

Standard Procedure for Caring for Vascular Access Device

Vascular Access Device (VAD) is Pulled Out:

1. Put on gloves.
2. Cover VAD exit site with sterile gauze (if available) or clean dressing and apply pressure to site.
3. Immediately notify the parent/guardian and the child is to go home. EMS may be called at parent request.

Vascular Access Device (VAD) Catheter Tubing is Broken:

1. Immediately clamp tubing and have child lie on left side.
2. Transport child to health office – DO NOT ALLOW CHILD TO WALK.
3. Immediately notify the parent/guardian and the child is to be picked up and transferred to an appropriate emergency care site. EMS may be called at parent request.

Child Complains of Chest Pain or Difficulty Breathing:

1. Immediately clamp tubing and have the child lie on left side.
2. Transport child to health office – DO NOT ALLOW CHILD TO WALK.
3. Immediately notify the parent/guardian and the child is to be picked up and transferred to an appropriate emergency care site. EMS may be called at parent request.

Blood in Tubing or Bleeding from End of Catheter:

1. Wash hands and put on gloves.
2. Clamp tubing and transport child to health office.
3. Immediately notify the parent/guardian and ask them to come to school to evaluate the VAD. EMS may be called at parent request.

Fever, Redness at Vascular Access Device Site:

1. Sign of infection – notify parents to pick up child.

Vascular Access Device Supplies

1. Emergency Tubing Clamps
2. Extra Opsite or silk tape to secure tubing in place
3. Skin Prep pads to apply before adding extra tape to the skin
4. Sterile gauze
5. Non-sterile gauze