# CENTRAL VENOUS LINE CARE BUNDLE

| What is a Care Bundle? | - A care bundle is a structured way of improving processes of care and patient outcomes  
- It is a small straightforward set of practices that, when performed collectively, reliably and continuously, have demonstrated improvement in patient outcomes |
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<td>Aim:</td>
<td>To reduce the incidence of catheter-related bloodstream infections</td>
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| Ongoing Care Actions: | **Hand Hygiene:**  
- Wash hands prior to accessing CVLs  
- Use correct hand hygiene procedure  
- Wear gloves  

**Catheter Site Inspection:**  
- Daily inspection and documentation of exit site for signs of infection  

**Dressing:**  
- An intact, dry, adherent transparent dressing must be present and changed at least every 7 days  

**Catheter Access:**  
- Use aseptic/non-touch technique  
- Firmly wipe port or hub using friction with 2% chlorhexidine gluconate in 70% isopropyl alcohol for 30 secs and allow to dry prior to access  

**Administration Set Replacement:**  
- Following administration of blood, blood products – immediately  
- Following total parenteral nutrition/ fluids with additives – after 24 hrs  
- Following other fluids without additives - after 72 hrs  
- Label administration set with date and time  

**No routine catheter replacement**

Acknowledgement to the Department of Health’s web site: [www.clean-safe-care.nhs.uk](http://www.clean-safe-care.nhs.uk)