Management of Compromised Central Venous Access Device (CVAD)

1. Accidental disconnection of needleless access device (NAD), 3-way tap, administration or infusion set from
   a. Centrally Inserted CVAD
   b. Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC)
   c. Totally Implanted Venous Port Device (TIVPD)
2. Management of fractured tunneled cuffed CVC (tc-CVC)

Scope
This procedure applies to all Children’s Health Queensland (CHQ) clinical staff according to their scope of practice.

Objectives
- The patient will have safe medical management of their catheter to reduce the risk of complication requiring catheter removal and replacement.
- Appropriate medical management is provided, with consideration of antimicrobial stewardship.
• The clinician will assess the patient’s need for alternative intravenous access during medical management of a compromised CVAD.

• The clinician will ensure patient safety while minimising physical discomfort, pain and negative psychological responses associated with the procedure.

• All associated documentation is completed and maintained.

• Any near misses or adverse events are documented in the Clinical Incident Reporting System (Riskman).

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**ALERT – If catheter fracture occurs during standard business hours notify:**

- CN – Vascular Assessment and Management Service (VAMS) when available or
- Safety CNC
- Medical officer for treating team

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**ALERT – If catheter fracture occurs outside standard business hours notify:**

- Safety CNC
- On call medical officer
- VAMS via email – VAMS@health.qld.gov.au

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**ALERT**

- Early intervention for a fractured tunnelled cuffed central venous catheter results in the greatest chance of catheter salvage with minimal clinical disruption to the patient.

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**Procedure**

**(1a) Immediate nursing management of a CVAD (excluding TIVPD) that has been compromised due to accidental disconnection of needleless access device (NAD), 3-way tap, administration or infusion set**

- Clamp the CVAD - if the catheter clamp is not able to be used, an alternative clamp such as gauze and artery forceps should be used
- Note: Some catheters have an internal pressure activated safety valve (PASV) and will not require a clamp in this situation
- If fluids are infusing, stop administration and disconnect line
- When the NAD has become disconnected, use aseptic non-touch technique (ANTT®) to clean the exposed catheter hub and place a new NAD [CHQ-WI-03458 Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) Accidental Disconnection](#)
- When the NAD remains insitu, but the 3-way tap, administration or infusion set has become disconnected use aseptic non-touch technique (ANTT®) to prepare new administration or infusion set [CHQ-WI-03458 Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) Accidental Disconnection](#)

**(1b) Immediate nursing management of a TIVPD that has been compromised due to accidental disconnection of needleless access device (NAD), 3-way tap, administration or infusion set**

- Clamp the extension tubing attached to the TIVPD needle.
- Stop infusing fluids

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• Remove compromised TIVPD needle and re-needle as per CHQ-WI-03460 Totally Implanted Venous Port Device (TIVPD) - Needling

• Where the NAD remains insitu, discard the previous administration set and fluids. Using appropriate ANTT® prepare a new administration set as per CHQ-WI-03458 Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) Accidental Disconnection

(2) Immediate nursing management of a fractured tunnelled cuffed central venous catheter (tc-CVC)

• Clamp the portion of the catheter still attached to the patient - if the catheter clamp is not able to be used an alternative clamp such as gauze and artery forceps should be used.

• If fluids are infusing, stop administration and disconnect line as per CHQ-WI-03458 Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) Accidental Disconnection.

• Using aseptic non-touch technique (ANTT®) clean the damaged portion of the catheter (this might present as a catheter split or complete separation of distal portion of catheter) that is still attached to the patient with 2% Chlorhexidine & 70% alcohol and seal the damaged portion of the catheter with an occlusive, transparent, sterile dressing.

• As per alerts above, notify the CN – VAMS or Safety CNC, and the Medical Officer for the treating team or on call medical officer if out of hours.

ALERT – Tc-CVC’s are the only CVADs used at this hospital that are repairable:

• If another device such as PICC, midline or nt-CVC fractures the catheter MUST be removed as soon as possible to avoid additional complication such as infection. This includes multi-lumen catheters, where only one lumen is damaged. It is not appropriate to continue using the undamaged lumen/s.

(3) Immediate medical management of CVAD that has been compromised due to accidental disconnection of needleless access device (NAD), 3-way tap, administration or infusion set and a fractured tunnelled cuffed central venous catheter should be as per flow chart below and managed when required in consultation with Infectious Diseases medical team.

