Neonatal Longlines

TIPS FOR EASIER RETRIEVAL OF THE STYLET

1. Before catheter placement

Flush the catheter at the proximal end with either a saline solution or a diluted lipid solution using a 10mL syringe.





2. During catheter placement

Flush the catheter again with the solution of your choice. Do not bend or kink the catheter with the stylet in place. The exterior portion of the catheter should be kept in a straight line.

3. During stylet retrieval

Remove the stylet slowly, ensuring you keep even tension. If difficulty is experienced removing the stylet stop, and let vein rest for a minute and then try removal again very slowly. Gentle flushing of the catheter with diluted lipid solution (preferred) or saline assists in stylet removal.





Do not use syringes smaller than 10mL

Small volume syringes (1mL - 5mL) will result in excessive pressure being exerted and may result in damage to the longline.



