

# MANAGEMENT & CARE for PICCs SECURED WITH SURGICAL ADHESIVE

## FACTS ABOUT SURGICAL ADHESIVE

- SURGICAL ADHESIVE *is a clear but visible substance placed at the insertion site* which generally lasts for 2-6 weeks
- SURGICAL ADHESIVE provides haemostasis at the insertion site following insertion and helps prevent bacteria entering the extra luminal pathway following the insertion of a PICC.
- SURGICAL ADHESIVE is applied around the insertion site and along the underside of the PICC from the insertion site for approximately 2cms. This portion of the PICC is then stuck onto to the patient's skin.
- If the ADHESIVE IS COMPROMISED and needs to be reapplied contact Radiology Vascular Access Team Radiology phone 81410 ask for nurse coordinator or CVAD NE 81529
- Dress the PICC with the Sorbaveiw dressing in usual way

**DO NOT PLACE A GRIPLOC ON OR AT THE FOOT OF THE DRESSING WHERE THE EXTERNAL LUMENS EXIT (refer to photos on flip side)**

**Griploc is used to provide support for any IV tubing attached to the PICC lumens.**

## MANAGEMENT and CARE PRACTICE POINTS

**N.B. DO NOT USE A BIOPATCH at the insertion site**

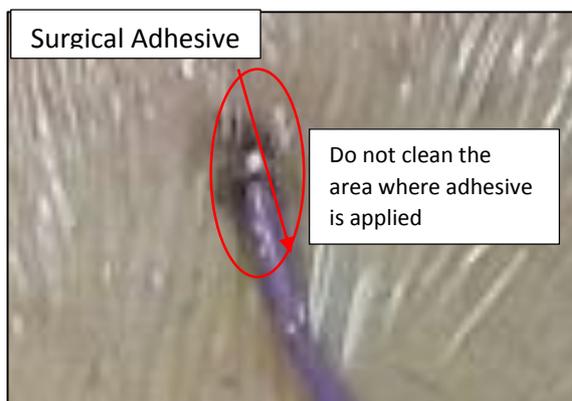
**NO STERI-STRIPS are to be used at the insertion site or on any portion of the PICC**

**Use care when cleaning the PICC exit site:**

- *Palpate gently over this before removing the dressing to test the integrity of the adhesive*
- *DO NOT clean the area at the insertion site or the 2cms along the PICC where the adhesive has been applied. Start cleaning from perimeter of the adhesive and work outwards to avoid disturbing the adhesive.*
- *To avoid separating the adhesive from the insertion site and surrounding skin don't lift the PICC up from the insertion site or pull on the PICC when removing the dressing and cleaning.*
- Routinely change the dressing weekly or if the dressing is compromised in any way

## REMOVING A PICC WHICH IS SECURED WITH SURGICAL ADHESIVE

1. Clean insertion site as per policy- ref CVAD Resource Book for information on PICC removal
2. Use alcohol wipe to soften the **adhesive** then lift it off with forceps. If alcohol fails to soften adhesive use a 'Remove' wipe
3. Remove PICC as per instructions in CVAD Resource book
4. Cover the insertion site with sterile gauze. Check for any oozing.
5. Cover the wound using a sterile opsite with dressing pad and leave covered until healing has occurred.



**To remove the adhesive prior to the PICC removal**

1. Use an alcohol swab

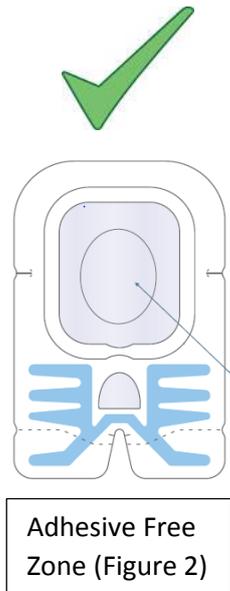
**OR if this fails**

2. Use a Remove wipe



## DRESSINGS- THE DO's

1. PICC position should be in a gentle curve (Refer figure 1)
2. Use a Sorbaveiw *Adhesive Free Zone dressing*. (refer figure 2) oracle code:194030
3. Cover insertion site **AND ENSURE THE CATHETER WINGS** are covered and secure **WITHIN** the D window (ref figure 3).
4. If the wings are external of the dressing and not secured this causes the PICC to rotate and kink and also migrate (refer figure 4).



## DRESSING –THE DO NOTS

DO NOT USE **'REMOVE' WIPE** TO ASSIST WITH REMOVING DRESSING. USE AN ALCOHOL WIPE BUT AVOID IT COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE ADHESIVE

DO NOT USE BIOPATCH OVER INSERTION SITE WHEN SURGICAL ADHESIVE IS IN PLACE

DO NOT USE STERISTRIPS ON or around PICC

DO NOT HAVE THE PICC WINGS OUTSIDE OF THE DRESSING D WINDOW

DO NOT PLACE a GRIPLOC AT FOOT OF DRESSING. THIS CAUSES TENSION ON THE PICC AND CAUSES IT TO MIGRATE OUT

