

Staying current is critical.

Selected highlights from the Infusion Nurses Society 2024 *Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice*.¹

The Infusion Nurses Society (INS) is the global authority in infusion therapy, setting standards for practice. Revised every three years, adherence to the Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice promotes and supports consistency in patient care, guides clinical decision-making, and enhances competency.

From this comprehensive document, we've selected a few standards we believe will help you prevent infection, reduce complications and ultimately deliver better patient outcomes.

Prepare

Hand Antiseptic

- Use an alcohol-based hand rub (ABHR) containing at least 60% ethanol or 70% isopropyl alcohol routinely for hand hygiene. *Std. 17, pg. S64 (Level I)*
- Unless hands are visibly soiled, an ABHR is preferred over soap and water in most clinical situations due to evidence of better compliance compared to soap and water. *Std. 17, pg. S64 (Level V)*

Hair Removal

- Remove excess hair at the insertion site using single-patient-use scissors or disposable-head surgical clippers. *Std. 33, pg. S106 (Level I)*

Skin Antiseptic

- Perform skin antisepsis using alcoholic chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) as the preferred antiseptic solution. *Std. 31, pg. S106 (Level I)*
- Use an alcoholic CHG solution containing at least 2% chlorhexidine gluconate. *Std. 31, pg. S106 (Level I)*

Protect and Secure

Antimicrobial Dressings

- Use chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG)-containing dressings to prevent CLABSIs in patients greater than 2 months of age with short-term CVADs, unless contraindicated (e.g., sensitivity or allergy to CHG), including patients with oncohematological disease (see Standard 39, Vascular Access Device Post-Insertion Care). *Std. 47, S171 (Level I)*
- Guidelines for oncology patients suggest use of a chlorhexidine-containing dressing around the needle insertion site based on duration of infusions exceeding 4 to 6 hours. *Std. 47, S171 (Level I) (Level V)*
- Catheter-related infection reduction has also been observed in both inpatient and outpatient hemodialysis patients with the addition of a CHG-containing dressing. *Std. 47, S171 (Level III)*
- Consider the use of chlorhexidine-impregnated dressings for patients with an epidural access device. A significant reduction in epidural skin colonisation and catheter tip colonisation has been demonstrated with their use. *Std. 53, S198 (Level I)*
- Assess the VAD site and surrounding area by palpation and inspection, including catheter pathway, for integrity of skin, dressing, and securement device. *Std. 39, pg. S132 (Level IV)*

Catheter Securement

- Securement as an adjunct to the primary dressing reduces motion at the insertion site and associated complications. Adequate securement can reduce pain, fear, and anxiety and reduces healthcare costs associated with VAD replacement. *Std. 36, S120 (Level I)*
- A sterile dressing combined or integrated with a securement device appropriate for patient's condition and patient preference is maintained on all peripheral and central VADs to protect the site, provide a microbial barrier, and promote skin health and VAD securement. *Std. 39.4, S131*

Adjunct Securement

- Evaluate the risk of skin stripping when evaluating use of medical adhesive tape as additional securement and when anchoring tubing. *Std. 52, pg. S192 (Level IV)*
- Use a securement product or tape a tension loop of tubing to the patient's body to reduce the risk of accidental dislodgement. *Std. 53, pg. S198 (Level V)*
- If using medical tape for additional securement of add-on devices or portions of catheter beyond the dressing, select the type of tape based on the intended use and patient's skin condition; use a roll of sterile tape dedicated to a single-patient use. *Std. 39, S133 (Level IV)*

Antimicrobial Port Protectors

- Consider passive disinfection by applying a cap or covering containing a disinfectant agent. A systematic review has demonstrated high level of compliance with disinfecting cap use and reductions in central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI) rates and related healthcare costs associated with avoided harm. *Std. 34, pg. S115 (Level II)*
- Recent research has shown that passive disinfection with 70% IPA caps was associated with reduced phlebitis and infection. *Std. 34, pg. S116 (Level II)*
- Compared to active disinfection, passive disinfection has been associated with increased clinician compliance largely due to the continuous dwell nature of the device." *Std. 34, pg. S116 (Level IV)*
- However, other studies show no difference between passive decontamination with caps and active decontamination with swabs. More high-quality trial research is required. *(Level III)*
- Attach a new, sterile, compatible covering device to protect male luer ends on administration sets if disconnection of infusion administration sets occurs. *Std. 40, pg. S137 (Level V)*

Skin Protection

- Aseptically, apply an alcohol-free skin barrier product that is compatible with the antiseptic solution, enhancing protection for the skin around the VAD insertion site. *Std. 52, pg. S191 (Level II)*

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Prepare

Hand Antiseptic



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Skin Antiseptic



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Skin Protection

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Adjunct Securement



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Protect and Secure

3M™ Tegaderm™ CHG Chlorhexidine Gluconate I.V. Securement Dressings* and 3M™ Curo™ Disinfecting Port Protectors help protect and secure all lines from extraluminal and intraluminal contamination risk.

