A Community Nurse Led Central Venous Access Device (CVAD) Clinic

Project Aim:
To improve the quality of life for patients within the South Eastern Trust who have central venous access devices.

Objectives:
• Provide an accessible central venous access device service closer to home
• Reduce the frequency of patient attendance at Cancer Treatment Units
• Improve the knowledge and skills of Community nurses to manage CVADs.

Outcomes:
✔ Sustainable CVAD service replicated within the South Eastern Trust.
✔ Savings for the South Eastern Trust of over £3,000 in an 11 month period.
✔ Formation of a CVAD Implementation Group.

“...this service should be available to as many patients as possible.”

“...at least I didn’t have to wait in all day on the district nurse, the clinic was so convenient for me.”

“...professional, friendly and efficient nurses who dealt with my PICC line.”

Cost per visit

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