



Procedure time is 45 minutes from start to finish. There is no recovery period after the procedure and your PICC line will be ready for immediate use. Home Care will be arranged through the LIHN to care for your PICC line.

Patient Preparations:

The patient should wear loose-fitting clothing that is easy to change out of. Please be sure to tell the technologist at the time of the procedure if you have any issues with one arm over the other (ex: lymph nodes have been removed, known vascular challenges, etc). Please bring a list of drug/medication allergies.

Bloodwork:

Bloodwork is generally not required for PICC line insertions, however if you do take an anticoagulant / antiplatelet medication then the following bloodwork should be **arranged by the Referring Physician** and is required within **1 week before** the procedure: **INR, PTT, CBC, CREATININE**

Bloodwork results are to be faxed to the Diagnostic Imaging department at **705-330-3224**

Please note: Patients on Warfarin (Coumadin) require new INR drawn the day before the procedure.
Please note: Unavailable bloodwork results may cause a delay or rebooking of the procedure.

Anticoagulation / Antiplatelet Medications:

If you take any of the following medications then talk to your physician if you need to stop them:

Medication	Number of Days to Hold
Enoxaparin (<i>Lovenox</i>)	Withhold 1 dose before procedure
Dalteparin (<i>Fragmin</i>)	Withhold 1 dose before procedure
Apixaban (<i>Eliquis</i>)	Withhold 3 days before procedure
Rivaroxaban (<i>Xarelto</i>)	Withhold 3 days before procedure

Medication	Number of Days to Hold
Dabigatran (<i>Pradaxa</i>)	Withhold 4 days before procedure
Warfarin (<i>Coumadin</i>)	Withhold 5 days before procedure until target INR \leq 1.8
Clopidogrel (<i>Plavix</i>)	Withhold 5 days before procedure
ASA (<i>Aspirin</i>)	Withhold 5 days before procedure

ORDERING PHYSICIAN: Please call the DI Nurse at 705-325-2201, ext. 3497 if you have concerns about holding your patient’s anticoagulation / antiplatelet medications.

Please bring your OHIP card to the hospital on the day of your appointment. If you are unable to keep this appointment then please phone the DI Booking Line at **705-327-9127** to cancel or rebook.

Questions or concerns about the procedure? Call the DI Nurse at **705-325-2201, ext 3497**