Communicating About SecurAcath

Background:

SecurAcath is a standard of care for vascular access and drainage catheter securement. The information below is suggested communications to be provided to the patient about their SecurAcath and resources available to support community providers about care and maintenance and removal. The goal is to ensure the patient and care advocates can utilize the available tools to ensure a successful removal experience wherever their care is provided.

Patient Education:

Suggested Script to communicate to your patients

Your [CATHETER TYPE] is held in place with a device called a SecurAcath. This device has many benefits, but three of the major ones are: 1) It does not need to be changed weekly with dressing changes like other securement devices 2) It will more reliably keep your catheter in place for the entire length of therapy and 3) It decreases the risk of infection significantly. Not all clinicians are familiar with the device, but there are resources available to help clinicians and patients become familiar with how to maintain it and remove it when therapy is complete. [Indicate who makes that decision, where in their care plan they will have a removal plan].

In this patient guide, there are several tools that you, as you advocate for yourself, can share with anyone unfamiliar with SecurAcath. It can connect you to the company and they can also provide training and support.

[Show the QR code for the APP, and suggest they download it. Explain there is a phone icon in the app to connect to the clinical information line. The number is also in the guide, and the guide itself has step-by-step instructions for healthcare providers.]

REMINDER: Include the SecurAcath Smart Phrase in your procedure note.

Resources:

SecurAcath Patient Guide in English

SecurAcath Patient Guide in Spanish

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

Benefits of Using a Smart Phrase in Healthcare EMR

CONSISTENCY IN DOCUMENTATION
Ensures uniform and accurate recording of device-specific instructions across all patient records

TIME EFFICIENCY
Allows clinicians to insert detailed, pre-approved text quickly, saving time during charting

IMPROVED COMPLIANCE
Helps include all necessary safety protocols and instructions, reducing the risk of omissions

CLINICAL EDUCATION
Acts as a built-in guide for clinicians unfamiliar with specific devices or procedures.

WORKFLOW INTEGRATION
Seamlessly integrates into EMR workflows, supporting standardized care across teams.

RISK REDUCTION
Embeds critical instructions to prevent misuse or errors that could impact patient safety.

Below is a sample *SMART PHRASE* that can be used as you add SecurAcath as a standard of care for catheter securement to improve documentation and communication efficiency

Attention: This patient's catheter is secured with SecurAcath instead of a traditional suture or adhesive-based securement. This is a subcutaneous anchor securement system (aka SASS or SecurAcath) that holds the catheter just below the skin with small, blunt securement feet and a friction-fit grip around the catheter. SecurAcath will remain in place until the catheter is removed.

- SecurAcath may be disinfected during a dressing change, but do not open or remove it
- SecurAcath acts like a hinge – lift off the skin, clean 360 degrees around the insertion site, let dry completely and apply new dressing
- SecurAcath is compatible with all dressings and antiseptic agents
- Ensure the suture wings of the catheter and SecurAcath are completely under the border of the dressing
- Adhesive securement (such as Statlock®) is not necessary when SecurAcath is present
- Patients can go to MRI with SecurAcath device in place
- When the catheter is indicated for removal, **watch the removal video** or call for training if you have not removed a SecurAcath before
- 24-hour SecurAcath Clinical Education and Support at **800-225-0000**

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