



Speak Up to Prevent CLABSI

Your child's health and safety are important to us. You can make a difference in your child's care by asking questions and being actively involved.

What is CLABSI?

A Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection occurs when bacteria enter the blood through a catheter or tube in a vein.

What can you do to help prevent CLABSI?

- Wash your hands before touching, feeding, or holding your child. Wash your hands after changing diapers and touching personal devices like cell phones. Remind your child and their care providers to wash their hands often.
- Do not wear any clothing, jewelry, or other accessories below the elbow and avoid long fingernails when you are with your child. These types of accessories cannot be thoroughly cleaned through regular handwashing and can harbor bacteria.
- When holding your child, be cautious of tubing and ensure it does not touch the floor.
- Avoid touching the central line and other tubing on your child. Ask care providers to clearly identify the central line on your child and be sure to identify it to visitors. Ask visitors not to touch the central line and other tubing.
- Avoid touching bandages and dressings on your child. If bandages come off, become wet or dirty, tell your care providers immediately.
- Ask care providers how long your child will have a central line and if they have a plan to remove it.

Speak up if you have any questions or concerns about your child's central line.