

Removing Your Short Peripheral IV Catheter

Get ready

1. Clean the table top with soap and water, alcohol, or bleach wipes. Let air dry.
2. Wash your hands for 15 seconds with liquid soap and water. Dry them well. (You may also use hand foam or liquid hand sanitizer.)
3. Gather these supplies:
 - Gauze
 - Tape or small bandage
 - Alcohol pad
7. Press on the area with gauze for at least 30 seconds or until the bleeding stops.
8. Tape clean gauze to the area or use a bandage.
9. Inspect the catheter to make sure it has been removed completely.

Remove catheter

1. Stop any medicines that are currently running.
2. Remove the clear bandage. You may need to use an alcohol pad to help loosen it.
3. Remove the device that is used to hold down the catheter (tube), if you are using one.
4. Carefully look at the site where the catheter goes into the skin. Check this area often over the next 48 hours. **Call the home care nurse or clinic if there is any redness, swelling or drainage.**
5. Hold gauze to the place where the catheter enters your skin.
6. With your other hand, slowly pull the catheter straight out. Use gentle, even pressure.

When to call

Call your home care nurse or clinic if you:

- Have new or worsening redness, swelling, drainage or pain
- Are **not** sure you removed the entire catheter
- Catheter seems shorter
- Catheter tip is missing or jagged

Home care nurse: _____

Clinic: _____