**Occlusion:**

**Step 4 Validation – Care and Maintenance Policy Review and Staff Education**

#### Does your hospital have a policy/procedure stating that the SASH (saline, medication administration, saline, heparin) or SAS (saline, medication administration, saline) method must be utilized for catheter flushes?

* Yes - SASH Method
* Yes - SAS Method
* No - Our hospital policy uses another flushing method
* No - Our hospital policy does not specify a flushing method

#### If your hospital's policy is to use the SAS method, do you only carry PICCs for which the manufacturer specifically does not require heparin locking?

* Yes
* No
* Hospital does not use the SAS method of flushing

#### If your hospital policy does not require the SAS or SASH Methods of flushing, please explain why? Please detail your hospital's flushing protocol.

#### Has your hospital made any changes to its catheter care and maintenance policies/practices as a result of your review?

* Yes
* No

If you have made changes to your catheter care and maintenance policies/practices, please describe the changes and when they were implemented.

If you have not made changes to your catheter care and maintenance policies/practices, please describe why not.

#### From the list provided, please detail who has been educated in appropriate flushing practices?

* Physicians
* Mid-Level Providers
* Nurses
* Nurse Assistants/Patient Care Technicians
* IV Technician/IV Team
* Phlebotomists
* Home Care Staff
* Other

#### How often are staff educated on correct flushing techniques?

#### When did you begin education on correct flushing techniques?

#### How were staff educated regarding appropriate flushing techniques (i.e. skills fair, educational session, webinar, email, etc.)?

#### Have you implemented any of the following related to vascular access and/or occlusion 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.