Patient Information
Your physician has referred you to Outpatient PICC Service at Princeton Baptist Medical Center for Placement of a PICC (a peripherally inserted central catheter).

This is a simple procedure that will allow you to have special treatments over a period of time. The PICC will make it more comfortable for you because you will not have to have a needle repeatedly inserted into a vein. The PICC can be used to give you medications, blood products or other needed IV fluids.

Your visit will require about two hours. Insertion of a PICC does not require a surgical procedure or anesthesia. There are no diet restrictions related to this procedure.

On the day of your appointment, please register in the waiting area of Imaging Services/Radiology on the First Floor of Princeton Baptist Medical Center.

If questions, please call the Registered Nurse in Imaging Services at 205-783-3700.

Physician Referrals
Care is provided by appointment in Outpatient PICC Service from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

To make a referral or for an appointment, call Outpatient Scheduling at Princeton at 205-783-7100.

For specific questions about the clinical program or the services provided by the Outpatient PICC Service at Princeton, please call the Registered Nurse in Imaging Services at 205-783-3700.
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**Outpatient PICC Service**

Our skilled clinicians provide:

- Insertion of peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC)
- Insertion of Midline catheter
- Repair of PICC and Midline catheters
- Declotting of all vascular access devices
- Training classes on vascular access device care and management
- PICC line placement is confirmed by digital radiology.

**Patient Candidates**

Patients with the following diagnoses or medical conditions, who receive treatment for five days or up to one year with appropriate care, are appropriate candidates for PICC services:

- AIDS
- Bowel Obstruction
- Cellulitis
- CHF
- COPD
- Crohn’s Disease
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Endocarditis
- Fluid Restricted Patients
- Hyperemesis
- Lyme Disease
- Mastectomy
- Neurological Trauma
- Oncology Patients
- Osteomyelitis
- Renal Failure
- Septic Arthritis
- Septicemia
- Short Bowel Syndrome
- Sickle Cell Anemia
- Transplants
- Wound Infections

**Patient Benefits**

- Placement of a PICC does not require a surgical procedure or anesthesia.
- It eliminates the risk of pneumothorax, hemothorax and air embolisms.
- PICCCs provide a reliable device for patients with poor venous access.
- It is easily removed by a nurse after therapy.

**Advantages**

Princeton's Outpatient PICC Service uses the PowerPICC SOLO by Bard, a universal catheter solution designed for IV fluid and blood administration, power injection, and saline care and maintenance. It offers the following advantages:

- Simplified Care and Maintenance recommended weekly maintenance is reduced to a single saline flush
- Imaging Compatibility perform CT power injections of contrast at a rate of 300 psi and 5 ml per second
- Continuum of Care same flushing protocol for hospital and home health
- Fewer Complications limits risk associated with heparin use (HIT)
- Reduced Blood Reflux compared to open-ended catheters
- Reduced Costs decreases PICC associated heparin costs
- Clamp Free Infusion Therapy valve eliminates the need for clamps and the maintenance challenges associated with needleless injection caps
- Superior Clearance valve clears after recommended saline flush

**Location**

Outpatient PICC Service is located within Princeton’s premier Imaging Services on the hospital’s First Floor. This close proximity offers convenience when imaging services can enhance or provide support for PICC services.

Patients should report to the Hospital’s Imaging Services waiting area on First Floor to register.

**Physician’s Written Order**

**PICC Placement Consent Form**

**Patient’s Name**

**PICC Appointment Time and Date**

**To the Physician:**

- Please discuss with the patient named above, the PICC procedure, its risks, benefits and alternatives.
- After your patient acknowledges understanding and agrees to placement of a PICC, please sign and date on the line below.

I have discussed with my patient the risks, benefits and alternatives of PICC placement. This patient understands and agrees to this procedure.

**Signature of Referring Physician**

**Printed Name of Referring Physician**

**Date**

After signing, please detach this panel and fax to:

Outpatient PICC Service at Princeton BMC

Fax 205-783-3722

AFTER FAXING, PLEASE GIVE PANEL TO PATIENT FOR PATIENT INFORMATION ON REVERSE.

Physician’s signed consent must be received prior to patient’s PICC procedure.