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Venous Access Catheters

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Attachment:
Care of Central Venous
Access Devices

POLICY:

The Department of Anesthesia will follow all guidelines developed by MedStar Georgetown University Hospital with regard to the care of:

1. Central venous vascular access catheters (CVP)
2. Implanted venous access ports (Medi-Port, Port-a-Cath, Infuse-a-Port, Pas-Port)
3. Large bore implanted/tunneled dialysis/pheresis access catheters (PermaCath, 13-20 fr. Hickman)
4. Large bore percutaneous dialysis/pheresis access catheters (Quinton, Cook)

Before using one of the above catheters for infusions or blood sampling, the attending anesthesiologist will make a determination that the risk of using the catheter is (1) outweighed by the immediate needs of the patient's condition or (2) no additional risk to the integrity of the system will be incurred by using the venous access port.

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Attachments:

- A. Care of the Patient with Central Venous Vascular Access Devices – Nursing Policy #27

Refer also to Hospital Policy #124 Intravenous Therapy available via Starport