

My Pump Alarms

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Steps to troubleshooting

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The rules...

- Use 10 cc syringes only
- DO NOT FORCE OR PUMP to open the line
- DO NOT USE HEPARIN
- All manipulation of the undressed PICC site is sterile
- Call the PICC team if you have any questions during this process
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Equipment Needed

- Saline syringes
- New Injection cap



Step 1

- Position the PICC arm in a neutral position.
- Inspect the PICC site
 - Are the clamps all open?
 - If not, open the clamps and attempt to flush
 - If yes, they are open, check further, next slide

Step 2

- Does the pump alarm "occlusion"?
 - If yes,
 - If the occlusion is above the pump, check the bag to see if it's empty. Replace the bag
 - If the occlusion is in the pump tract, check to see if the tubing is damaged. Replace the tubing
 - If the occlusion is below the pump, see if the tubing is kinked or the arm is bent. Unkink
 - If no, check further, next slide

Step 3

- Can you flush the line?
 - If yes, attempt to run the infusion on gravity.
 - Does the line run on gravity?
 - Yes run the infusion on a dial a flow and replace the pump
 - If no, flush with saline and check for kinks.
 - If this doesn't work, call the PICC team
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