

Tecnica di Seldinger modificata
e tunnellizzazione per l'accesso
venoso centrale nel neonato



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Pediatric Vascular Access Practice: Time for Evolution or Revolution?

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1. We need to improve central venous access in the neonates, the main issues being:

- Define the role of ultrasound (US) -guided central venous catheters (3Fr, PUR, power injectable, high performance) in premature newborns if compared to the use of epicutaneo-caval catheters (ECC) (1-2.7Fr, silicone or PUR, non-power, low performance)
- Verify the cost-effectiveness and the indication of Near Infra Red Technology in visualizing and cannulating the superficial veins for insertion of ECC
- Improve the training of health care specialists so to implement the use of new technology for insertion (US, NIR) and for tip location (echocardiography, intracavitary EKG) of central access in neonates

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International evidence-based recommendations on ultrasound-guided vascular access

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Table 3 Recommendations on ultrasound vascular access in neonates and children

Ultrasound vascular access in neonates and children				
Domain code	Suggested definition	Level of evidence	Degree of consensus	Strength of recommendation
D4.SD1.S1–2	Ultrasound guidance should be routinely used for short- and long-term central venous access in children and neonates	A	Very good	Strong

Table 5 Recommendations on education, training and accreditation in ultrasound vascular access

Education and training in ultrasound for vascular access placement				
Domain code	Suggested definition	Level of evidence	Degree of consensus	Strength of recommendation
D6.S1A–S2A	Ultrasound-assistance should be included in the design and conduct of education and training for venous and arterial cannulation	B	Weak	Some
D6.S1B–S2B	Ultrasound guidance should be included in the design and conduct of education and training for venous and arterial cannulation	A	Perfect	Strong
D6.S3	Clinical simulation techniques should be included in the design and conduct of education and training for all forms of vascular cannulation	B	Good	Strong
D6.S3–4	Ultrasound guidance should be used for any vascular access procedure in adults as in children and neonates when the trainee has obtained appropriate competence	B	Good	Strong

Supraclavicular Approach to Ultrasound-Guided Brachiocephalic Vein Cannulation in Children and Neonates

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Supraclavicular Ultrasound-Guided Catheterization of the Subclavian Vein in Pediatric and Neonatal ICUs: A Feasibility Study

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Ultrasound Guided Central Vascular Access in Neonates, Infants and Children

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Table 1. Central Lines

• <u>Umbelical catheters</u> (Umbelical vein)*
• <u>Epicutaneo-caval catheters</u> (Superficial veins of limbs or scalp)*
• <u>Central venous catheters</u> : tunneled, non-tunnelled, ports (central veins of the neck and of the supra/infra-clavicular region)
• <u>PICC, Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters</u> (Deep veins of the arm)
• <u>Inferior Vena Cava catheters</u> (femoral and saphenous vein)

* = only in neonates.

SIC – Ped Bundle

1. Scelta ragionata della vena mediante esame ecografico sistematico (RaCeVA – RaPeVA - RaFeVA)
2. Tecnica asettica appropriata: igiene delle mani, massime protezioni di barriera e antisepsi cutanea con clorexidina 2% in IPA 70%
3. Utilizzo dell'ecografo per la venipuntura ecoguidata della vena prescelta e per il successivo controllo ecografico della assenza di pneumotorace o di altre complicanze legate alla inserzione
4. Verifica intra-procedurale della posizione centrale della punta mediante la tecnica dell'ECG intracavitario e/o mediante ecocardiografia
5. Tunnellizzazione del catetere per ottenere l'exit site in posizione ottimale
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Accesso alle vene profonde usando kit di microintroduzione

- Kit di microintroduzione
 - Ago 21G ecogenico
 - Guida metallica 0.018'' in nitinol (**senza J !!!**)
 - Microintroduttore/dilatatore appropriato per lunghezza, rigidità e rastrematura

RICORDARE: il kit di introduzione annesso al catetere talvolta non è ideale!

Procurarsi kit di micro-introduzione specifici per l'età neonatale/pediatria (3Fr – 4Fr)

Perché il kit di micropuntura ?

