

NURSING SKILLS CHECKLIST

Flushing a Vascular Access Device

Date: _____ **Facility:** _____

Nurse's Name: _____

PROCEDURE	YES	NO	N/A
1. Verify MD order for flush.			
2. Perform hand hygiene and don gloves			
3. Assemble normal saline flush syringes. Add heparin syringe if indicated.			
4. Scrub needleless connector on catheter lumen with antiseptic wipe and allow to dry.			
5. Attach normal saline flush syringe to needleless connector.			
6. Open clamp on catheter lumen.			
7. Aspirate for blood return then flush using "turbulent flushing" technique (push-stop, push-stop) per flushing procedure.			
8. Clamp catheter then disconnect syringe.			
9. If flushing with heparin, repeat steps 4-8.			
10. Repeat for each individual lumen if appropriate.			
11. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.			
12. Document the procedure in patient's chart according to policy.			

Evaluated By: _____

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