



Your Child's Central Line Care

Central lines, such as Mediports, Broviacs and PICCs, need extra care.

Your child has a _____.

Here is how we can partner to safely care for your child's central line in the hospital.

What does the care team do?	What can you do as a family?
<p>We ask how your child prefers central line care. We encourage you to make sure:</p>	<p>Let the team know how your child prefers the central line is handled.</p>
<p>We clean our hands.</p>	<p>Clean your hands and your child's hands. Ask visitors to clean their hands.</p>
<p>We may wear masks/gloves when we touch the central line, such as when we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change and date the dressing • Change and date the backflow cap • Access and date a Mediport with a needle 	<p>Wear masks if the team requests. We may ask you and your child to wear masks when we touch the central line, such as when we:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change and date the dressing • Change and date the backflow cap • Access and date the Mediport with a needle
<p>We use dressings to cover the central line site (where it enters the skin). We check to make sure the dressing is clean, dry and stays in place.</p>	<p>Tell a nurse right away if the line becomes disconnected or the dressing is dirty or peeling.</p>
<p>We change and date the dressing every 7 days or when it becomes dirty or is peeling.</p>	<p>Avoid showers, because the central line has to be disconnected for a shower. Disconnecting the line increases the chance of infection.</p>
<p>We partner with you every day to give your child a bath.</p>	<p>Give sponge baths to your child.</p>
<p>We use caps with alcohol to keep the site clean.</p>	<p>Partner with staff to bathe your child with medicated wipes. These wipes get rid of germs on your child's skin.</p>
<p>To ensure safe, quality care at all times, we sometimes have a member of the team observe when your child's nurse touches or uses the central line.</p>	<p>Check with nurse before using soap, lotions or deodorants. These items may stop the medication in the wipes from working.</p>

Tell us if something does not look or feel right. We will listen to your concerns.

Thank you for partnering with us in your child's safe care.