- Usare aghi ecogenici 21G
 - **Minor trauma tissutale**
- NON USARE GUIDE METALLICHE CON PUNTA J
 - **Con le guide 'floppy straight tip': più facile posizionamento**
- Usare microintroductori (tecnica di Seldinger modificata)
 - **Minor trauma**
 - **Maggiore flessibilità**
 - **Possibilità di tunnellizzare**

La scelta dei materiali fa la differenza

I cateteri commercializzati come PICC sono spesso i CICC ideali nel neonato in quanto hanno:

- Microintroduttori ideali (?)
- Ago a punta iperecogena da 21 G
- Guida in nitinol
- Possibilità di trimming e tunnellizzazione
- Poliuretano power

Tunnellizzazione del catetere

Vantaggi:

- **Il sito di venipuntura migliore.**
- **L'exit site migliore.**
- **Riduce il rischio di infezioni.**
- **Ridurre il rischio di dislocazione.**
- **Riduce il rischio di trombosi.**

Caratteristiche di un buon micro-introdotto

- Lunghezza (idealmente nel neonato prematuro 3 cm)
- Rigidità
- Rastrematura
- Differente lunghezza di dilatatore ed introdotto



Tecniche di tunnellazione

- 1- Pseudotunnellazione
- 2- Tunnellazione con tunnellizzatore
- 3- Tunnellazione con agocannula

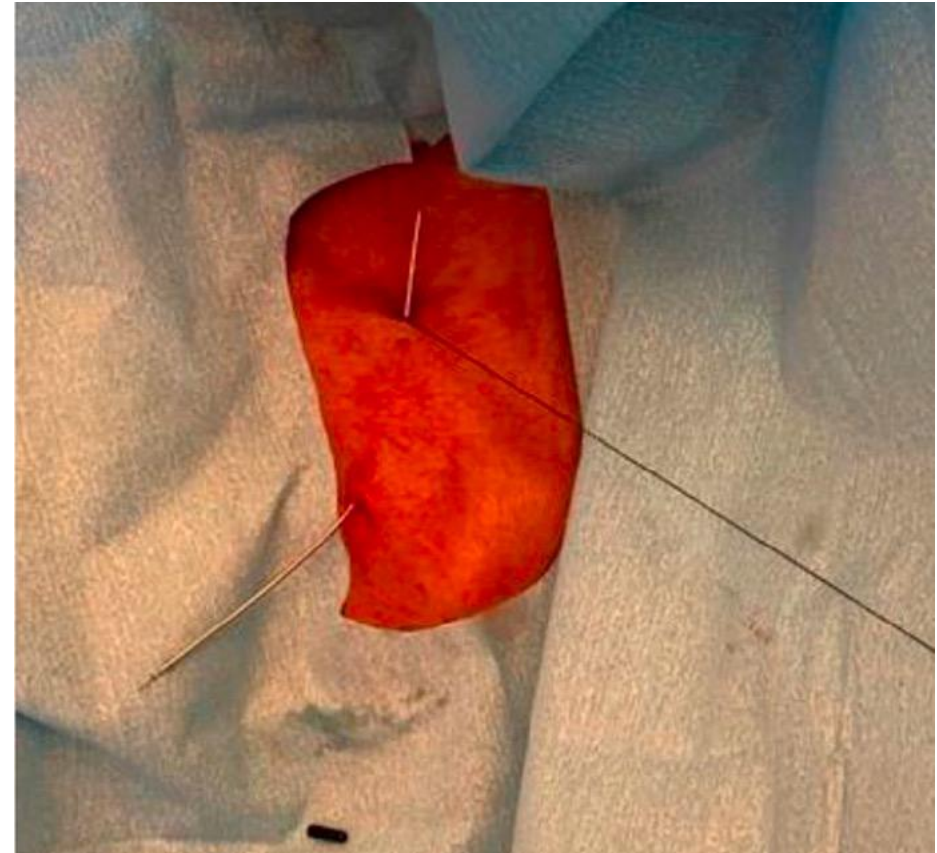
Pseudotunnellizzazione

- L'ago realizza un tunnel sottocutaneo prima di raggiungere il target
- Non è una vera tunnellizzazione perché di fatto exit site e sito di venipuntura coincidono
- Solo pochi centimetri
- Puntura più difficile



