

Three Point Securement Recommendations Using The Argyle™^{TM*} Fistula Cannula (AFC)

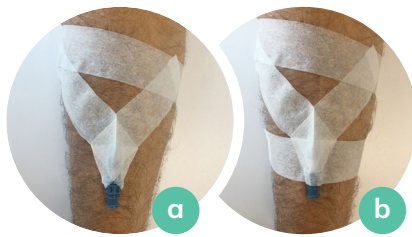


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Tape to AFC

Purpose is to maximise the contact area of the AFC cone.

- Use wide tape.
- Use chevron style taping first.
- Smooth tape with fingers around the AFC cone to enhance contact area.
- Do not cover luer thread with tape.

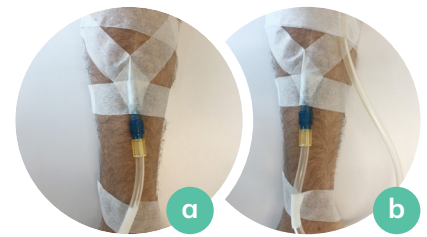


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Tape to Skin

Purpose is to optimise contact area of the tape to the patient's skin.

- Patient's skin should be clean and dry.
 - Consider skin preparation if adhesion is compromised e.g. oily, sweaty, or hairy.
 - Maximise adhesion area by using wide tape.
- a) Reinforce both ends of the chevron using additional tape.
- b) Place a second strip of tape across AFC cone, moulding tape to cone.



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Tape to Bloodline

Purpose is to secure the bloodline to prevent strain on the AFC.

- a) Secure bloodline within 5-10cm of AFC.
- b) Secondary bloodline securement to patients arm ensuring enough slack to allow the patient to straighten their arm.



Upper arm access may present additional securement challenges when compared to forearm access, regardless of the type of needle used.

Additional precautions should be taken when securing the AFC under these circumstances.