In this learning activity, please answer the following questions regarding central line care.

1. Name three advantages of using a transparent dressing instead of a gauze pad.

2. When engaging in central line care, what information is important to include in the client’s record?

3. A catheter is deemed “patent” when there is an ability to easily aspirate blood from the catheter lumen in addition to which of the following:
   a. The ability to easily infuse or flush fluid through the catheter lumen.
   b. The inability to easily infuse or flush fluid through the catheter lumen.
   c. The ability to document signs and symptoms of thrombosis.
   d. The inability to document signs and symptoms of thrombosis.

4. When assessing for catheter patency, it is recommended to attempt to flush with which of the following flush solutions:
   a. Alteplase
   b. Normal saline (NS)
   c. Heparin sodium
   d. Ethanol
Answers for Central Line Care

1. It is not routinely changed with dressing or tubing changes
   It allows the site to be inspected without interfering with the catheter or exposing the site to potential contamination or exposure to the air
   It adheres well and it is more comfortable for the patient

2. The date and time of insertion
   The time of the dressing change
   The name of the person who carried out the procedure
   The condition of the site
   The length of the catheter

3. a. The ability to easily infuse or flush fluid through the catheter lumen.

4. b. Normal saline (NS)