ALERT

Antibiotic prophylaxis should not routinely be given for line disconnections or fractured catheters.

There is recent evidence that fractured and repaired central venous catheters do not have an increased risk of infection and there is no evidence that routine antibiotic prophylaxis after fracture repair decreases CVC infection rate. Antibiotics are suggested only where serious concern around potential for CVAD infection for example when disconnected or fractured and soiled or contaminated with bodily fluids.
Flowchart: Nursing and Medical considerations for management of compromised TIVPD or CVAD

Compromised TIVPD
- Remove needle
- Re-needle

Compromised CVAD
- Accidental NAD / bung dislodge
- Infusion / admin set disconnect
- # tc-CVC

- Disconnection or # tc-CVC AND contaminated with body fluid (faeces/oral vomit etc)

Carry out nursing line cares
See procedure immediate nursing management

- Observe
- BC only if febrile/unwell

Patient well
- BC

Patient unwell (febrile)
- BC at 24 hours or at any time if febrile
- Review BC 24-48 hours

BC positive
- Repeat BC before further doses of antibiotics, continue antibiotics appropriate for organism cultured and DW ID

BC negative
- No further action

Stat dose vancomycin/teicoplanin
See drug considerations in procedure

Manage according to febrile patient with CVAD
Procedure number CHQ-ORL-01069
Empiric Antibiotic: STAT DOSE ONLY. Not always required; on individual assessment

Either

- Vancomycin (15 mg/kg IV, maximum 500 mg, as a single dose)
- Teicoplanin (10 mg/kg IV, maximum 400 mg, as a single dose)

  - for patients with a documented adverse drug reaction/allergic reaction to vancomycin (e.g. Severe redman syndrome despite slow infusion over more than 3 hours; anaphylaxis)

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Supporting Documents

Authorising Policy and Standard/s

- Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravenous Catheter-Related Infections 2011 (CDC)
- National evidence-based guidelines for preventing healthcare-associated infection (EPIC)
- Cancer Nurses Society of Australia (CNSA)
- Registered Nurses’ Association of Ontario (RNAO)
- Infusion Nurses Society 2016

Procedures and work instructions

- CHQ-WI-03458 Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) Accidental Disconnection
- CHQ-WI-03460 Totally Implanted Venous Port Device (TIVPD) - Needling
- CHQ-WI-03462 Needleless Access Device or Administration Set Change on Venous Access Device
- CHQ-GDL-01069 Fever in a Child with Central Venous Access Device
- CHQ-GDL-01060 Use of Taurrolidine Lock Solution
- CHQ-GDL-01065 Antibiotic Lock Therapy
- CHQ-PROC-63505 Hand Hygiene
- ieMR Quick Reference Guide CVAD Documentation
- CHQ Procedure_01035 Antimicrobial Restriction Procedure
- CHQ Antimicrobial Restriction list
- CHQ-PROC-62111 Procedural Pain - Non-Pharmacological Management
- CHQ-PROC-00303 Pharmacological Procedural Pain Management
Acronymns

ANTT  Aseptic non-touch technique
BC  Blood culture
CHQ  Children’s Health Queensland
CN  Clinical Nurse
CNC  Clinical Nurse Consultant
CVAD  Central Venous Access Device
CVC  Central Venous Catheter
CVL  Central venous line
ID  Infectious Diseases
IEMR  Integrated electronic medical record
IMPS  Infection Management and Prevention Service
IV  Intravenous
NAD  Needleless access device
NP  Nurse Practitioner
nt-CVC  Non tunnelled Central Venous Catheter
PASV  Pressure activated safety valve
PICC  Peripherally inserted central catheter
PIVC  Peripherally inserted venous cannula
PSQC  Patient Safety and Quality Committee
Tc-CVC  Tunneled cuffed Central Venous Catheter
TIVPD  Totally Implanted Venous Port Device
VAMS  Vascular Assessment and Management Service
WI  Work instruction
QCH  Queensland Children’s Hospital

Consultation

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• Safety CNC
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Audit/review tool(s) attached
Nil

Review date
NUM – individual clinical units

Key elements / Indicators / Outcomes
• Number and type of clinical incidents related to management of intravenous vascular access devices
• Incidents of catheter related bloodstream infection
• Observed compliance with procedure and work instructions
## Procedure revision and approval history

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### Accreditation references