Why StatLock® PICC Plus Stabilization Devices?

Suture and tape were traditionally used to stabilize PICC catheters. However, neither were specifically designed to do so. StatLock® PICC Plus stabilization devices are specifically designed to stabilize PICC catheters, thereby improving patient comfort and safety while reducing potential complications associated with traditional securement.1,2,3

Precautions:

The StatLock® PICC Plus stabilization device should be monitored daily and replaced if the pad is lifting, at least every 7 days. The catheter insertion site should be treated per health care provider’s recommendations. The StatLock® device is contraindicated on patients with known tape or adhesive allergies. Alcohol and acetone may weaken the adhesive bond between the StatLock® device pad and the skin. Care should be taken when using these solutions while performing catheter site care.

Please consult product inserts and labels for any indications, contraindications, hazards, warnings, cautions and directions for use.

For additional information on the StatLock® PICC Plus stabilization device, please call your local StatLock® Stabilization Device Representative, or call Customer Service at 800.526.4455.

1. Wood D, Beve-Geddes LA. A comparative retrospective analysis of two securement techniques for peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC) and Midlines in the homecare setting. JVAD 1997 Vol 2, No 3:11–16.

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Prep
1. Cleanse around catheter insertion and outlined securement site with ChloraPrep®, alcohol or as recommended by your health care provider. This is important to remove any lotions or oils from the skin so the anchor pad will hold well.
2. Apply skin protectant provided to same securement site, apply in direction of hair growth to lay any hair around insertion site flat. Allow to dry completely (10–15 seconds) until it feels smooth to the touch. Skin protectant helps to further enhance the adherence and holding power of the anchor pad to your skin.

Press
3. Align anchor pad so blue directional arrows point toward catheter insertion site.
4. Sliding Posts (if the posts on the StatLock® device retainer slide back and forth) Place suture hole in catheter wing over first post, then slide catheter to capture second post.
5. Fixed Posts (if the posts on the StatLock® device retainer do not slide back and forth or say do not move from side to side) Place suture holes in catheter wings over fixed posts.
6. Using thumbs support undersurface of anchor pad and catheter while closing retainer doors. This prevents you from pushing down on your skin.

Peel & Place
6. Peel away paper backing from anchor pad, one side at a time, (like applying a bandaid), then place on skin.
7. Apply transparent dressing over catheter insertion site and/or StatLock® device anchor pad as instructed by your health care provider.
8. Apply both dressing change labels provided.

Catheter Secured

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Removal Technique

Dissolve
1. Remove transparent dressing using “stretch technique.” Apply alcohol on top of the plastic doors and edges/ corners of the transparent dressing. With one edge on each side loosened, stretch in each direction by pulling the dressing horizontally across catheter to remove. Always start at the distal edge of dressing and work toward catheter to limit movement.
2. First lift edge of anchor pad using 3–4 alcohol pads by stacking together and squeezing alcohol onto skin and working under edge of pad. Then continue to stroke undersurface of pad with alcohol to dissolve anchor pad away from skin. Be sure to work underneath the pad and again squeeze the alcohol for easy removal. Pad should lift from skin. Do not pull or force pad to remove.
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5. Carefully remove PICC from retainer.
6. Re-apply another StatLock® PICC Plus stabilization device. Be sure to temporarily secure line by holding catheter with sterile gloved finger or sterile adhesive foam strip per health care provider’s recommendations.

Disengage
3. Fold adhesive anchor pad underneath on both sides so it sticks to itself.
4. Stabilize catheter with gloved finger while holding the StatLock® device. Next, use thumb of opposite hand to gently lift retainer door from behind while pressing down with index finger as shown. Reposition hands and repeat process to open second retainer door.
5. Carefully remove PICC from retainer.
6. Re-apply another StatLock® PICC Plus stabilization device. Be sure to temporarily secure line by holding catheter with sterile gloved finger or sterile adhesive foam strip per health care provider’s recommendations.
7. Discontinue line IF recommended by health care provider.