

Metropolitan Referral Unit Fact Sheet

PICC Line Management

This fact sheet has been developed to assist clinicians in referring patients who require Peripherally Inserted Catheter (PICC line) management in the community. The need for this service may be identified in patients who are exiting public hospitals and who require long term intravenous therapy, for example intravenous antibiotics or chemotherapy.

PICC Line Referral Process

You will need:

- > Metropolitan Referral Unit Referral Form
- > Medication Authority if requiring medication administration
- > PICC insertion details, type and measurements and dressing requirement

Complete the Referral Form including the following information:

- > date of PICC insertion
- > location of PICC
- > arm circumference and the external catheter measurement from insertion site to longest connector at last dressing.
- > date of last PICC dressing, include non-standard dressing requirements
- > date PICC to be removed, if known
- > Outpatient Department review appointments, if known
- > if available, send copy of PICC patient information from radiology insertion.

Complete the Medication Authority including the following information:

- > medications required and include frequency, dose, time and completion date
- > sign and date authority, include Medical Officer contact details.

Please send above information to the Metropolitan Referral Unit and await service confirmation.

Forms and additional information can be found at: www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/MRU

Service confirmations are sent between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm, 7 days a week including public holidays.

For more information

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