

Check Your Knowledge

Each question can have more than one correct answer.

QUESTION 1

How can you prevent infection when using your central venous access device?

- A. Wash your hands using the proper technique
- B. Vigorously wipe the needleless connector with alcohol for 15 seconds prior to using your CVAD
- C. Change the dressing daily
- D. Change the needleless connector every 2 days

QUESTION 2

How often do you change your central venous access device dressing?

- A. Once a day
- B. If the dressing is loose and no longer covers the entry site
- C. Every 7 days
- D. If the dressing becomes wet

QUESTION 3

Which statements are true about flushing your central venous access device?

- A. Flush any air through the tubing toward the heart as soon as you see it
- B. Wipe off the needleless connector with an alcohol wipe for 15 seconds before attaching the syringe
- C. Push any air out of the syringe before attaching it to the needleless connector
- D. The tubing does not need to be clamped after the line is flushed

QUESTION 4

When should you notify your doctor?

- A. If the line has moved or slipped out
- B. If you have redness, swelling, or soreness at the site of your CVAD
- C. Before your monthly dressing change
- D. If you cannot give fluids or medication through the tubing

Answers: Question 1 – A and B Question 2 – B, C, and D
Question 3 – B and C Question 4 – A, B, and D

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