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Topic /Subject	Single Use Alcohol Cap for IVs (70% Isopropyl)
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Rationale: To help reduce risk of Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection.

1. Apply to all points of entry on **every** IV line (peripheral and central) on **every** patient, and **every** age group

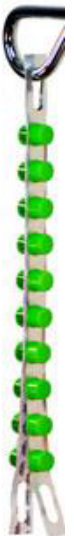
- Grasp cap to pull off strip
- Gently push & twist clockwise over luer lock connection to secure
- **Alcohol cap is single use only. DO NOT REUSE ALCOHOL CAP**
- Place strip of alcohol caps on IV pole
 - Ensure at least 3 caps are available at all times



2. If alcohol cap has been in use ≥ 3 minutes, no additional disinfection is required (scrub the hub) prior to accessing hub.

3. A 15 second scrub *is required* for the following:

- Alcohol caps on < 3 minutes
- If an IV hub is found without an alcohol cap
- When disconnecting and immediately reconnecting at hub (i.e., back to back IVPB) prior to attaching tubing
- Between push meds prior to attaching tubing
- Prior to flushing a hub after IVPB
- Once hub access is completed, apply a new alcohol cap



4. Item # for the caps is 66961

Audit Process: Compliance monitored by department nursing staff.