

# **INSERTION OF CENTRAL LINES AND/OR ARTERIAL LINES**

**Line insertion must adhere to the following procedures (Safer Healthcare Now). Whenever possible, and not contraindicated, the subclavian vein is the preferred site for non-tunneled catheters in adult patients.**

- Remove hand jewelry.**
- Wash hands immediately BEFORE prepping skin.**
- Wear sterile gloves and gown, a cap and mask.**
- Scrub the skin using Chlorhexidine 2% with 70% alcohol. Use a back-and-forth-friction scrub (not a circular motion) for at least 30 seconds. Do not wipe or blot. Allow to dry completely before puncturing the site (app. 2 minutes).**
- Fully drape the area to provide an adequate sterile field.**
- Palpation of the insertion site should not be performed after the application of antiseptic, unless aseptic technique is maintained.**

**If these steps are not followed, a member of the CCTC team will remind you of these requirements. Also remember to adhere to standard universal precautions and safe sharp disposal.**