Flushing Your Groshong®/Groshong® PICC Catheter (IV line)

Supplies needed:
* 1 - 10ml syringe of Sodium Chloride (saline)
* 1 - red/blue cap

1. Wash hands, gather supplies and put on gloves.

2. Remove saline syringe from package and expel all air from syringe. (You will need to loosen or remove the cap from syringe before expelling air. Be sure to keep the end of the syringe sterile). Do Not Replace Cap.

3. Insert the saline syringe onto the valve at the end of the IV catheter and turn until snug. If the tip of the syringe touches anything other than the catheter, stop, and replace the syringe.

4. Push gently on the plunger of syringe using the push/pause method until the syringe is empty. Your catheter should flush easily. If you feel resistance, check to see that the tubing isn’t kinked. If there is resistance, do not force. Call Chartwell immediately.

5. After syringe is empty, keep pressure on the plunger as you close your catheter clamp. Remove syringe.

6. If you have more than one lumen (opening), repeat the flushing process for each lumen*.

7. Place a new cap onto end of SAFSITE® valve which should be located at the end of the IV line.

8. Discard used supplies by double bagging and placing in trash.

- Remember to change the SAFSITE® valve every 7 days and after each blood draw for adult patients.

- You need to flush each lumen once a week with normal saline if no IV medications are being infused.

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