**DVT:**

**Step 5: Validation – Line Necessity and Removal**

Instructions: Complete line necessity and removal audits on 20% of patients (or a minimum of 2 patients per month) with existing PICC lines for the next 4 months.

Question: How many PICCs did you audit?  (Note - contact your hospital's QA Coordinator if you audited less than the minimum of 8 PICC lines).

Question: Which months did you audit?

* January
* February
* March
* April
* May
* June
* July
* August
* September
* October
* November
* December

Question: Of the audited PICCs, what percent were deemed as no longer appropriate and required removal?

#### What was done to facilitate early removal (i.e. physicians were contacted, policy change, use of the I-Decided tool)?

#### Have you implemented any of the following related to vascular access and/or DVT prevention since you began this step?

* New or Changed Process
* New or Changed Policy
* New Product
* Education
* Other
* None

For each of the changes you made, please provide specifics about what you did and when.