

Guideline for Labelling Invasive Lines

Introduction

This guideline is suitable for most patients with invasive lines in place. Clear identification of multiple invasive lines will assist in the prevention of staff inadvertently injecting drugs into incorrect lines.

The following labels should be used to assist in the correct identification of lines. The labels should be placed next to all access points e.g. within 2cm of a three-way tap. Labelling of long term/permanent catheters e.g. hickman lines or lines used for IV therapy as day cases may not be necessary.

Labelling of lines

Central venous line (any line going into a central vein)

Blue text on white background

(order reference: Henleys Medical LL162)



Right Atrium line (RA)

White text on blue background

(order reference: Dippon Label co)



Arterial lines (any line going into an artery)

Red text on white background

(order reference: Henleys LL161)



Left Atrium line (LA)

Black text on red label

(order reference: Dippon Label co)



Pulmonary Artery line (PA)

Black text on white label

(order reference: Dippon Label co)



EVD including Intra-thecal (any line going into CSF fluid)

Black text on green label

(order reference: Henleys XC1898)



Epidural catheter

Yellow text on black label

(order reference: Henleys LL163)



Other invasive line (write name of line in black on white label)

White label

(order reference: Henleys SLS14105)



Related Policies and Protocols

This protocol should be read in conjunction with the following policy/protocols:

- [Drug Policy 2 – IV Drug Administration](#)
- [Protocol for epidural analgesia in Adults \(PCA and infusion\) Freeman](#)
- [Protocol for routine use of epidural analgesia \(EIA\) in Paediatrics Freeman](#)
- [Protocol for ward based epidural analgesia at the RVI and NGH](#)

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