

PICC Line Removal



Today I am going to have my PICC line removed.

There are many reasons why I may have had a PICC line.

Now that my body does not need a PICC line anymore it is OK to remove it.



My PICC line may look like this.

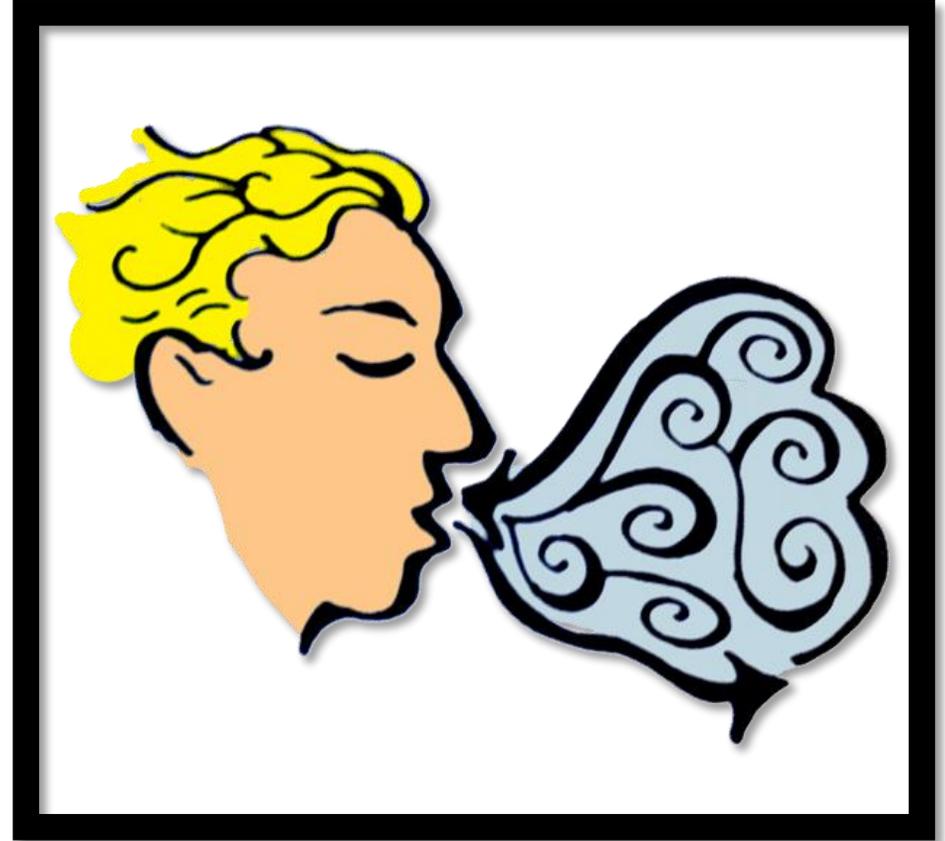


Before my nurse can remove my PICC line I will need to lay flat on the bed.



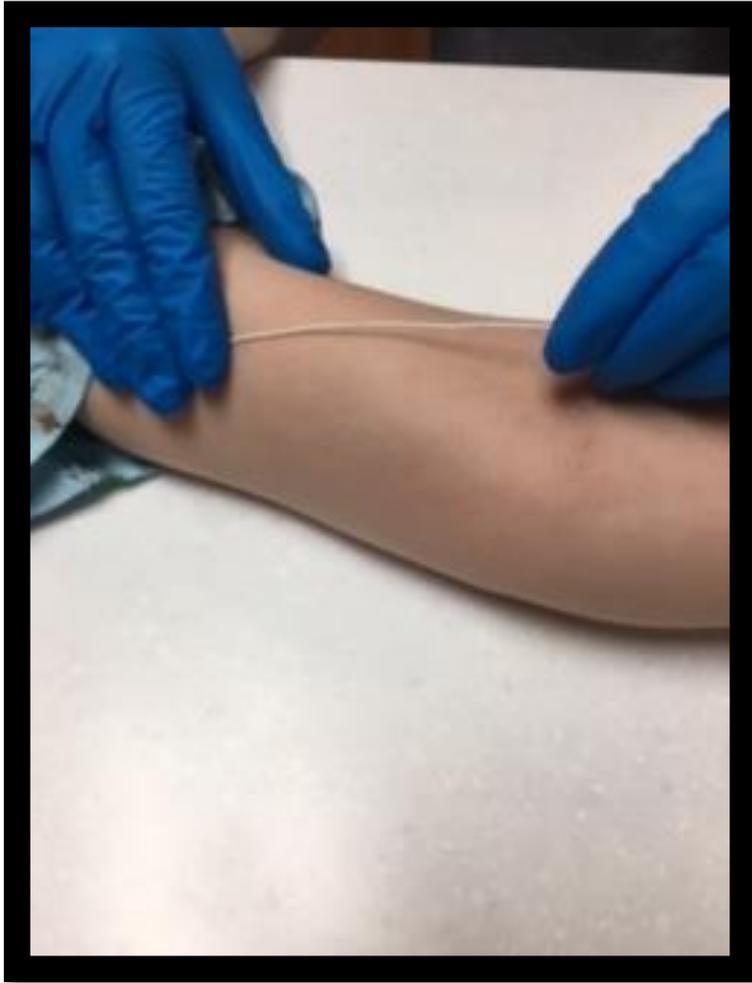
First my nurse will take off the clear bandage and any other band aids that protect my PICC line.

My nurse may use special wipes to help the bandages come off easier.



These wipes may feel cold against my skin.

I can take slow deep breathes to stay relaxed while the nurse removes my bandages.



Once the bandages are off the nurse will begin to remove my PICC line by gently pulling it out.

It is important that I stay very still while the nurse removes my PICC line.



After my PICC line is removed the nurse will hold pressure to my skin with a soft cloth called a gauze to keep it from bleeding.



A new gauze will then be placed on my skin with tape or a clear band aid to protect my skin while it heals.

It is important to leave this bandage on for at least 1 full day.

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