

PICC Line Removal Care Instructions

What you need to know:

After your healthcare professional removes your central line device, you will need to prevent infections and other serious problems. **Watch for signs of infection, such as redness or a fever.**

CALL 911 IF:

- You suddenly have trouble breathing

If your site begins to bleed:

Apply pressure to the site for 5 minutes. If bleeding doesn't subside, you must go to Emergency for further assessment.

GO TO THE NEAREST EMERGENCY - SEEK CARE IMMEDIATELY IF:

- Your site begins to bleed.
- You develop a fever.
- You have severe pain and numbness in your arm or leg that the device was in.

Manage the site:

- Leave the bandage in place for at least 24 hours, or as directed. Change the bandage if it gets wet or dirty.
- You may need to remove the first bandage. Clean the area with soap and water, pat dry, and put a clean bandage on as directed.

Contact your healthcare provider if:

- You have redness and swelling at the site.
- The site is draining pus or has a foul odor.
- You have questions or concerns about your condition or care.