

Balloon Notes

Caring for Your Child



LOCK Therapy for Central Lines: Antibiotic or Ethanol

Your healthcare provider has prescribed an Antibiotic or Ethanol Lock for your child's central line to treat a current infection or to help prevent a future infection.

Administering the LOCK in the Central Line: Time due: _____

1. Wash hands and put on clean gloves.
2. Clean injection cap for 15 seconds with Alcohol and let dry for 15 seconds.
3. Attach Saline syringe and flush with ordered amount of Saline. Remove Syringe.
Saline amount: _____ mL
4. Clean injection cap for 15 seconds with Alcohol and let dry for 15 seconds.
5. Attach LOCK syringe and **flush in LOCK per orders**.
LOCK amount: _____ mL
6. Place a label around cap. This lets anyone caring for the central line know that there is an Antibiotic or Ethanol lock in the catheter that **must be removed before flushing** (be careful that the label does not go over the top of cap and leave sticky residue there).
Dwell time: _____ Hours

Removing the LOCK from the Central Line:

1. Wash hands and put on clean gloves.
 2. Clean injection cap for 15 seconds with Alcohol and let dry for 15 seconds.
 3. Carefully open empty sterile syringe from package and attach to injection cap.
 4. Pull back on the syringe to **remove the volume of Antibiotic lock +1ml** from the central line. Remove syringe.
LOCK amount to remove: _____ mL
 5. Clean injection cap for 15 seconds with Alcohol and let dry for 15 seconds.
 6. Attach Saline syringe and flush with ordered amount of Saline. Remove syringe.
Saline amount: _____ mL
 7. Clean injection cap for 15 seconds with Alcohol and let dry for 15 seconds.
 8. Connect tubing of next infusion.
- **IF no infusion is due, you need to flush with ordered amount of heparin.

****If you cannot remove the Antibiotic or Ethanol LOCK from the central line, call your child's provider****