

Art

LINE

TIPS

Ensure saline pressure bags are > 50% full

Ensure bag is properly inflated with **green** showing on pressure meter at all times

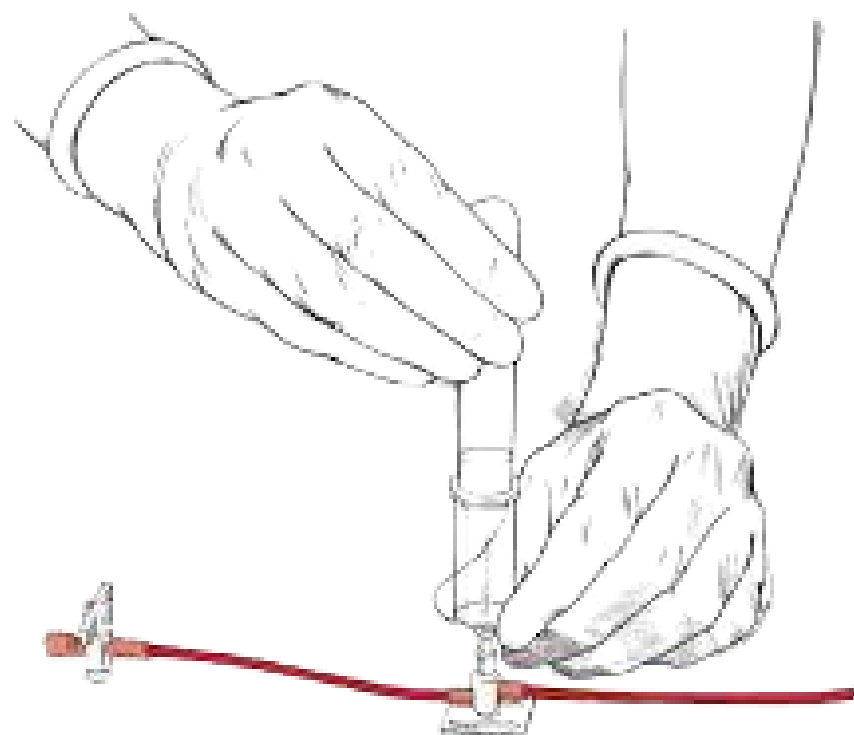
Art Lines should be leveled and zeroed at the start of every shift, every 4 hours, and PRN

"Scrub the hub" before and after lab draws

All femoral art line dressings to be changed every 48 hours and all others (radial/brachial) every 4 days with tubing changes, when visibly soiled, or non-occlusive

If possible, avoid cuff pressures above art lines

Ensure that line is flushed with no blood present in tubing after drawing labs



Trouble Shooting Tips if Art Line is not working: change dressing, assess from site to transducer (check for kinking), remove extra tubing, flush, re-zero