
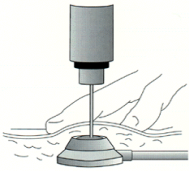




UK Catheter Flushing Protocol

Catheter Type	Solution	Frequency	Cautions
 <p>Non –Tunnelled (Central Line)</p>	<p>10 mL saline 0.9% +/- 5ml heparinised saline solution (10u/mL)</p>	<p>After each access when used intermittently, or weekly</p>	
 <p>Skin- Tunnelled (Hickman)</p>	<p>10 mL saline 0.9% +/- 5ml heparinised saline solution (10u/mL)</p>	<p>After each access or weekly</p>	
 <p>Ports</p>	<p>10 mL saline 0.9% +/- 5 mL heparinised saline solution (10u/mL)</p>	<p>After each access or monthly</p>	<p>Do not use a syringe smaller than 10 mLs in size to avoid catheter</p>
 <p>Dialysis</p>	<p>10 mL saline 0.9% +/- 5mL heparinised saline solution (10u/mL) Catheter volume only</p>	<p>After each access or weekly</p>	<p>Calculate 'dead space volume' to avoid systematic heparinisation</p>
 <p>PICC</p>	<p>10 mL saline 0.9% +/- 5 mL heparinised saline solution (10u/mL)</p>	<p>After each access or at least weekly</p>	

Reference: British Committee for Standards in Haematology (1997), Guidelines on the Insertion and Management of Central Venous Access Devices in Adults.