

## What happens when my child no longer needs the PICC?

When your child's treatment is finished, the doctor will decide if the PICC line can be removed. An uncuffed PICC can be removed at your child's weekly follow up appointment. A trained nurse will remove the dressing, cleanse the skin and pull out the PICC. Then, they will press on the exit site, and put on a dressing. Your child must lay down for 30 minutes. The dressing must stay on for 24 hours.

If your child has a cuffed line, and their PICC is ready to come out, the PIVOT doctor will make an appointment with the BCCH's Interventional Radiology department. Before the health-care team removes your child's PICC, they will give your child medicine to put them to sleep.

