

## What to do if...

### My child's central line won't flush:

**\*\*DO NOT flush if you meet resistance. This can cause the line to break or a blood clot to move into your child's body\*\***

1. Check to see if clamp is closed or tubing is twisted or kinked
2. If there are no kinks and clamp is not closed, change the needleless access device (cap/clave) and try again
3. Call your child's doctor if you are still not able to flush the line EASILY

### My child's central line pulls out (partially or completely):

1. Apply pressure with a sterile gauze/clean material to the site to stop bleeding
2. Have your child sit upright
3. Call your doctor/ go to the emergency room immediately
4. Place any part of your child's central line that has come out in a container and bring it to the hospital with you

### Fluid is leaking from my child's central line:

#### **Leaking from the line itself:**

1. Clamp the catheter (line) between your child and the site of the leak
2. Cover the break with a sterile gauze and tape
3. Call the doctor/ go to the emergency room immediately

#### **Leaking from my child's skin around where the central line goes into his/her body:**

1. Stop using the central line
2. Change your child's central line dressing if it is wet underneath
3. Call the doctor/go to the emergency room

### When to call the doctor: (go to nearest ED after hours)

1. Any fever over 100.5 F
2. Pus-like drainage from central line site
3. Redness, swelling, warmth, discomfort around the site
4. Any concern that the line has been pulled/removed
5. Any concern that the line has been broken
6. If you are not able to flush the line easily