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EXAM: PICC LINES

INDICATIONS:	If you have specific questions as to the reason for this procedure contact your ordering physician. A PICC line is, by definition and per its acronym, a peripherally inserted central catheter. PICC lines are indicated for short or long term peripheral access to the central venous system for intravenous therapy and blood sampling.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS OR PRECAUTIONS:	Table weight limit is 350lbs. Please let your physician and Imaging Staff know if you have any allergies especially to iodine or any local anesthetics such as lidocaine or betadine.
WHERE DO I GO? HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?	The length of this procedure will vary depending on the patient. Most likely you will be pre-registered and you can go directly to the Imaging Department. When you enter the front of the hospital, located on State Street you will go past the waterfall down the main hallway. After you cross the second circular hall intersection, the Imaging comfort area is the first door to the right
PREPARATION:	Eat and drink as usual. If you have been given a doctors order (prescription) for the procedure, you must have it with you at the time of the procedure. Medication Issues: Take medications as usual.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	<p>A PICC line is a long slender small flexible tube that is inserted into a peripheral vein typically in the upper arm and advanced until the catheter tip terminates in a large vein in the chest near the heart to obtain intravenous access. This procedure is done under a sterile technique and a local anesthetic is given.</p> <p>If you have any questions please feel free to call the Imaging Department at 330-596-7700. If you need to change your scheduled appointment time call 330-596-7187.</p>