

IV FAQ SHEET #1

CENTRAL LINE PLACEMENT

1. PICC Lines: PICC lines should be placed in the SVC (cavo-atrial junction). Catheter length and a chest X-ray documenting tip location is required. If a catheter is not placed centrally, or is in the R atrium, the catheter needs to be repositioned. All other placements must be cleared by Infusion and Pain Program Manager or a member of Nursing Administration.
2. Pheresis and Hemodialysis catheters: R Atrial Placement is acceptable. A chest x-ray confirming tip location is required. These catheters are routinely placed in the R Atrium for maximum blood flow. No length is required.
3. Portacaths, and Tunneled central lines (hickman, broviac, pasv, groshong): Chest X-ray documenting tip placement is required. No length is required. These catheters may either be placed in the SVC or R Atrium depending on the physician's preference.