

Credentialing Criteria for Central Venous Catheter Insertion

Definition: A central venous catheter (CVC or 'central line') is an intravascular catheter that terminates at or close to the heart or in one of the great vessels, such as the internal jugular, femoral, or subclavian vein. Includes the following specific procedures:

- Central Venous Access Cath (jugular, peripheral, subclavian, femoral, and cutdowns) – 38.93 (venous), 38.92 (vein)
- Swan Ganz Cath – 89.3, 89.64

Initial Request for CVC Insertion Privileges:

Practitioners newly requesting CVC insertion privileges will be required to demonstrate competency thru:

Attest to the successful completion of "AIM for Zero Physician Education - Preventing Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infection" (available at www.stdavidsmidweb.com or on <http://www.healthstream.com/hlc/hca-md>)

Renewal of CVC Insertion Privileges:

To apply for renewal, a practitioner must maintain competency thru:

1. Complete the requirements for Initial Request (one time only) AND
2. Participation in Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) and sustain expected levels of performance. The results of OPPE shall be used to periodically evaluate performance related to these privileges.