

- All of the following are benefits of PICC lines in home infusions when compared to central venous catheters EXCEPT:
 - can be inserted by RN rather than physician
 - most often are inserted in the home
 - minimal infections compared to central venous lines
 - can be used for multiple types of infusions

- Which is rarely the cause of PICC line infections?
 - infusate contamination that leads to a catheter-related bloodstream infection
 - migration of organisms found on patient's skin from site of insertion
 - catheter of catheter hub contamination through direct contact with improperly cleansed hands
 - seeding hematogenously from other site of infection

- When instructing home caregivers about infection control, they should be taught when working with PICC lines:
 - washing hands with soap and water cannot be substituted
 - clean gloves are required
 - special equipment is required
 - if hands are not visibly soiled, an alcohol-based hand rub can be used

- The current standard of care for changing PICC line tubing is:
 - every 24 hours
 - every 48 hours
 - every 36 hours
 - no more frequently than every 72 hours unless infusion is blood, blood products or fat emulsion

- Regarding changing PICC line dressings, home caregivers:
 - cannot change dressing, as mandated by the CDC
 - can make routine dressing changes if instructed by a certified infusion nurse
 - can change dressing when an RN delegates this task
 - should be instructed in dressing changes for observing the catheter site and emergency reinforcement techniques

- The following signs in the patient with a PICC line are indicative of an infection EXCEPT:
 - redness around the catheter site or course of the line
 - swelling of the arm with the line
 - pus-like drainage at the catheter site
 - blood in the line near the catheter

- The PICC line home infusion caregiver should be independent in all of the following EXCEPT:
 - performing daily inspection of the PICC line dressing
 - reporting any potential complications
 - securing the dressing that has been compromised until the RN arrives
 - replacing a dislodged catheter

- PICC line dressings:
 - should be changed every day
 - are required to be transparent
 - should not contain any cream or ointment to the site, except with hemodialysis catheters
 - require the RN or caregiver to always wear a mask when changing the dressing

- Home infusion caregivers:
 - can be instructed at bedside in the home by an RN
 - should not work with elderly patients who are more prone to complications
 - should have at least 5 hours of training in the hospital before the patient is discharged
 - are required to pass a test administered by the CDC and kept on file

- Which of the following assessments by the home caregiver requires immediate notification to the RN?
 - difficulty flushing PICC line
 - elevated patient temperature above 99° F
 - swelling in the neck, face and chest
 - dressing at catheter site becomes moist

Evaluation

- I can discuss the routes of an infection via a PICC line.
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - neutral
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree
- I can describe the teaching plan for a patient with a PICC line in the home, by the nurse to the caregiver.
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - neutral
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree
- I can discuss how to assess and document problems associated with a PICC line.
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - neutral
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree
- The objectives relate to the overall goal of the article.
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - neutral
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree
- The article is well-written and logically organized, and defines terms adequately.
 - strongly agree
 - agree
 - neutral
 - disagree
 - strongly disagree

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