated, timed and initials after change
- If secondary fluid/medication, not continuous, tubing must be changed every 24 hours

Central line dressings key points

- Use central line dressing kit
- Strict hand hygiene
- Explain procedure to patient; position patient in semi-fowlers with head turned away from dressing site
- BBFP, including gown and mask; mask on patient if tolerated
- Remove old dressing by pulling dressing toward insertion site
- Inspect insertion site/sutures for any signs of infection
- Notify MD for any signs of infection
- Deglove, hand hygiene - brisk hand washing with soap
- Open kit, create sterile field, don sterile gloves
- Secure catheter to prevent movement. Cleanse site using chlorhexidine
- DO NOT back swab insertion site. Discard applicator after single use.
- Allow to air dry.
- Apply transparent dressing, label with date, time and initials
- Discard items, hand washing with soap
- Document date/time of dressing change, site observations, any signs of infection or complications, patient response and tolerance.

SIGNATURE RECORD

INITIALS	SIGNATURE	INITIALS	SIGNATURE