

**PREVENT SEPSIS:**

**ABOUT SEPSIS**

*(Bloodstream Infection):*

*Germs can invade the body through cuts or breaks in the skin, resulting in a serious infection, called Sepsis, that's carried through the body in the bloodstream.*

**RISK FACTORS:**

- Use of a tube and bag system called an IV or "Central Line" to deliver fluids is a common risk for sepsis..
- After any break, or cut in the skin or intestines, sepsis can be a risk. (Even a scratch or scrape in the skin, too.)
- Also, sepsis can take hold when someone has two or more infections at once.

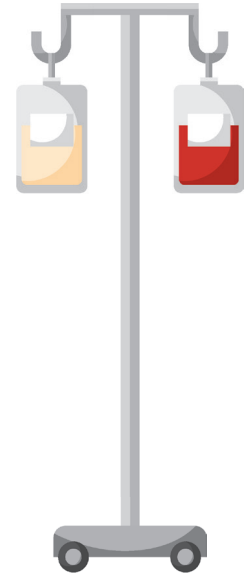
**PLEASE LEARN MORE:**

[EndSepsis.org](https://EndSepsis.org).

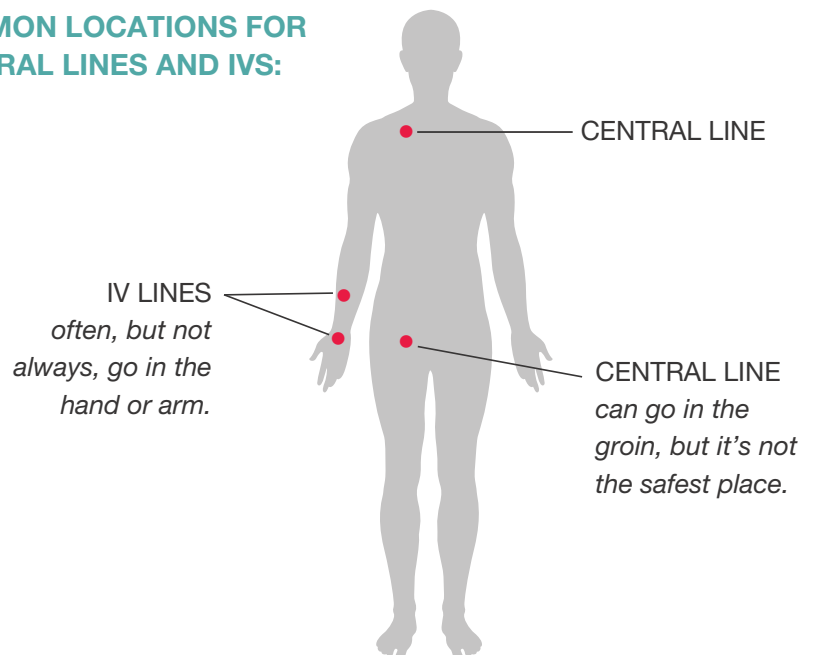


If your loved one has a central IV line:

- **Watch to make sure that nurses and doctors always:**
  - Wash their hands thoroughly before touching your loved one.
  - Use sterile instruments and supplies.
  - Clean the skin with an alcohol wipe.
  - Choose the safest spot. (Ask, "Why?" if groin is chosen.)
  - Use a clean sheet to drape your loved one's body
  - Wear a mask.
  - Cover the area with a sterile pad.
- **Make sure any openings in the skin** are kept covered at all times.



**COMMON LOCATIONS FOR CENTRAL LINES AND IVS:**



**GET A NURSE IF:**

Your loved one shows signs of (or complains about) the following:

- Chills.
- Shivering.
- Confusion.
- Headache.
- Diarrhea.
- Nausea.
- Extreme pain.
- Fast breathing.
- Fast heartbeat.