



# It only takes a minute to save your lifeline.



## Look



The skin over your access is all one color and looks like the skin around it.

There is **redness, swelling or drainage**. There are **skin bulges with shiny, bleeding, or peeling skin**.



## Listen



When you place your access next to your ear, you hear a sound. And it **sounds the same as the last time** you checked it.

You place your access next to your ear and hear **no sound**. Or it **sounds different** than it did the last time you checked it.



## Feel



**Thrill:** a vibration or buzz in the full length of the access.  
**Pulse:** slight beating like a heart-beat. Fingers placed lightly on the access should move slightly.

**Pulsatile:** The beat is **stronger than a normal pulse**. Fingers placed lightly on the access will **rise and fall** with each beat.



*If you notice any of the red "stop" signs during your daily access check, follow these instructions IMMEDIATELY:*

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

During regular facility hours \_\_\_\_\_

After hours \_\_\_\_\_



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