CHG Dressings and Catheter Securement

40+ years of IV care science and innovation leading to 3M™ Tegaderm™ CHG Dressings.

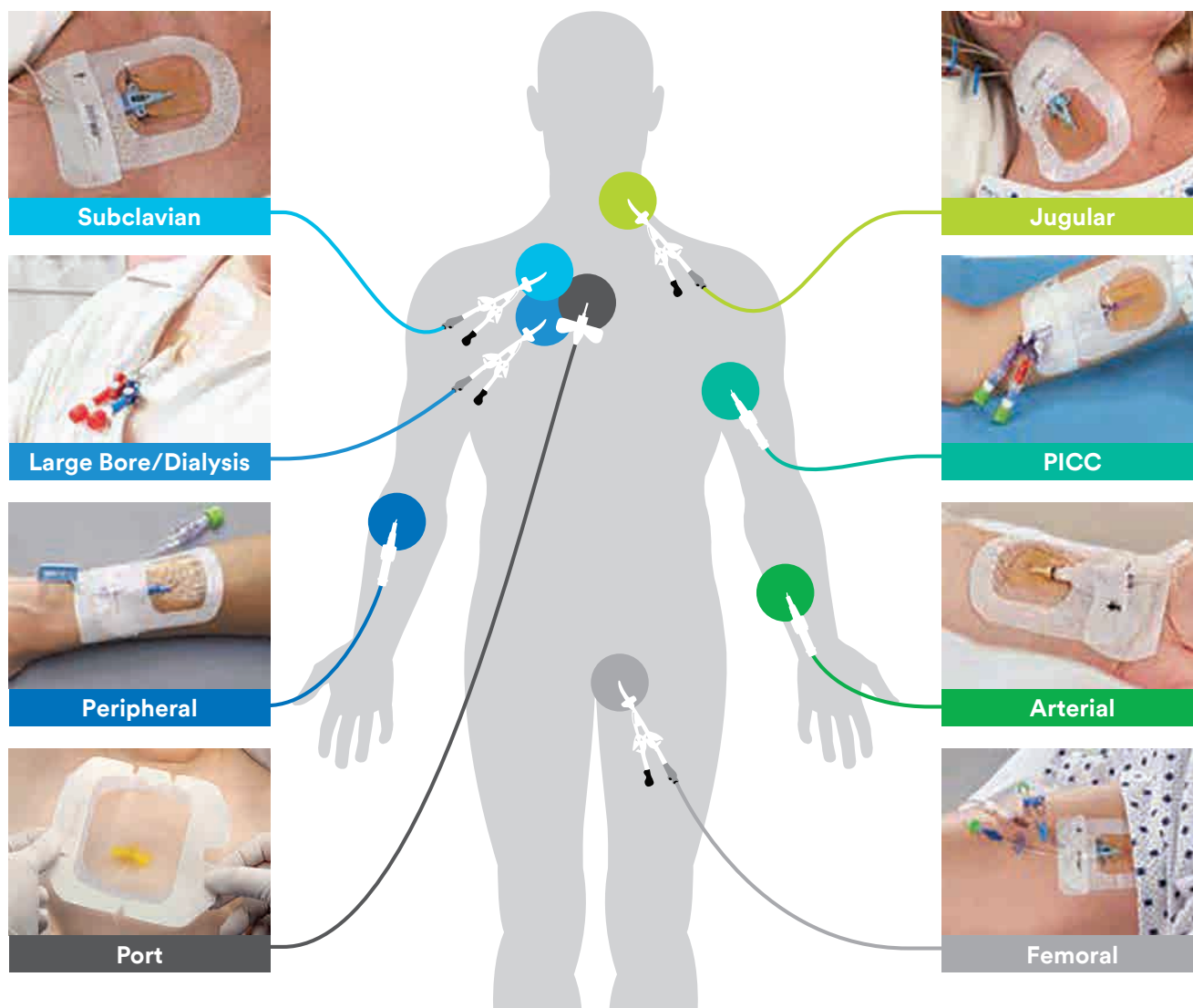
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- Select securement dressings also available without CHG

Antimicrobial Protection

3M™ Curo™ Disinfecting Port Protectors are the only brand to offer effective passive disinfection for all IV access points.

- Consistent use of 3M Curo Disinfecting Caps for Needleless Connectors was associated with decreased central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI)⁶
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Help reduce the risk of complications at all IV access points.



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