CONSIDERATION WHEN INTRAVENOUS ACCESS IS REQUIRED

- What does the infant / child require the PVC for?
- Has the PVC been requested on the PINK SHEET?
- Are child / parent aware and consent to PVC insertion?
- Are child / parent warm enough for the PVC insertion?
- Consider 2nd person for advice / assistance?

PERIPHERAL VENOUS CATHETER (PVC) TROUBLESHOOTING

**PVC site is Leaking / Dressing wet**

- INVESTIGATE Source of Leak
  - Check T-connector is secured to hub of PVC
  - Recheck patency with 0.9% NaCl flush
  - If not flushing, remove PVC and consider restite
  - If oozing from insertion site, remove PVC and consider restite

**PVC is Blocked**

- Check ALL clamps open
  - Remove outer tapes to see if kink visible
  - YES Kink visible
    - Try to straighten and re-secure
    - If flushing, re-dress and re-secure
  - NO Kink visible
    - Re-flush to see if possible
    - If flushing, re-dress and re-secure

**PVC site is RED**

- Determine medication infusing through PVC
  - Seek advice from experienced ward staff
  - Upon flushing, if PVC painful or swollen, remove
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  - Consider restite

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