**Peripheral Venous Catheter (PVC) Troubleshooting**

**Considerations 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?
- Is the infant/child warm enough for the PVC insertion?
- Consider 2nd person for advice/assistance?
- Ensure the PVC Care Bundle is in use

**PVC Site is Leaking/ Dressing wet**
- INVESTIGATE Source of Leak
  - Check T-connector is secured to hub of PVC
  - Recheck patency with a 0.9% NaCl Flush
    - If not flushing, remove PVC and consider resite
    - If oozing from insertion site, remove PVC and consider resite

**PVC is Blocked**
- Check ALL clamps open
  - Remove outer tapes to see if kink visible
    - YES Kink visible
      - Try to straighten and re-secure
      - Flush PVC: If flushing, re-dress and re-secure
        - If not flushing, remove and consider resite
    - NO Kink visible
      - Re-flush to see if possible
      - If flushing, re-dress and re-secure
        - If not flushing, remove and consider resite

**PVC site is Red**
- Determine medication infusing through PVC
  - Seek advice from experienced ward staff
    - Upon flushing, if PVC painful or swollen, remove
      - Consider resite