



## PLACEMENT

- Stretch the skin at the insertion site to create a small opening in the skin beneath the catheter to be able to place the SecurAcath anchors
- Use the tip of a dilator to stretch the skin opening if necessary to allow easier insertion
- Once the anchors are beneath the skin, orient the base in the direction you want to have the catheter lie before releasing the anchors
- Insert anchor a few mm beneath the dermis, allow it to open, then gently pull back to ensure the anchor is within the subcutaneous tissue, and yet below the dermis
- Be sure catheter shaft is clean and dry before affixing SecurAcath cover. If ultrasound gel got on the catheter, clean it off with saline and then dry before affixing SecurAcath cover
- Make sure the cover is fully engaged with the anchor base. There should be no gap between the cover and base around the edge of the device

## DRESSING

- Do not twist or turn the SecurAcath from its original position once the anchors have been deployed
- Place the transparent dressing on somewhat loosely. If the dressing is applied too tightly it can cause discomfort to the patient with movement
- Be sure the hub of the catheter is under the transparent dressing or stabilized with Steri-Strips to prevent pulling or kinking of the catheter
- If the patient complains of pain at the insertion site, try changing the dressing. Make sure the SecurAcath is lying flat on the skin and has not been shifted from its original position. Replace transparent dressing; make sure it is not too tight

## REMOVAL

- If the insertion site is "crusty" or scabbed, use sterile gauze and saline to soak the site for a few minutes. The tissue will soften and SecurAcath removal will be easier
- The flexible anchors are shaped like an "L" with the feet extending 5mm to each side of the insertion site
- Apply firm pressure at the insertion site with one finger right above the anchor foot
- Use a swift, deliberate tug to remove each anchor separately
- Some patients are more sensitive to pain than others. In those instances, it may be appropriate to obtain an order for use of an anesthetic prior to removal. However, most patients will tolerate the brief discomfort associated with removal when it is done following the steps outlined above

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