

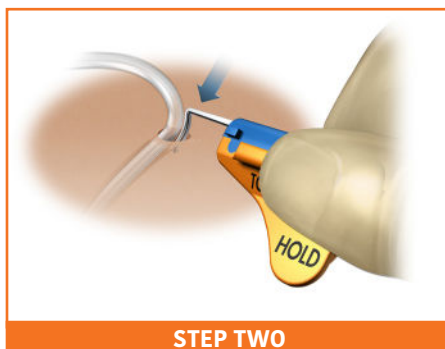
Place catheter according to protocol, leaving 3cm of catheter external to the insertion site. SecurAcath requires 3cm of catheter shaft to attach to catheter. The back end of the SecurAcath device should not be placed beyond the zero mark on the catheter or closer than 1cm from the catheter hub.

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.



**STEP ONE**

- Fold the base downward until tips of feet come together.
- Lift the catheter to visualize the insertion site.
- Apply traction to the skin to help dilate the insertion site.
- Use the tip of a dilator to stretch the skin opening if necessary.
- The stiffening stylet may be left in the catheter until the SecurAcath is in place.



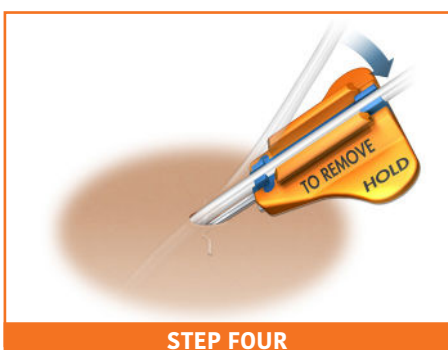
**STEP TWO**

- Hold folded base at an angle to skin surface aiming tips of feet at the insertion site.
- Insert tips of feet into the insertion site and advance a few millimeters into subcutaneous tissue.
- While folded, align base to desired dwell orientation.



**STEP THREE**

- Release base to allow it to open until flat.
- Gently retract base to be sure there is some subcutaneous tissue between the feet and the dermis.



**STEP FOUR**

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



**STEP FIVE**

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



**STEP SIX**

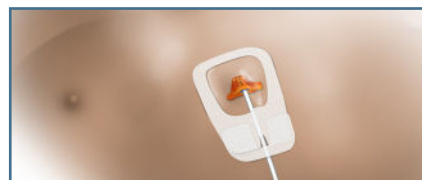
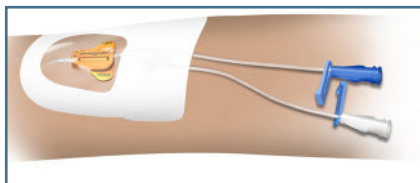
- Catheter is now secured.
- SecurAcath device lays flat on skin and will secure the catheter for the duration of therapy.
- Optional – Cover may be removed and then replaced to adjust catheter position.
- Dress site per hospital protocol.

(Continued on back)

## STEP SEVEN

When dressing is applied per hospital protocol, ensure:

- Not to apply stretch to the dressing upon application.
- Ensure the borders are completely contacting the skin and sealed.
- Be sure to stabilize catheter wings/hubs on vascular access catheters, or at least 2 cm of catheter body on drainage catheters under the dressing to prevent pulling or kinking of catheter distal to the SecurAcath.



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