

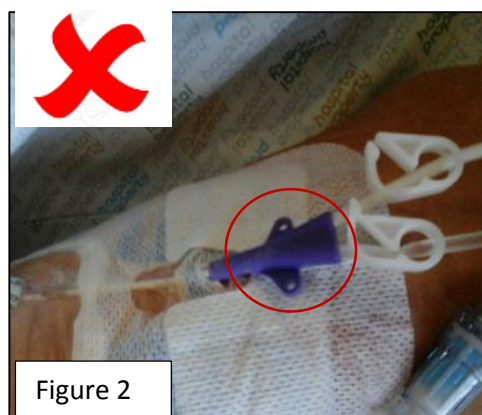
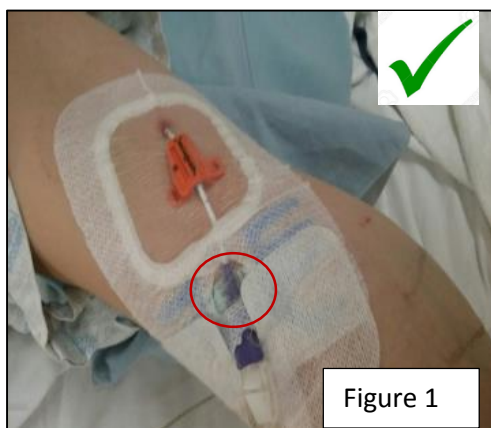
## **INFORMATION SHEET for PICCs SECURED WITH SECURACATH**

*(If patient is discharged with a Securacath please ensure this information sheet is given to the patient and/or family member)*

- This PICC is secured with a SecurAcath which is subcutaneous sutureless device with small flexible, blunt anchors just below the skin and provides securement for the PICC.
- The SecurAcath does not need to be changed and remains in place until the PICC is removed.
- The SecurAcath is removed after the PICC has been removed
- The SecurAcath is MRI compatible

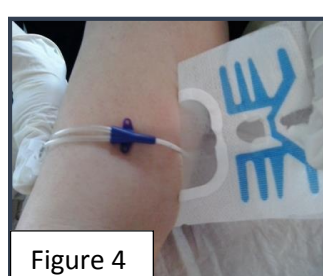
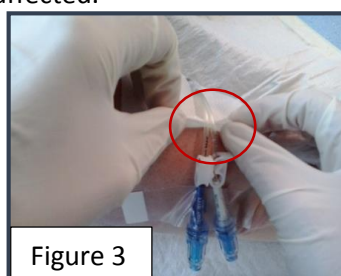
### **DRESSING THE PICC WITH A SECURACATH IN PLACE:**

1. Clean site with 2% chlorhexidine & 70% alcohol swab sticks
2. Apply Cavilon skin protectant around the area where the dressing is placed
3. Optional: If necessary, cut a small piece of gauze the same size as the purple PICC wings and place it under the purple PICC wings to protect the skin
4. ***Don't try to move or adjust angle the SecurAcath. It must remain in its current position. This will prevent the subcutaneous feet from becoming dislodged.***
5. Dress with Sorbaveiw Adhesive –free ZONE dressing.
6. DON'T pull the dressing tight over the SecurAcath. Gently mould the dressing onto the site and press onto skin.
7. Ensure **the catheters wings are in the dressing D window** to prevent PICC from twisting (ref Figure 1).
8. **If the purple wings are external of the dressing and not in the D window the PICC can twist and kink and also create unnecessary negative tension on the PICC and the SecurAcath ( ref Figure 2)**



### **REMOVING THE SORBAVEIW DRESSING WITH A SECURACATH in PLACE**

1. Locate the V notch at the bottom of the securement strip, lift both edges & pull apart in opposite directions to break the perforations (ref Figure 3)
2. If required use an ALCOHOL SWAB to deactivate the dressing adhesive which will help loosen the dressing making removal easier. DON'T USE A 'REMOVE' WIPE.
3. Support external lumens of the PICC and peel the dressing slowly back, keeping the dressing close to the skin following the direction of the PICC & towards the insertion site(ref figure 4)
4. The Adhesive- free Zone dressing provides ease of removal over the SecurAcath ensuring securement integrity is not affected.



### **SPECIAL NOTES:**

1. PICC external measurement is taken from the insertion site to the purple PICC wings. FYI the length of the SecurAcath is 2cm.
2. Surgical adhesive has been applied to the insertion site to prevent bleeding post insertion of the SecurAcath. This will wear off over 1-2 weeks and does not require replacement.
3. Be aware that some of the adhesive may have oozed down under the SecurAcath when initially applied and part of the SecurAcath may be stuck to the skin. Don't attempt to lift up the device because it could damage the patient's skin. The adhesive will wear off.
4. Don't use a Biopatch around the insertion site whilst the adhesive is in place.
5. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON MANAGEMENT AND REMOVAL OF SECURACATH CLICK ON THE LINK.**  
<http://www.interradmedical.com/video-removal>

### **FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE**

- If you require assistance or advice please phone: Radiology ext 81410 and ask for nurse coordinator (office hours only)
- If phoning locally from outside the CDHB phone 3640640 then press 1 then key in the extension above.
- If outside of the Canterbury Region then phone 03 3640640 press 1 then key in 81410 and ask for nurse coordinator (office hours only)

**For tracking and auditing purposes:** Following the removal of the SecurAcath and PICC please advise Radiology via the above contact that successful removal has been achieved alternatively email the CVAD Nurse Educator on [Elizabeth.Culverwell@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:Elizabeth.Culverwell@cdhb.health.nz)