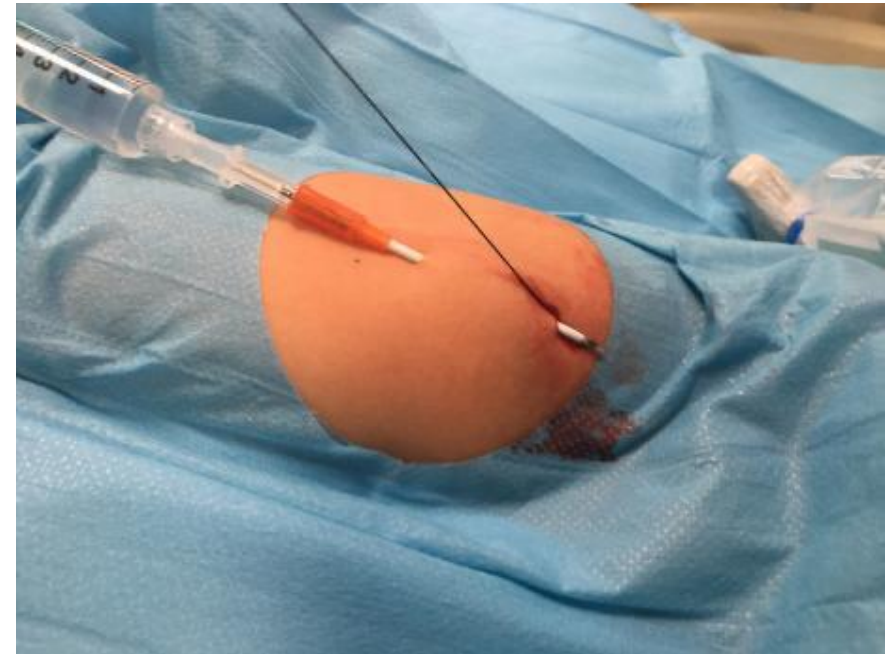
Tunnellizzazione con tunnellizzatore

- Viene impiegato un vero e proprio tunnellizzatore (plastica o metallo).
- Utile per tunnellizzazioni lunghe.
- Tunnellizzatori da 5-25 cm.
- Parte prossimale da connettere al catetere
- Parte distale può essere smussa o tagliente
- Atraumatica se parte distale a punta smussa



Tunnellizzazione con agocannula

- L'agocannula viene fatta passare nel sottocute.
- 14 G accetta un 4 o 5 Fr.
- 16 G accetta un 3 Fr.
- Lunghezza tunnell ridotta 4-5 cm.
- Più traumatico del tunnellizzatore.



Tecniche di tunnellizzazione

- Tunnellizzazione anterograda

Il catetere va da exit site a sito di inserzione. Trimming distale del catetere

- Tunnellizzazione retrograda

Il catetere va da sito di inserzione ad exit site. Trimming prossimale del catetere

- Multiple tunnellizzazioni

Da utilizzarsi quando exit site e sito di venipuntura sono molto distanti o se il percorso della tunnel non è lineare

Tecniche di tunnellizzazione

- Tunnellizzazione anterograda

Il catetere va da exit site a sito di inserzione.

Trimming distale del catetere

Pro: non necessita di manovre di assemblaggio/disassemblaggio

Contro: obbligatorio avere introduttori piccoli soprattutto nel neonato, rischio di stima errata del trimming.

Tecniche di tunnellizzazione

- Tunnellizzazione retrograda

Il catetere va da sito di inserzione ad exit site.

Trimming prossimale del catetere

Pro: possibile usare introduttori più lunghi (sempre obbligatorio usare eco per tip navigation nel neonato), trimming sempre di lunghezza idonea.

