

Changing the End Cap

Central IV Line Care

1. Clean the table top with home cleaner and water, alcohol or bleach wipes. Let it air dry.
2. Wash your hands for 15 seconds with liquid soap and water. Dry them well.
3. Gather supplies:
 - one end cap for each line
 - alcohol pads
4. Open supplies. (Put on a mask if told to do so).
5. Make sure the line is clamped if there is a clamp.
6. Using an alcohol pad, scrub the area where the end cap and the line connect for 15 seconds.
7. Let it air dry for at least 15 seconds. Do not fan or blow on the area.
8. Take off the end cap and throw it away. Do not let the open end of the line touch anything.
9. Scrub the open end of the line with a new alcohol pad for 15 seconds. Let it air dry.
10. Put on the new end cap. Make this slightly snug but NOT too tight.
11. Repeat steps 5 to 10 if there is a second line.

Remember: Change the end cap every 7 days **or**

- anytime the end cap is removed for a blood draw.
- if you see blood in or near the end cap.

If you cannot loosen the end cap or have questions:

- Call the clinic during office hours:

- Or call your home infusion company and ask them to send a nurse.

Before showering, cover the connection between the end cap and line with plastic wrap.

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