

# Taking care of your child's haemodialysis central venous catheter

This leaflet explains how to take care of your child's haemodialysis central venous catheter (CVC HD). If you have any further questions or concerns, please speak to a doctor or nurse caring for your child.

## How often should I check my child's CVC HD?

- You should check your child's CVC HD at least each morning and evening.
- Check that the dressing is secure. If the edges are peeling, you can secure them with the medical tape from your emergency pack.
- Check that the yellow Tego® bungs and white Curox™ caps are in place.

## Immediately phone the Dialysis Unit or Beach Ward if any of the following occur at any time:

- Any fever above 37.7°C, regardless of cause.
- The yellow Tego® bungs come off of the CVC HD.
- The CVC HD becomes displaced or falls out – see section below.
- You notice blood around the exit site where the CVC HD enters the skin.
- You notice blood coming out from any part of the CVC HD.
- You notice a hole in the CVC HD – place a white clamp from the emergency pack between the hole and the exit site.
- The area around your child's CVC HD dressing is red, painful or looks infected.
- There is any pus or discharge on the exit site dressing.
- You have any concerns about the CVC HD or your child feels unwell at all.
- Your child is unable to attend school due to being unwell for any reason.

## What should I do if the CVC HD becomes displaced or falls out?

- Apply firm pressure to the site using clean gauze from the emergency pack to stop the bleeding.
- If the CVC HD is partly displaced or the bleeding is excessive, dial 999 for an ambulance. Explain that it is a "haemodialysis central venous catheter".
- If the CVC HD has come out completely and the bleeding has stopped, fold several pieces of gauze and place on the site. Keep the gauze firmly in place by applying the dressing from the emergency pack over the top of the gauze. Continue to check for further bleeding while making your way to the nearest Emergency Department (A&E).
- You must phone the Dialysis Unit or Beach Ward immediately (see 'Contact us' box below) as you will need to come to Evelina London to have the CVC HD replaced.

## What should I do if a yellow Tego® bung falls off?

- Make sure the CVC HD is clamped.
- Wash your hands.
- Clean the lumen with the Clinell® wipe provided in the emergency pack.
- Place a new yellow bung from the emergency pack onto the lumen.
- Immediately phone the Dialysis Unit or Beach Ward (see 'Contact us' box below), as a yellow Tego® bung falling off could lead to a serious infection and your child could become seriously unwell.

## Useful sources of information

### Contact us

**Dialysis Unit, t: 0207 188 4526** (Monday to Saturday, 8am-5pm)

**Beach Ward, t: 0207 188 8844** (open 24 hours, seven days a week)

Third Floor, Evelina London, Westminster Bridge Road, Lambeth, London SE1 7EH

For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit **w:** [www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets](http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/leaflets)

### infoKID

An online information resource for parents and carers about kidney conditions in infants, children and young people.

**w:** [www.infokid.org.uk](http://www.infokid.org.uk)

### Evelina London Medicines Helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's medicines, please speak to the staff caring for them or contact our helpline.

**t:** 020 7188 3003, Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm    **e:** [letstalkmedicines@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:letstalkmedicines@gstt.nhs.uk)

### Your comments and concerns

For advice, support or to raise a concern, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS). To make a complaint, contact the complaints department.

**t:** 020 7188 8801 (PALS)    **e:** [pals@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@gstt.nhs.uk)  
**t:** 020 7188 3514 (complaints)    **e:** [complaints2@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:complaints2@gstt.nhs.uk)

### Language and accessible support services

If you need an interpreter or information about your care in a different language or format, please get in touch.

**t:** 020 7188 8815    **e:** [languagesupport@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:languagesupport@gstt.nhs.uk)

### NHS 111

Offers medical help and advice from fully trained advisers supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. Available over the phone 24 hours a day.

**t:** 111    **w:** [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)

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