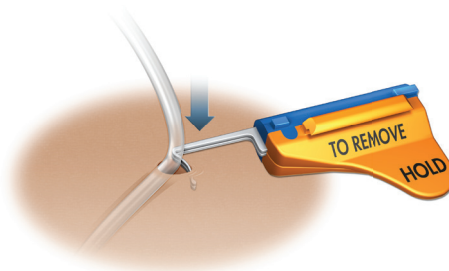


Place catheter according to protocol, leaving 3cm of catheter external to the insertion site. SecurAcath requires 3cm of catheter shaft to attach to catheter.

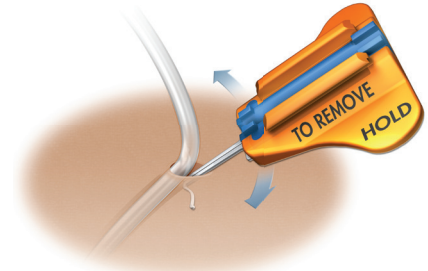
Select appropriate size SecurAcath device to match catheter diameter. If the catheter is labeled with a half French size, use the closest smaller size SecurAcath, e.g. with 8.5F catheter, use 8F SecurAcath.



- Fold the anchor base downward until anchor tips come together
- Lift the catheter to visualize the insertion site
- Apply light traction to the skin to help dilate the insertion site
- Use the tip of a dilator to stretch the skin opening if necessary



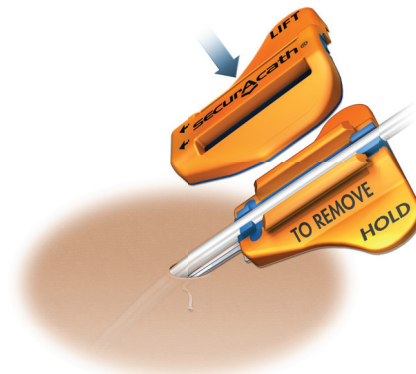
- Hold folded anchor base perpendicular to the catheter track
- Slant anchor base at 30 degree angle to skin surface with anchor tips pointing towards insertion site
- Insert anchor tips into the insertion site following catheter track until the curved segment is no longer visible



- Align base with catheter shaft
- Advance anchor a few mm or, if possible, up to where the anchor meets the base
- Release anchor base to allow it to open until flat
- Gently retract anchor base to be sure there is some subcutaneous tissue between the anchor and the dermis



- Use sterile gauze to remove blood, ultrasound gel or other fluids from the catheter
- Be sure catheter and anchor base are clean and dry
- Align catheter with the groove in the anchor base and press catheter into the groove



- Place cover on the anchor base by pressing firmly at center then all four corners while holding the anchor base
- Check to be sure cover is fully attached to anchor base. No gap should be visible between the cover and anchor base.



- Catheter is now secured
- SecurAcath device lays flat on skin and will secure catheter for the duration of therapy
- Optional – cover may be removed and replaced to adjust catheter length
- Dress site per hospital protocol
- Apply transparent dressing somewhat loosely. Make sure catheter hub is under the dressing with only extension tubes outside