

NICU Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Tip Sheet

Name:

PICC type: NICU 3.0 French single lumen PICC with PINK sleeve
(BD L-Cath PICC 3.0 French single lumen)

Date inserted: _____

External length: _____ cm

- **PICC HAS NO CUFF AND IS NOT SUTURED**
 - Ensure dressing is intact, clean and anchored
 - Attend to dressing immediately if dressing not intact to prevent inadvertent dislodgement

- **DO NOT heparin lock**
NICU PICC's have a small lumen increasing the risk of blockage

- **To maintain patency, infuse low-dose heparin 0.5 units/mL or 1 unit/ml (depending on infant's weight—see formulary) in 0.45% NaCl continuously at:**
 - 0.5 ml/hour if infusing with other IV solutions
 - 1 ml/hour if only infusion present

- **MAY BE USED FOR BLOOD SAMPLING**

- **Use a 10 ml syringe when flushing the PICC**
Do not use a syringe size smaller than 10 ml for flushing because the smaller the syringe, the greater amount of pressure exerted risking catheter damage

