



**After Your  
PICC / Midline Catheter  
is Removed**

When your IV catheter is removed it is important for you to:

1. Keep the pressure dressing on your arm clean and dry for 24 hours.
2. Remain quiet with your affected arm at rest for at least 1 hour after the catheter is removed.
3. If applicable, try not to use crutches or walker for at least 1 hour after the catheter is removed as the use of these assistive devices will increase your risk of bleeding from the catheter site.
4. Do not lift anything heavier than a gallon of milk with the affected arm for 24 hours.
5. Look at the dressing on your affected arm every hour while awake to ensure that there is little to no bleeding. If you notice any bleeding, apply pressure to the area for 3-5 minutes or until the bleeding stops. If the bleeding does not stop after 5 minutes, contact your doctor or Emergency Medical Services for assistance.
6. After 24 hours, you may remove the pressure dressing from your affected arm and replace with a clean bandage.
7. After 48 hours, if no bleeding from the catheter exit site has occurred, the bandage may be removed.