

Change in “Final Locking Solution” in Your Apheresis Catheter

What is new to caring for your apheresis catheter?

There have been updates recently to the infusion care guidelines that have been found to provide better care for your apheresis line.

What is a “final locking solution”?

A “final locking solution” is what is put into your apheresis catheter when it is not being used to decrease the risk of clot forming inside of it. This means that if everything is going fine, your apheresis catheter will only need nursing care weekly when it is not being used. If you decrease the number of times your apheresis line is open this decreases the risk of infections.

What is changing in the care for my line?

→ Nurses will now use a final locking solution of citrate 4% **weekly** instead of the heparin 10U **daily**

The final locking solution of citrate 4% weekly is an improvement on our current process of heparin 10U daily.

How do I care for my apheresis catheter?

If you wish to have more information on your catheter, ask your nurse for a copy of our patient education sheet “**Going home with your Tunneled Catheter**”.

<http://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/documents/Patient%20Education/TunneledCathGoingHome-th.pdf>