

Peripheral IV Dressing Changes

Level III

Purpose

This purpose of this procedure is to prevent catheter-related infections associated with contaminated, loosened or soiled catheter-site dressings.

General Guidelines

1. Apply and maintain transparent semi-permeable membrane (TSM) dressing or sterile gauze for all peripheral intravenous catheter sites.
2. Change the dressing if it becomes damp, loosened or visibly soiled and at least every 5 to 7 days. Change dressing and perform site care if signs and symptoms of site infection are present.
3. Remove the dressing from distal to proximal (towards the head), in the direction of the catheter insertion, to avoid accidentally removing catheter.
4. Use clean technique when performing this procedure.

Equipment and Supplies

1. Transparent semipermeable membrane (TSM) dressing;
2. Antiseptic cleaning solution; and
3. Non-sterile gloves.

Steps in the Procedure

1. Assemble equipment.
2. Perform hand antisepsis.
3. Remove old dressing from distal to proximal (towards the head) while placing pressure on the catheter to prevent dislodgement.
4. Clean insertion site with antiseptic solution per protocol.
5. Allow area to air dry.
6. Place new TSM dressing (with or without gauze) over insertion site. Smooth out dressing.
7. Label dressing with date, time, and initials.

Documentation

1. The following should be documented in the resident's medical record:
 - a. Date, time, type of dressing, and reason for dressing change.
 - b. Any complications/intervention related to insertion site or surrounding area.
 - c. Resident's response to procedure.

Reporting

1. Notify physician, supervisor, and/or oncoming shift of any complications/ interventions that were done.
2. Report other information in accordance with facility policy or professional standards of practice.

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References	
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