

AUTHORIZATION RECORD: CENTRAL VENOUS LINES REMOVAL

Name: _____ Unit: _____

Performance Criteria	Demonstration
1. States 3 criteria to be met prior to removal of central line.	
2. States 6 potential complications of central line removal.	
3. Confirms physician's written order.	
4. Verbally prepares patient for procedure. Places patient in supine position, face turned away from site, if appropriate	
5. Closes flow clamp on IV tubing.	
6. Removes dressing. Assesses site for signs of infection and/or complaints of tenderness from patient.	
7. Using aseptic technique, cleanses site and removes suture.	
8. Grasps catheter by hub and slowly withdraws while patient performs Valsalva maneuver (or on expiration for the patient who is mechanically ventilated or cannot follow directions).	
9. Applies manual pressure over site with sterile gauze until bleeding stops.	
10. Applies occlusive dressing.	
11. Assesses catheter for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rough edges • discharge • length 	
12. Documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date and time of removal • Reason for removal • Dressing applied • Condition of catheter and exit site 	
Signature of Observer: _____ Date: _____	