



North Carolina College of Emergency Physicians Standards Procedure (Skill) Venous Access: Central Line Maintenance



Clinical Indications:

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- Transport of a patient with a central venous pressure line already in place

Procedure:

1. Prior to transportation, ensure the line is secure.
2. Medications and IV fluids may be administered through a central venous pressure line. Such infusions must be held while the central venous pressure is transduced to obtain a central venous pressure, but may be restarted afterwards.
3. Do not manipulate the central venous catheter.
4. If the central venous catheter becomes dysfunctional, does not allow drug administration, or becomes dislodged, contact medical control.
5. Document the time of any pressure measurements, the pressure obtained, and any medication administration in the patient care report (PCR).

Certification Requirements:

- Maintain knowledge of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure. Assessment of this knowledge may be accomplished via quality assurance mechanisms, classroom demonstrations, skills stations, or other mechanisms as deemed appropriate by the local EMS System.