

### Further sources of information

NHS Choices: [www.nhs.uk/conditions](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions)

Our website: [www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk](http://www.sfh-tr.nhs.uk)

### Patient Experience Team (PET)

PET is available to help with any of your compliments, concerns or complaints, and will ensure a prompt and efficient service.

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**Email:** [sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net)

If you would like this information in an alternative format, for example large print or easy read, or if you need help with communicating with us, for example because you use British Sign Language, please let us know. You can call the Patient Experience Team on 01623 672222 or email [sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net](mailto:sfh-tr.PET@nhs.net).

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## INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

# Newark Hospital PICC line service

## Aftercare for your PICC line

Aftercare will be provided on the Medical Day Case Unit which is based on the Fernwood Unit, at Newark Hospital.

## Looking after your PICC line

- When the PICC line is not being used, there is a slight risk of it becoming blocked. To stop this from happening, a small amount of fluid is flushed into the line using a syringe, usually done once a week.
- The caps or bungs at the end of the line need to be changed every week. If it gets wet or starts to peel off, it should be changed sooner.
- It is difficult to change the dressing with one hand so the nurses at the hospital will do this for you or arrange for a community nurse to visit you at home.

- When you are at home it is safe for you to have a shower or bath with your PICC line in, however, you will need a waterproof cover.

## Contact details

Telephone: 01636 685850.

## Your notes

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