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Placing a ClearGuard HD Cap on a Haemodialysis Catheter

› Ensure that the catheter extension tubing pinch clamp is closed.

› Use the standard facility- or industry-recommended aseptic technique when accessing the catheter.

› Use the standard facility- and industry-recommended practices to flush the catheter and to instill locking solution. Ensure that the catheter extension tubing pinch clamp is closed.

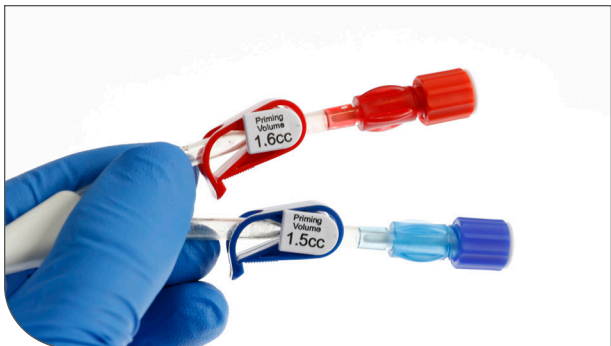› Remove the pair of ClearGuard HD caps that are contained in a shield from the foil pouch.

› Remove a single ClearGuard HD cap (red or blue), by rotating the lock ring counterclockwise, taking care to only handle the lock ring; do not touch the rod.

› Carefully insert the ClearGuard HD rod into the catheter hub and, using a simultaneous push-and-twist motion, tighten by rotating clockwise.
› Attach the remaining cap using the same procedure.

WARNING: Do not allow the ClearGuard HD rod or luer to contact non-sterile items; touching the rod or luer with non-sterile items may lead to a bloodstream infection. Discard the ClearGuard HD cap if the rod or luer contacts non-sterile items or gloved hands.
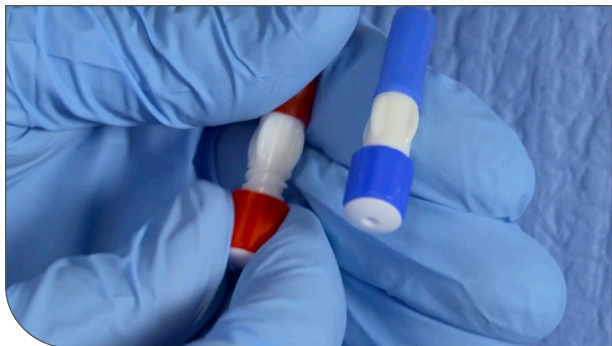
Removing a ClearGuard HD Cap on a Haemodialysis Catheter

› Ensure that the catheter extension tubing pinch clamp is closed.

› Use the facility's standard cap and hub cleaning procedures.

› Carefully support the catheter hub with one hand and, using your other hand, remove the ClearGuard HD cap by rotating counterclockwise and discard.
› After the cap is removed, proceed using your facility's current policies and procedures. Remove the remaining cap using the same procedure.

PRECAUTION: Caps must never be reused or reconnected to the catheter hub once removed, or contamination of the catheter may occur.

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