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A suggested insertion procedure

(radial artery)

- 1 Follow universal insertion guidelines 1 2
- 2 Slightly extend the wrist
- 3 Identify the artery according to local hospital protocol
- 4 Puncture artery with the needle
- 5 When blood reflux is observed, immobilize the needle and introduce the flexible tip of the guidewire through the needle into the artery
- 6 Apply pressure to the artery with a finger and carefully remove the needle, leaving the guidewire in place
- 7 Follow universal insertion guidelines 4 6

II - Deep vein catheterisation

Cautions

- 1 Complications associated with percutaneous catheter placement include, but are not limited to; vessel wall perforation, cardiac tamponade, haemorrhage, pleural and mediastinal injury, air embolism, catheter embolism, thoracic duct injury, nerve lesions, septicaenmia, bacteraemia, thrombosis & arterial puncture
- 2 Cardiovascular and respiratory parameters must be monitored.
- 3 The fixation of the catheter must be made so as to keep the distal end of the catheter away from the cardiac caviries

Recommended insertion procedure

- 1 Follow universal insertion guidelines 1 2
- 2 For a subclavian approach the following technique is suggested. Place the patient in a supine, Trendelenburg position. Position the arms at the sides and restrain the limbs. Turn the head away from the puncture. Place a rolled towel beneath the vertebral column, between the shoulders, to push the clavicular area upwards and open up the small space between the clavicle and the first rib.
- 3 Puncture the vein selected with the introducer needle mounted on a syringe filled with saline solution. Confirm the correct position of the needle by reflux of blood. Aspirate if necessary. Detach the syringe.
- 4 Gently insert the flexible tip of the guidewire into the vessel through the needle.
- 5 Hold the guidewire in place and remove the needle.
- 6 Follow universal insertion guidelines 4 6
- 7 Confirm catheter tip position according to hospital protocol

III - Peripheral vein catheterisation (midline)

Suitable for patients who require mid term IV therapy where pH and osmolarity allow peripheral infusion. We recommend 20G catheters for peripheral use.

Suggested insertion procedure

- 1 Follow universal insertion guidelines 1 2
- 2 Place patient supine with the arm extended approximately
 90 degrees to the trunk of the body and select vein for
 insertion.
- 3 Apply a tourniquet above the intended insertion site in a manner easily accessible for removal. Remove gloves and don second pair of sterile gloves.
- 4 Identify the vein according to hospital protocol
- 5 Drape the prepared insertion site.
- 6 Using a slow but firm motion insert the needle into the vein, bevel up, at a 15 to 30 degree angle. Confirm vein entry with blood flash back.
- 7 Gently insert the flexible tip of the guidewire into the vessel through the needle.
- 8 Hold the guidewire in place and remove the needle.
- 9 Remove tourniquet.
- 10 Follow universal insertion guidelines 4 6

