

CATHOLIC HEALTH CRITICAL PATIENT SAFETY ALERT

Securing Lines with
Patient Movement
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Situation: A patient was transported from ICU to radiology for a CT scan. When moving the patient from the CT table back to the bed, the patient's central dialysis line was accidentally pulled out causing excessive bleeding.

Background: The patient was on a ventilator, with a subclavian central line, and arterial line and Foley catheter and required multiple staff to transfer from one bed to another.

Assessment: There was no clear communication among the staff members for ensuring all lines were secure and would not catch on anything during the transfer of the patient.

RECOMMENDATION: PAUSE PRIOR TO PATIENT MOVEMENT:

All staff should STOP, CLARIFY AND ENSURE lines/tubing are free from obstruction and risk for removal and will verbally agree this is the case.

*****PRIOR to ANY movement of the patient!*****

