## Quality Bundles: Insertion of <u>Arterial or Central Venous</u> Line

Ensure that patient and health care provider safety standards are met during this procedure including:

- Risk assessment and appropriate PPE
- 4 Moments of Hand Hygiene
- Two patient identification
- Safe patient handling practices
- Biomedical waste disposal policies
- 1. Prepare transducer set-up and connect to monitor for all arterial and CVC lines (except dialysis catheters).
- 2. Pause to review procedure and assemble necessary equipment
- 3. Senior to supervise junior residents until competency confirmed. Competency may be different for infrequent sites (femoral, subclavian, left sided lines).
- 4. Only Fellows, Consultants or Nephrology Fellows/Consultants insert dialysis lines.
- 5. Only consultants, experienced Fellows or vascular surgeons should place arterial lines into axillary or brachial arteries.
- 6. Review allergies to skin preps, tapes or catheter materials (e.g. latex, heparin, chlorhexidine, silver sufaziadine, minocyclin or rifampin). Note: our standard central line catheter includes 2 of these 4 antimicrobials).
- 7. Ensure appropriate catheter length for right-sided IJ/SC (16 cm NOT 20 cm). Catheter model, length, size and product number should be confirmed by provider and documented in procedure note.
- 8. Guidewire exchange should be avoided. If required, rationale for guidewire exchange should be documented.
- 9. Insertion of a multilumen catheter into an established introducer requires full barrier precautions. It should only be done if introducer was inserted using maximal precautions and a sterile introducer cap has been maintained. Only the correct companion CVC should be inserted (standard 7F CVCs are not compatible with percutaneous sheath introducer.
- 10. Hair removal with clippers before skin cleansing and draping
- 11. Scrub skin vertically and horizontally for 30 seconds with chlorhexidine 2% in 70% isopropyl alcohol
- 12. Allow skin to dry 2 minutes after cleaning
- 13. Cap, mask with face shield, sterile gown and sterile gloves for individual(s) performing or supervising insertion
- 14. Cap and mask for all individuals within 1 meter of sterile field
- 15. Broad draping of sterile field
- 16. Provide saline syringes for use with sterile field.
- 17. Inserter must complete Central Venous and Arterial Line Checklist and Procedure note and complete follow-up assessment. Online documentation may be completed but should include all of the fields on checklist.
- 18. Confirm venous waveform for IJ, SC and femoral venous lines upon insertion and Q shift. Print and post waveform to paper chart. Vasopressors may be started upon confirmation of a venous waveform.
- 19. Nurse creates a Dynamic Group under Devices Band. Under Activity field, selects inserted. This will document the insertion date.
- 20. For all central lines, document the purpose of the line in the Grouper (e.g. dialysis, IV fluid).
- 21. If patient arrives with existing line, under activity field, select "present on insertion". This will open a new field for nurse to record the date and time of insertion. If unable to determine, document in the assess/reassess comment field.
- 22. Any member of the team can stop a procedure/identify breaks in technique
- 23. Procedure note should accurately reflect adherence to protocol to identify lines that should be changed

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