



Imaging Services
Gwinnett Medical Center
Lawrenceville • Duluth

Non-Tunneled Catheter Insertion/Removal

Non-tunneled catheters are used for long-term IV access or when a central line is needed to give potentially caustic meds or chemotherapy (e.g., Pass Ports).

1. **Labs:** For oncology patients, patients on anticoagulant therapy, or other indications, results for a PT/INR, PTT, CBC, CHEM 7 (HCG, if needed), that are no older than the day of the procedure.
2. **Diet:** light breakfast/lunch depending on the scheduled time of the procedure. **If sedation is indicated, the patient will need to be NPO for 4 hours prior to the procedure/sedation.
3. **Meds:** Usually routine medications are not withheld.
*However, if the patient is on anticoagulant therapy, orders will need to be obtained to withhold these medications.
4. If the patient is unable to give informed consent, please have the appropriate designee available to give consent, either by phone or in person.
5. If the patient is anxious and would like sedation during the procedure, please inform the Imaging nurses.

An Imaging nurse can be reached at x5280, M-F, 7am – 7pm. After hours, the on-call nurse can be paged by contacting the Imaging Front Office at 678-312-4455 or Extension 24455.