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## PICC RN

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**Pertinent Policies:** For additional information, review the following policies once you are ON-SITE (these require a PSJH login to access):

[Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter \(PICC\) and Midline Insertion, Adult & Pediatric](#)

[PH&S Oregon Nursing IV Maintenance Standards: Adult & Pediatrics](#)

[PH&S Oregon Nursing Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter \(PICC\) Consent](#)

[PH&S Oregon IV: Peripheral Access Insertion with Ultrasound Guidance - Adult & Pediatric](#)

[PH&S Oregon Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Insertion \(PICC\) Credentialing for Inserting Adult PICCS](#)

[GOP: Patient Identification and Verification](#)

[PSJH-CLIN-1209 Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection \(CLABSI\) Prevention](#)

Lippincott Procedure: [Peripherally inserted central catheter \(PICC\) flushing and locking](#)

Lippincott Procedure: [Peripherally inserted central catheter \(PICC\) flushing and locking, pediatric](#)

Lippincott Procedure: [Midline catheter insertion](#)

Lippincott Procedure: [Midline catheter flushing and locking](#)

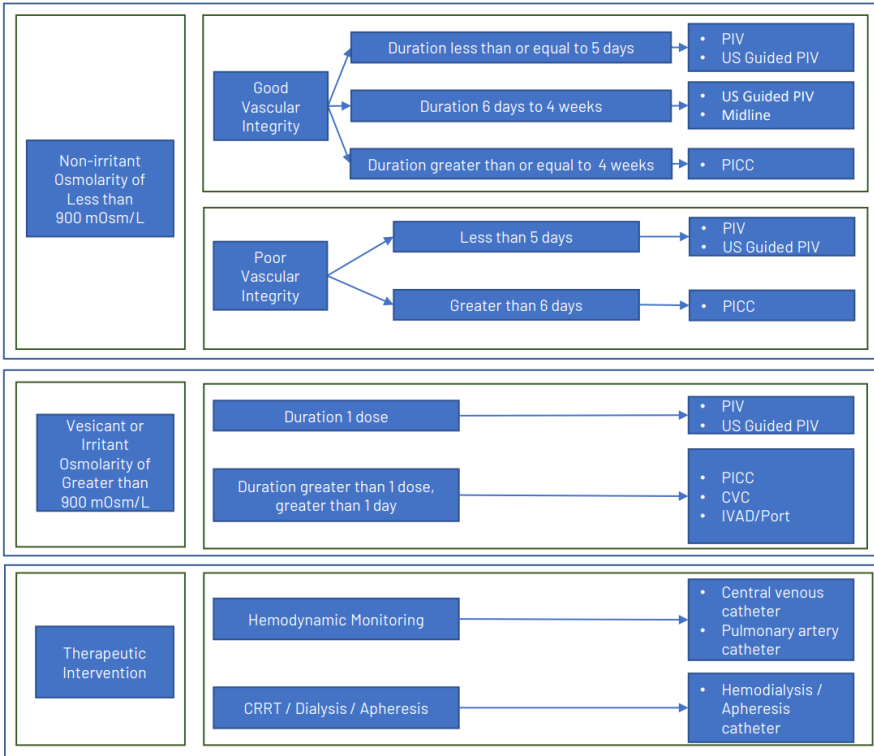
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### PICC Indications

- Central access needed for > 5 days for:
  - High glucose concentration (> 10%)
  - Osmolarity > 900 mOsm/L
  - Hemodynamic monitorin
  - Long term IV antibiotic therapy
  - Vesicant drug infusion such as chemotherapy or vasopressors,
  - TPN
  - Concentrated electrolytes
  - Difficult intravenous access (DIVA)

Must have a provider order to place a PICC line, a PARQ for PICC placement, and a signed consent

1. **NOTE:** PICC RN may perform PARQ if not completed by provider. Refer to [Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter \(PICC\) Consent](#)



**Vascular Access Practice Considerations & Key Definitions:**

- VAD assessment should occur at a minimum q shift
- Goal of VAD placement should be vein preservation and the best access device to meet the patient's treatment plan
- Avoid lower extremity placement
- Place and maintain device(s) with the least number of lumens for prescribed therapy
- This is not a comprehensive list; additional factors may need to be considered when selecting a VAD (e.g., future need of hemodialysis)
- Placement of an US guided PIV should be completed only by trained individuals
- When available, please consult the Vascular Access Team (VAT) or equivalent with questions and refer to local policy
- Good vascular integrity**- skin is moist, without edema or bruising evident. Good turgor. Veins are visible and/or palpable. Limited comorbidities.
- Poor vascular integrity**- skin is thin and fragile, without visible and/or palpable veins. Multiple venous access cannulation/device placements. Significant edema, obesity (>35 BMI), comorbidity. History includes comorbidity, IVDU, CKD, lupus.

**Low dose vesicant/irritant peripheral infusion best practices:**

- Refer to local policy to validate approved practice, medication, and dose**
- Review vesicant/irritant properties and ensure antidote (if any) and extravasation medications are readily if available
- Assess site prior to administration, Use PIV or US guided PIV placed by the VAT (if available)
- Avoid sites with impaired circulation and, hand, wrist or AC placement.
- Ensure clear visualization of the site throughout the infusion.
- Maintain free-flowing IVF to dilute the medication
- Ensure good blood return from the line
- Use a large vein for PIV administration with an appropriately sized cannula
- Insert a new line if more than 24 hours old
- Do not infuse via midline catheters

**Infection Risk Based on Vascular Access**

