

# Non-Tunneled Catheter Insertion/Removal

Non-tunneled catheters are used for long-term IV access or when a central line is needed to give potentially caustic meds or chemotherapy (e.g., Pass Ports).

1. **Labs:** For oncology patients, patients on anticoagulant therapy, or other indications, results for a PT/INR, PTT, CBC, CHEM 7 that are no older than the day of the procedure.
2. **If the patient is anxious and would like sedation during the procedure, please inform the Imaging nurses.**
3. **Diet:** light breakfast/lunch depending on the scheduled time of the procedure. **\*\*If sedation is indicated, the patient will need to be NPO for 4 hours prior to the procedure/sedation.**
4. **Meds:** Usually routine medications are not withheld.

**\*However, if the patient is on anticoagulant therapy, orders will need to be obtained to withhold these medications. Since a contrast media (dye) may be used, we usually have patients withhold the AM dose of Metformin (Glucophage). The procedure will not be rescheduled if the AM dose was taken. Post-procedure orders will include instructions for withholding Metformin (Glucophage) for 48 hours after the procedure.**

5. **If the patient is unable to give informed consent, please have the appropriate designee available to give consent, either by phone or in person.**

**An Imaging nurse can be reached at x5280, M-F, 7am-7pm. After hours, the on-call nurse can be paged by calling the Imaging front office at x4455.**