

**ARROWHEAD REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

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			X		Index	
581.20 v6		X			Central Venous Access Device (Central Line) Insertion Assist	Major changes made include: Updated Physician to Practitioner, removed forms no longer in use. Removed procedural steps: placement of towel roll, hand hygiene, head position, use of clippers, site choice that are located in other resources or are a physician responsibility. Clarified language for generic terms. Updated documentation to reflect the new electronic health record. Updated the resources.
581.30 v4		X			Central Venous Access Device (Central Line) Management	Major changes made include: Updated to removed "specialty Registered Nurse (RN)" and replaced with "RN's with a validated competency". Updated equipment removed central line dressing kit, removed brand name "bio patch" and replaced with generic terms "occlusive dressing" and added securement device. Updated competency requirements and added dressing changes for RNs with validated competency. Removed

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						specific language for brands and added generic language. Updated references.
582.00 v8		X			Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Insertion and Exchange	Major changes made include: Removed assignment for dressing changes of two PICC line RNs, duplicate with another policy, requirement for PICC line dressing change is validated competency. Updated references.
582.10 v4		X			Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter (PICC) Access, Complications, Care, Maintenance, and Removal	Major changes made include: Updated dressing change requirements to match central line policy. Added Registered Nurse with validated competency to perform dressing changes in the unit. Added reference to Neonatal Intensive Care Unit policy for their procedures regarding PICC line. Updated reference to department specific policy for Neonatal Intensive Care. Updated references.
583.00 v3		X			Intravenous (IV) Dressings: Peripheral and Central	Major changes made include: Removed specific brands and used generic terms. Added dressing changes when integrity is impaired. Changed dressing change at 24 hours to assessed for dressing change needed. Removed

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						Biopatch language. Updated references.
801.00 v9		X			Pressure Injuries (PI): Identification, Prevention, and Management	Major changes made include: Changed physician to practitioner. Removed policy reference to administrative policy in the body of the policy. Updated care planning to reflect new electronic health record, changed Braden score to 18 or less. Updated staging guidelines reference. Removed brand names and replaced with generic terms.
801.01 v4		X			Wounds in Adults: Identification and Management	Major changes made include: Updated collaboration with negative pressure wound therapy. Updated policy references. Updated care plan for "compromised skin integrity". Updated wound documentation to reflect new electronic health record. Added wound dressing documentation for each shift. Removed Physical Therapy from wound treatment. Updated weekly Wound Resource Nurse assessment and reporting.
588.00 v3		X			Midline Catheter	Major changes made include: Updated criteria for length of therapy. Updated vesicant

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						medication and pH language. Update reference to add evidence-based practices. Updated ordering and consent requirement. Updated dressing changes to match the central line dressing change process. Added removal language. Updated references. Added language for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.
501.02 v8		X			Guidelines for Administration of Intravenous (IV) Tissue Plasminogen Activator (tPA) in Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke	Major changes made include: Updated treatments to avoid while using administering tPA, updated interventions with team approval. Updated references.
850.00 v1	X				Ultrasonic Endovascular System for Thrombus Management	This is a new policy that establishes guidelines for the proper use, management, and safety procedures of the Ultrasonic Endovascular System in a hospital setting to ensure effective treatment of pulmonary embolism and vascular thrombosis. It details the system's components, including the Ultrasonic Control Unit, Endovascular Device, infusion pumps, and ultrasonic cart, as well as their functions. The policy outlines

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						<p>indications and contraindications for use, emphasizing physician discretion. It also provides step-by-step procedures for equipment preparation, device setup, insertion, treatment initiation, troubleshooting, and removal, all in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Lastly, it highlights the importance of nursing education and competency validation for patient monitoring and device management.</p>