

### Affix Patient Label

Patient Name:	Date of Birth:

### **Acknowledgement of Saline Lock Education**

## It has been explained to me and I understand that:

- My provider has written orders to place a saline lock for the duration of my IV therapy.
- A registered nurse (RN) will check the IV site each day.
- The saline lock (IV) will be replaced only when clinically indicated (i.e. signs and symptoms of infection, infiltration, or phlebitis).

#### The care of the saline lock (IV) at home includes:

- A. Keep dressing clean and dry.
- B. If site becomes painful or red, I should:
  - If it is too painful to wait for the nurse to check at the next visit, I will follow these steps to remove the saline lock.
    - 1. Wash my hands with soap and water.
    - 2. Remove the tape.
    - 3. Pull the IV catheter straight out of my arm and hold pressure at the site for 2-3 minutes.
    - 4. Place clean gauze or band-aid over the site.
    - 5. I may remove the gauze or band-aid 1 hour after removing the catheter.
    - 6. I should wash the old IV site with soap and water.
    - 7. Follow-up as scheduled. Nurse will check the site at time of visit.
  - For accidental removal, start with step 4.
  - If the site stays red and painful and you have concerns, please go to the Emergency Room. Bring this instruction sheet with you.

# I have read and understand these directions. I have received supplies for saline lock removal.

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