Algorithm for Determining Essential and Non-Essential Central Venous Catheters

Patient with indwelling central venous catheter (CVC)

Patient actively receiving intravenous medications routinely OR < 48 hours after stop date of IV medication(s)

YES

Patient requires frequent blood draws that are essential for continue management of patient’s medical condition.

YES

On intermittent IV fluids and / or PRN IV meds only

YES

“ESSENTIAL” CVC

NO

“NON-ESSENTIAL” CVC

NO

Able to obtain them via peripherally venipuncture

NO

Patient’s medical condition warrants CVC to remain in place.