

Metropolitan Referral Unit

What information do we need to manage a PICC line at discharge?

This fact sheet has been developed to assist clinicians in referring patients who require Peripherally Inserted Catheter (PICC line) management in the community. The need for this service may be identified in patients who are exiting hospitals and who require long term intravenous therapy (ie Intravenous antibiotics and chemotherapy).

PICC line referral process

You will need:

- Metropolitan Referral Unit Referral Form
- Medication Authority- if requiring heparinised flushes
- Radiology PICC insertion details

Complete the Referral Form including the following information:

- ✓ Date of PICC insertion
- ✓ Location of PICC
- ✓ Length PICC line protrudes from the insertion site to the first junction of the catheter (on day of discharge)
- ✓ Date of last PICC dressing (include non standard dressing requirements)
- ✓ Date PICC to be removed (if known)
- ✓ OPD review appointments (if known)
- ✓ Volume, frequency and formulation of flushes required – medication authority needed for heparinised saline flushes
- ✓ If available, send copy of Patient PICC patient information from radiology.

Complete the Medication Authority including the following information:

- ✓ Medications required if any (include frequency, dose, time and completion date)
- ✓ Sign and date authority. Include Medical Officer contact details

Please fax above information to the MRU and await service confirmation (within 1 hour) Contact the Metropolitan Referral Unit team if you wish to discuss individual's needs and eligibility for this service.

Additional resources: Intravenous Antibiotic Fact Sheet: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/MRU

For more information

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