Contro: necessita di manovre di assemblaggio/disassemblaggio

Dove tunnellizzare nel neonato?

Rapid Assessment of Vascular Exit Site and Tunneling Options (RAVESTO): A new decision tool in the management of the complex vascular access patients

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Dove tunnellizzare nel neonato?

CICC (supraclavicular
puncture)

Tunnel to infraclavicular
area

Tunnel to arm

Tunnel to back

Long term intravenous treatment in non-hospitalized patients (antibiotics, parenteral nutrition, chemotherapy); expected difficulties in management of the exit site in hospitalized patients (beard, humidity, tracheostomy, instability, etc.) **Quasi sempre**

Compromised skin integrity of the chest area; oral or endotracheal secretions over chest; implanted device on ipsilateral chest; chest surgery; contracted shoulder; etc. **Presenza di stomie**

Cognitive disorder resulting in device removal; contraindication to chest or arm exit site **Decubito prono obbligato**



Chest-to-arm tunneling technique for central venous access devices in neonates

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Table 1. General characteristics and demographics in neonatal CTA-tunneled CICC

Pt	G	Underlying pathology	GA	Weight [#] (kg)	Days of life [°]	Surgery	Clinical Indications to CTA-tunneling	BCV	Caliber BCV (mm)	attempts	CTA (cm)	Dwell time (days)
1	M	Very preterm neonate, giant sacrococcygeal teratoma	30+2	3,6	0	Giant sacrococcygeal teratoma removal.	Prolonged prone posture post-surgery. Intensive care treatments.	Left	3,2	1	5	5
2	M	Extremely preterm neonate, NEC	24+3	1,1	62	Enterostomy for NEC.	Presence of enterostomy. Intensive care treatments	Right	2,7	1	5	90#
3	M	Extremely preterm neonate, Complicated spontaneous intestinal perforation	23+6	1,39	55	Enterostomy for complicated spontaneous intestinal perforation.	Presence of enterostomy. Intensive care treatments	Left	3,2	1	5.5	60#
4	F	Very preterm neonate, NEC, post-NEC intestinal stenosis	28+1	1,81	44	*Intestinal surgery for post-NEC intestinal stenosis.	Potential enterostomy and abdominal drainage Intensive care treatments	Right	3,5	1	6	37#
5	F	SGA, intestinal occlusion, suspected duodenal atresia, anteriorized anus	37+0	1,89	0	*Intestinal surgery for intestinal occlusion.	Potential enterostomy and abdominal drainage Intensive care treatments	Right	2,5	1	6	36#
6	F	Extremely preterm neonate, NEC, tetraventricular hydrocephalus	25+5	1,54	63	*Ventricular reservoir for tetraventricular hydrocephalus; NEC.	Ventricular reservoir placement. Potential enterostomy and abdominal drainage Intensive care treatments	Left	2,3	1	5	15

Pt, patient; (G) gender; (GA) gestational age in weeks + days; (#) weight at CTA-tunneled CICC placement; (°) completed days of life at CTA-tunneled CICC placement; NEC, necrotizing enterocolitis; SGA, small for gestational age; (*) planned surgery; BCV, brachiocephalic vein; CTA, chest-to-arm; (#) in place and well-functioning and without complications at the time of submission of this paper.

Figure 2. Double tunnel technique of CTA-tunneling in a neonate.

