

**INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
COMPETENCY CHECKLIST: Removal of a Central Line**

Name: _____

Date: _____

Critical Behaviours	Yes	No	Comments
1. Collect appropriate equipment.			
2. Wash hands.			
3. Explain procedure to patient.			
4. Apply gloves.			
5. Place patient in supine position.			
6. Turn off all infusions.			
7. Remove dressing from central line site.			
8. Inspect insertion site for signs of infection or hematoma			
9. Cleanse site with betadine swabsticks.			
10. Remove suture.			
11. Place sterile gauze pad over insertion site.			
12. Ask patient to perform Valsalva's maneuver and withdraw catheter in one smooth motion.			
13. Check IV cannula for integrity. If C & S of the tip is required, cut the tip using sterile scissor and place in the sterile bottle.			
14. Apply pressure manually on insertion site for at least 5-10 minutes			
15. Check the site to ensure that there is no visible bleeding.			
16. Apply pressure dressing to the site.			
17. Remove and discard gloves, arterial line, and flush system in appropriate receptacle.			
19. Documentation: a) Date and time of removal b) Status of insertion site c) Application of dressing d) Patient's tolerance of procedure			