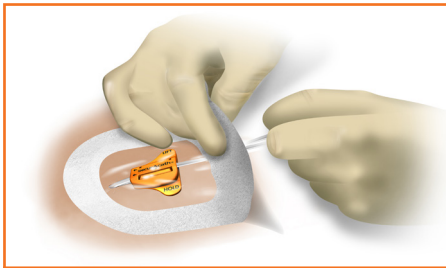
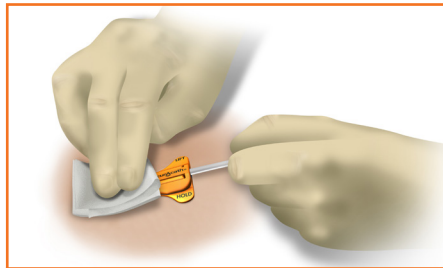


## DRESSING CHANGE



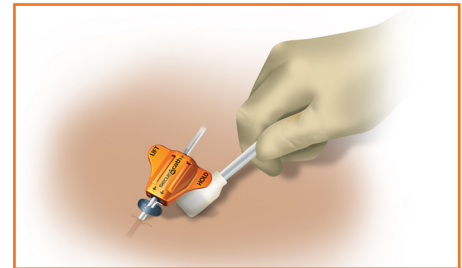
**REMOVE OLD DRESSING**

- Remove the old dressing while stabilizing the SecurAcath to avoid patient discomfort.



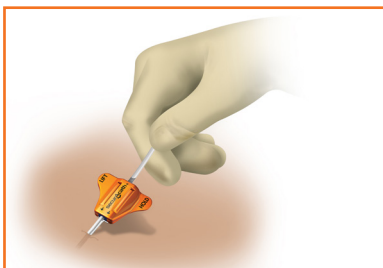
**THOROUGH DEVICE CLEANING**

- If blood is present on SecurAcath device, use saline soaked gauze to dissolve and remove blood.
- SecurAcath is a sealed device. Do not remove the device cover for cleaning.



**CLEAN THE SITE**

- Gently lift the catheter and SecurAcath device to clean around the catheter insertion site.
- Use antiseptic agent to clean 360 degrees around the site.
- Do not pull on, twist or rotate the SecurAcath device from its original position while cleaning the insertion site.



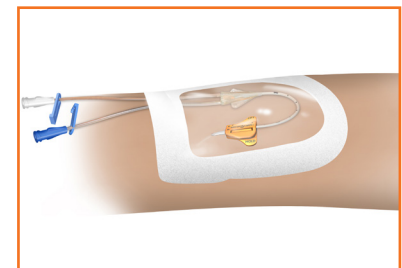
**ALLOW TO DRY**

- Keep catheter off of the skin and allow cleansing agent to dry completely.
- Do not turn or twist SecurAcath from its original position.



**APPLYING THE DRESSING**

- Antimicrobial discs and tissue adhesives can be used with SecurAcath. Place disc products by lifting the SecurAcath and sliding the slit around the catheter and SecurAcath legs. Follow manufacturers instructions for proper application of your specific product.
- Cover insertion site, SecurAcath and external portion of catheter with transparent dressing
- Do not stretch the transparent dressing tightly. Place the dressing around the edges of the device without tension.
- If dressing is applied too tight, it may create pressure on the SecurAcath and cause discomfort for patient.



**CATHETER WINGS**

- At times the catheter may have several centimeters exposed outside the SecurAcath.
- Be sure to stabilize catheter wings/hubs on vascular access catheters, or at least 2 cm of catheter body on drainage catheters under the dressing to prevent pulling or kinking of catheter distal to the SecurAcath.
- The dressing works together with the SecurAcath to prevent excessive tension on catheter.



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**STEP ONE**

- Lift the SecurAcath from the patient
- Grip the **HOLD tab** with thumb and finger of one hand to stabilize the wings of the SecurAcath



**STEP TWO**

- Pry **upward at the edge of LIFT tab** with the other hand to release cover from base (Like opening a can of soda).
- **Avoid twisting the base** while removing the cover. Twisting moves the feet below the skin and will be uncomfortable for your patient.



**STEP THREE**

- Remove the **catheter** – do not use excessive force
- Hold pressure at site to **achieve hemostasis**

## FOLD OPTION

Can be used with or without catheter in place



**STEP FOUR**

- Apply firm pressure at the insertion site to keep tissue still
- Fold wings downward to bring feet together under the skin

### HELPFUL HINTS

- Use saline soaked gauze if the insertion site is firm or a scab is present
- An analgesic may be used to numb the site to eliminate discomfort during anchor removal if patient is highly pain sensitive
- Firm pressure at the site to keep the tissue still allows for easier removal
- Purposefully remove the feet - following the shape of the foot
- Patient discomfort will be minimized or eliminated when the SecurAcath foot is removed **swiftly, without twisting or hesitation**

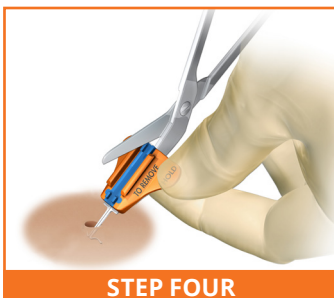


**STEP FIVE**

- Hold folded base horizontal to skin.
- Use **swift, deliberate upward motion** to remove following the shape of the feet.

## SPLIT OPTION

Catheter must be removed prior to using this method.



**STEP FOUR**

- Use a blunt tip scissors to cut base completely in half lengthwise along the blue groove, while holding the wings steady.
- Twisting will lead to discomfort so a confident steady cut is important.



**STEP FIVE**

- Apply firm pressure at the insertion site with one hand
- The flexible securement feet are shaped like an "L" with the feet extending 5mm to each side of the insertion site



**STEP SIX**

- Turn blue edge upward and use a **swift, deliberate upward motion** to remove each foot separately following the shape of the foot while **holding traction on the skin** near the insertion site



**OPTIONAL**

- If you meet excessive resistance, hold firm pressure over the foot with one finger at insertion site.
- Pull the foot against the pressure of your finger to straighten the flexible foot as you pull past the resistance.
- The nitinol foot is designed to flex out of the site without tissue damage.