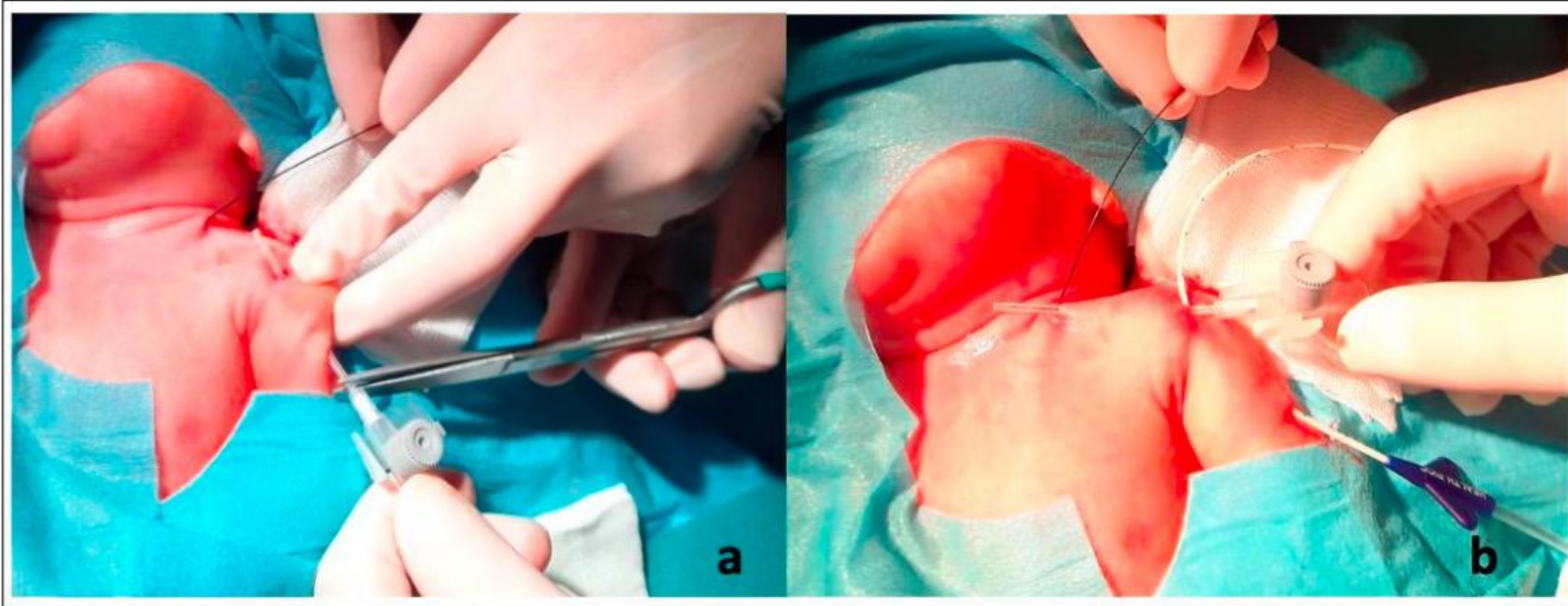


Figure 2. Double tunnel technique to CTA-tunneling. CTA tunnel is prepared by hydro-dissection with saline using two 16G cannulas. **a.** first tunnel, from mid-arm to shoulder using a 16G cannula passes in the subcutaneous tissue from the planned exit site to shoulder; it is necessary to cut off the end of the cannula with the stabilizing wings, then the catheter is introduced inside the cannula and once the catheter has gone through, the cannula must be removed; **b.** the second tunnel, from shoulder to supraclavicular venipuncture point using a second 16G cannula, the procedure for passing the catheter through the cannula is identical to that done with the first tunnel.

Dove tunnellizzare nel neonato?

FICC (puncture at the groin)

Tunnel to the abdomen

Tunnel to mid-thigh

Non-emergency line in walking patients with contraindication to PICC/CICC

Non-emergency line in bedridden patients with contraindication to PICC/CICC

Sempre, lontano dal pannolino



SIC-Ped

Safe Insertion of Central access in Pediatric patient

- 345 neonati.
 - Nessuna complicanza al momento dell'impianto.
 - Rimozione elettiva del dispositivo nel 98% dei casi.
 - Incidenza di CRBSI 0.3/1000 giorni catetere.
 - Nessun caso di trombosi o migrazione del catetere.
 - 4 pubblicazioni scientifiche.
 - **Tutti cateteri tunnellizzati**
- Centrally inserted central catheters in preterm neonates with weight below 1500 g by ultrasound-guided access to the brachio-cephalic vein. JVA 2021. doi: 10.1177/1129729820940174
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Table 1. Our insertion bundle.

