What is a Midline Catheter?
A midline catheter is a thin, flexible tube about 3 to 10 inches long inserted into a vein in your arm. Your health care providers may call it a midline.

Why Do I Need a Midline Catheter?
A midline catheter allows you to get the medications you need and to have blood samples drawn without repeated needle sticks in your arms.

How Is a Midline Catheter Put In Place?
Your midline catheter will be put in by a specially trained nurse. It is inserted into a vein in your arm above the bend of the elbow. The needle is removed and the midline is threaded through the vein until the tip sits in a large vein in your upper arm. It is held in place by a clear dressing and an anchor device.

How Should I Care for the Midline Catheter?
- Keep the dressing dry.
- When you shower with your midline in place, wrap the catheter insertion site (where it goes into your arm) with plastic wrap and tape to prevent it from getting wet. NEVER allow this area to be submerged in water.
- Normally, the midline requires no care from you. A nurse will flush the midline at your next visit.

If You Have Questions
If you have any questions, please call the Infusion Room at 801-587-4485 and ask to speak to a nurse. After hours, call 801-587-7000 and ask for the oncologist on call.