



# Practice Update

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## Vascular Access Clinical Standards Update

Based on feedback from staff, the vascular access team made the following clarifications related to the newly revised vascular access clinical standards.

### “Hang Time for Continuous Infusion” grid:

The following drugs have been added to the grid: Ondansetron, nicardipine, esmolol and diphenhydrAMINE, LORazepam, dexamethasone.

### Implanted Port Care Clinical Standard:

Two points of clarification/change:

1. Apply the Biopatch **under** the needle, not over it. The language in the standard has been corrected.
2. The time frame to use a Biopatch with a port is based on the anticipated access time, and has been revised to **24** hours. It now states:  
"Application of Chlorhexidine Impregnated product (i.e. Biopatch) **under** the port needle is required when access is expected to last more than 24 hours, or when the anticipated length of infusion is unknown. When access will be shorter than 24 hours, no Biopatch is necessary."

### New resources to assist with port-a-cath access:

- **Port-a-cath Port Access Package:** provides sterile field and tray, sterile medium size gloves, chlorahexidine prep and sterile NS syringe. Add appropriate size gloves, Biopatch and needle as needed. Order from materials, product number # 25147:  
<http://khan.childrensmn.org/Manuals/MaterialMgt/199550.asp>
- **Video clip:** Sterile Port-a-cath access with Biopatch dressing.  
Click [here](#) to the watch the video clip.

The vascular access team will continue to monitor questions and concerns over the coming weeks. Please continue to share your concerns with any one from the team: Wendy Berg, Robin Hueneke, Mary Langevin, Kristin McCullough, Melissa Steger, Keri Rateliff, Kim Lorence, or Janet Logid.