Ultrasound pre-puncture evaluation of central veins (RaCeVA)
Hand hygiene and maximal barrier precautions
Skin antisepsis with 2% chlorhexidine in alcohol
Ultrasound-guided venipuncture
Tip location by intracavitary echocardiography and/or echocardiography
Tunneling the catheter so as to obtain an exit site in the infraclavicular area
Securement with the sutureless device
Sealing of the exit site with glue
Coverage with transparent semipermeable dressing

Table 3. Catheters' data, expressed as median $\pm$ SEM and range or number and percentage.

Dwell time; days $\pm$ SD (min–max)	37 $\pm$ 21 (2–95)
Elective removal	30 (100%)
CRBSI	0
Catheter-related thrombosis	0
Catheter malfunction	0

CRBSI: catheter-related blood stream infection; SD: standard deviation.



Table 4. Differences between epicutaneo-caval catheters (ECCs) and central inserted central catheters (CICCs).

	CICC	ECC
Venipuncture	Deep veins	Superficial veins
Ultrasound guidance	Yes	No
Catheter diameter	3–4 Fr	1–2.7 Fr
Sedation required	Yes	No
Power injectability	Yes	No
Maximal flow rate	60 mL/min	1 mL/min
Infusion of blood products	Yes	No
Monitoring of central venous pressure	Yes	No
Monitoring of SvO ₂	Yes	No
Blood sampling	Yes	No
Tunneling	Yes	No
Tip location by intracavitary ECG	Yes	Yes
Limited dwell time	No	Yes
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EDITORIAL



The neonatal DAV-expert algorithm: a GAVeCeLT/GAVePed consensus for the choice of the most appropriate venous access in newborns

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Quando tunnellizzare nel neonato?

Panel recommendations.

1. Indications for ultrasound-guided CICC or FICC include the following: (a) newborns (at any gestational age) with hemodynamic instability developed after the first 24 h of life, or even within the first 24 h of life, if UVC insertion is not feasible or if the UVC cannot be placed in a proper position; (b) newborns who need or might need rapid fluid repletion (in emergency and/or before major surgery); (c) newborns with major malformation pathologies requiring surgery (e.g., major exomphalos; esophageal atresia); (d) stable newborns requiring a central line, if ECC cannot be placed in a proper position; (e) newborns requiring repeated blood samplings; (f) newborns requiring multiple transfusions; (g) CICC or FICC should also be considered in stable preterm newborns with an expected duration of PN longer than 2 weeks.
2. Ultrasound-guided CICC and FICC should be preferably power injectable and made of polyurethane. Calibers between 3 and 4Fr are usually appropriate, depending on the size of the vein being cannulated.
3. Consider the benefit of tunneling all ultrasound-guided CICC/FICC, especially in elective conditions.

Quando tunnellizzare nel neonato?

Special considerations.

- Even though it is always advisable to tunnel the catheter, in some situations, this maneuver can be impractical, for example, because of the limited duration of sedation in extremely low birth weight infants, or because of the difficulty of using the modified Seldinger technique in babies weighing less than 750 g, or because of insufficient training of the operator.
- Neonates, especially preterm ones, might need repeated peripheral venous cannulations sometimes this leads to a progressive exhaustion of available veins. In this context, an ultrasound-guided CICC or FICC might be considered even though a central line is not strictly indicated.





Ultrasound-guided vascular access in the neonatal intensive care unit: a nationwide survey

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Percentage of C
< 25%
> 25%

Main indication
Rescue procedure
Hemodynamic instability
Elective insertion (in
patients)

Preferred USG-guided
Internal jugular
Brachiocephalic
Femoral vein
Other

NICU is largely unknown. Our nationwide survey is the first study assessing neonatologist's personal perspectives about USG-VA and current implementation in the NICU. Our results indicate that neonatologists perceive USG-VA as an indispensable or very useful aid in daily clinical practice and recognize the need for training during Pediatrics residency and Neonatology fellowship. However, our results indicate

