COVID-19 Pyrexia protocol for HPN patients if community COVID testing available

Temp >37.8

Telephone triage via clinical team

No other symptoms suggestive of COVID

Well

- Do not attend hospital
- Stop PN
- IV saline via CVC
- Monitor symptoms over 48hrs (nurse telephone)
- COVID testing

Unwell

COVID +ve

- Follow NHSE guidelines

COVID -ve

- 48hrs Asymptomatic
- Re-start PN

48hrs CVC related symptoms

Symptoms on infusion

48hrs CVC cultures +ve

Home if well to await CVC culture results. Infuse IV saline.

48hrs CVC cultures -ve

Unwell

Well

Admit & treat CVC infection as per protocol

Symptoms indicating possible COVID

- Attend acute hospital
- Sepsis screen including paired CVC cultures
- COVID testing if not already performed
- Manage accordingly

Paediatric patients: if there are any concerns regarding possibility of CVC infection at initial triage then local guidelines and practices should be followed. Also, children should not stop PN as they would be unable to maintain their glucose and electrolytes so the risks of stopping PN might outweigh benefit.