UMBILICAL VENOUS CATHETER REMOVAL

Do not attempt to carry out this procedure unless you have been trained to do so and have demonstrated your competence under appropriate supervision

INDICATIONS
- Central venous access no longer needed
- Concerns regarding sepsis

EQUIPMENT
- Sterile stitch cutter
- Sterile blade

PROCEDURE
- Wash hands and put on gloves
- Clean cord stump with a non-alcohol antiseptic
- Turn infusion pump off and clamp infusion line
- Ensure umbilical tape secured loosely around base of umbilicus
- Withdraw catheter slowly
- If any bleeding noted, tighten umbilical tape
- Send catheter tip for culture and sensitivity
- If infection suspected, remove

AFTERCARE
- Nurse baby supine for 4 hr following removal and observe for bleeding

COMPLICATIONS
- Bleeding
- Loss of UVC tip
- Infection