

## I-110 IV Site Dressings

All venous access sites will be cleaned using aseptic technique at the time of insertion. The dressing will be changed when it becomes loose, soiled or wet and at predetermined and specified time intervals.

Standard precautions are observed throughout the procedure.

### Applies To

- Registered Nurses
- Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses
- Other (*Identify*): \_\_\_\_\_

### Gauze Dressings

1. Cleanse the area with antiseptic solution.
2. Apply antiseptic ointment to insertion site per physician order or per agency policy/protocol.
3. Position sterile gauze over the insertion site.
4. Seal edges of the dressing with tape.
5. Do not cover dressing with roller bandage.
6. Change dressing every 48 hours.

### Transparent Semipermeable Membrane Dressings

1. Cleanse area with antiseptic solution.
2. Apply transparent dressing according to the manufacturer's recommendations.
3. Position over the insertion site.
4. Smooth dressing from center toward edge.
5. Avoid sealing the dressing with tape.
6. Do not cover with a roller bandage.
7. Change immediately if there is excessive drainage or moisture or if the dressing becomes loose.
8. Change dressing on peripheral catheter sites when the site is rotated.
9. For other cannula sites, change dressing every 3 to 7 days.

***Note: When a transparent dressing is applied over gauze, it is considered a gauze dressing and must be changed every 48 hours. Many kits and/or trays are custom made and contain all necessary supplies.***

**Related Procedures**

None.

**Policy History**

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