

# Check before you connect.

## Look

### CATHETER:

- No cracks in the tubing.
- The caps are on the ends of the tubes.
- The cuff is not coming out of the skin.

### EXIT SITE:

- No redness, drainage, bleeding, or exposure of the cuff.



*Good to go!*



### CATHETER:

- Any problem with tubing.
- Hubs are exposed or dirty.
- Cuff is coming out of the skin.

### EXIT SITE:

- Red, draining, or bleeding.
  - Cuff is exposed.
  - A stitch is still in place. (Check if it can be removed.)
- The skin over the tunnel is red.



*Report and document findings per facility Policy and Procedure.*

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