



# Patient Safety

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## PREVENTING CENTRAL VENOUS CATHETER DISLOCATION



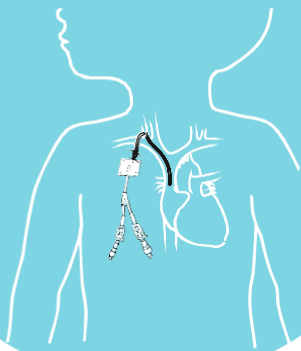
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Dear parents, this leaflet was designed to improve the care provided to your children who have a temporary **central venous catheter** in place.

A **central venous catheter (CVC)** is a crucial device for taking care of patients who require pharmacology treatments and frequent blood sampling.

The latter aspect is even more important in the pediatric setting, where obtaining a blood sample or placing a peripheral venous access can be very difficult.

In a child a **CVC** is positioned under general anesthesia. For this reason, an impeccable management is required both by the health care providers and by the child's parents.

It is very important to always guarantee high levels of environmental hygiene and strict compliance with hygiene measures, because a potential site infection could pose serious risks to the health of the patient.

Any child can live a normal life even if he or she has a **central venous catheter** in place, as long as you remember a few simple things.



Check that the dressing is always well attached to the skin. If not, call the nurse immediately.



Check that the infusion tubes connected to the CVC are never extended.



Make sure there is always an elastic band on your child's head to hold still the infusion tubes and lighten their pressure on the insertion site.



Place some cotton gauze or a pair of socks on your child's hands to prevent him or her from grabbing the tubes.



Always call the nurse any time the child needs to move and during total hygiene.