

2012 Kay's Kamp CVL/Water Activities Policies

4.21 Central Venous Lines: Bathing

Purpose: To provide protection of the line from water and the organisms that can cause systemic infections.

Procedure:

1. Any child with a Port-a-Cath that is not accessed and was implanted greater than 2 weeks prior will not need a dressing to cover the site.
2. Every effort will be made by the staff counselor that the child is comfortable with the schedule and form of bathing. The counselor will be responsible for ensuring the child reports to the Zoo for the Aqua Guard dressing to be placed.
3. Any child with an external Central Venous Line (CVL) will need to report to the Zoo prior to showering, in order to provide **Aqua Guard** to the site. *Aqua Guard* is a latex-free impermeable moisture barrier that protects surgical incisions, dressings and vascular access sites while showering or sponge bathing. Keeps the site dry, helping to protect against waterborne bacteria.
4. The child will then return back to the Zoo following bathing for the Aqua Guard to be removed and the Zoo staff to ensure that the CVL dressing remains intact.

4.22 Central Venous Lines : Water Activities

Purpose: To provide protection of the CVL from clean water and the organisms that can cause systemic infections.

Procedure:

1. The activities staff will provide the ZOO and physician onsite a list of activities that the campers will be participating in throughout the week. The activities that will involve any water of any kind i.e water guns, wading pools, water balloons, will be highlighted, indicating to the ZOO staff the need for additional protection for campers who have external CVL's .
2. Any child with a Port-a-Cath that is not accessed and was implanted greater than 2 weeks prior will not need a dressing to cover the site.
3. The counselors will be notified to as to pending activities containing water and the need for the camper to report to the ZOO for Aqua Guard moisture barrier dressing to be placed over external CVL.
4. The ZOO will maintain a comprehensive list of those campers who have CVL's and assure that each one receives the additional dressing prior to the activity containing water.
5. Following the activity the camper with the CVL will return to the ZOO to have the Aqua Guard will be removed and the dressing will be assessed and changed, to ensure sterility.

4. 23 Central Venous Lines: Swimming

Purpose: To provide protection of the external CVL from water in a chlorinated pool and the organisms that can cause systemic infections. To provide a fun summer activity while maintaining safety and appropriate care for the line.

Procedures:

1. The activities staff will provide the ZOO and physician onsite a schedule that involves swimming.
2. The programming/activities staff will understand the importance of water safety regarding external CVL's and will provide a separate time of swimming for those who have these lines. Only those kampers with external CVL's who have the approval of their physician and parent will be allowed to participate in this specifically supervised activity.
3. Per the policy of Al DuPont Hospital for Children any kamper who has an external CVL is permitted to go into the chlorinated water up to their waist. The kamper will receive Aqua Guard prior to entering the water and immediately upon exiting the water the Aqua Guard will be removed and the dressing will be assessed and changed, to ensure sterility.