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# Midline catheter insertion as a strategic component of intravenous infusion: A single-centre retrospective analysis

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Material and methods: The study material consists of medical records of patients with midline catheters at Czerniakowski Hospital in Warsaw over the period from 5th October 2021 to 19th May 2023. An analysis of 341 infusion observation charts was performed, excluding illegible and incomplete data. In this article, all of the catheters we used were inserted under ultrasound guidance.

**Conclusions:** Midline catheters are an effective solution for patients with difficult vascular access, increase the possibility of intravenous therapy. Moreover, they improve patient comfort and reduce the number of multiple cannulations. Developing vascular access teams can better control infusion management and care.

#### Limitations

Additionally, we acknowledge a limitation regarding the classification of devices used in this study. Some devices initially categorised as MCs would now be classified as LPCs based on current nomenclature. This discrepancy reflects the evolving definitions during the early implementation phase. Future research should adhere to the latest, standardised terminology to enhance the comparability and reproducibility of findings.

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### Long peripheral catheters and midline catheters: Insights from a survey of vascular access specialists

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Methods: A 15-question electronic survey was sent to members of the Association of Vascular Access (AVA) regarding the nomenclature and use of PIVCs, LPCs and MCs.

No.	Question
1	Where do you work? (city, country)
	What is your role?
2	Academic; Medical technician; Nurse; Physician; Respiratory therapist; Vascular access specialist; Non-medical Other
3	What setting do you work in?
	Emergency: Family/community medicine; Home/outpatient medicine; Intensive care unit; Medical unit; Vascula access team; Other
4	Do you primarily work with adult or paediatric patients?
*	Adult; Paediatric; Mixed
	Are you familiar with the following terms?
5	Peripheral intravenous catheter – Yes; No
5	Long peripheral catheter – Yes; No
	Midline catheter – Yes; No
6	Are peripheral intravenous catheters, long peripheral catheters and midline catheters all peripheral devices?  Yes: No
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ĺ	Cost; Gauge; Insertion location; Insertion technique; Length; Material; Tip location; No differences; Not sure; Other
	Which of the following terms have you seen (to describe a 6–15 cm peripheral intravenous device terminating distal to the axilla)? (pick one or multiple)
8	Extended dwell catheter; Midline catheter; Mini-midline; Long catheter; Long line; Long peripheral catheter; Peripheral intravenous catheter; Seldinger catheter, Short long line; Short midline; Ultrasound-guided peripheral intravenous catheter; Other
	What is your most preferred name (to describe a 6–15 cm peripheral intravenous device terminating distal to the axilla)?
9	Extended dwell catheter; Midline catheter; Mini-midline; Long catheter; Long line; Long peripheral catheter; Peripheral intravenous catheter; Seldinger catheter, Short long line; Short midline; Ultrasound-guided peripheral intravenous catheter; Other
	Do you agree with our definition of peripheral intravenous devices?
	Peripheral intravenous catheters: 2–6cm in length, terminating distal to the axilla;
10	Long peripheral catheters: 6–15 cm in length, terminating distal to the axilla; and,
	Midline catheters: 15-25cm in length, terminating in the axilla Yes; No
	If not, what is the correct definition? (optional)
11	Are midline catheters available at your institution? - Yes; No
"	If yes, what are the indications? (optional)
12	Are long peripheral catheters available at your institution? - Yes; No
12	If yes, what are the indications? (optional)
13	Does your institution have guidelines for the use of long peripheral catheters? - Yes; No
14	What lengths of long peripheral catheters are available at your institution? (pick one or multiple)
14	6 cm; 7 cm; 8 cm; 9 cm; 10 cm; 11 cm; 12 cm; 13 cm; 14 cm; 15 cm; Other
	Is ultrasound-guidance required to place a long peripheral catheter? - Yes; No

Indication	Long peripheral catheter/6–15 cm catheter (N = 92), N (%)	Midline catheter/15–25 cm catheter (N = 102), N (%)	
Difficult venous access	52 (56.5)	34 (33.7)	
Deep vein/ultrasound-guided access	36 (39.1)	4 (3.9)	
Medium-term IV therapy (1–4 weeks)	22 (23.9)	64 (62.7)	
Blood draws	5 (5.4)	8 (7.8)	
Avoiding the need for central access	4 (4.3)	9 (8.8)	
Participants responded in free-form text. Participants could list multiple indications. Answers were collated and summarised in this table.			

Table 2. Nomenclature	of 6-15 cm peripher	al intravenous devices.
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Which of the following names have you seen?	N (%)	Which is your most preferred name?	N (%)
Midline catheter	213 (93.4)	Midline catheter	77 (33.8)
Extended dwell catheter	199 (87.2)	Long peripheral catheter	69 (30.3)
Long peripheral catheter	152 (66.7)	Extended dwell catheter	49 (21.5)
Ultrasound-guided peripheral intravenous catheter	127 (55.7)	Ultrasound-guided peripheral intravenous catheter	24 (10.5)
Peripheral intravenous catheter	116 (50.9)	Mini-midline	4 (1.8)
Long catheter	113 (49.6)	Short midline	2 (0.9)
Mini-midline	42 (18.4)	Peripheral intravenous catheter	2 (0.9)
Short midline	36 (15.8)	Long line	1 (0.4)
Long line	27 (11.8)	Long catheter	0
Seldinger catheter	14 (6.1)	Short long line	0
Short long line	14 (6.1)	Seldinger catheter	0



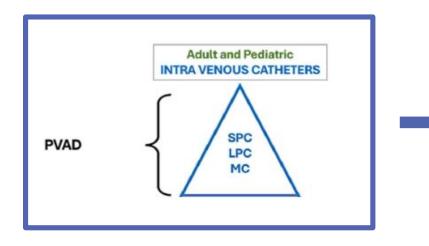
Necessità di una terminologia standardizzata

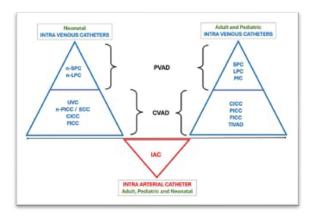
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# The NAVIGATE project: A GloVANet-WoCoVA position statement on the nomenclature for vascular access devices

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PVAD—peripheral venous access devices

SPC Short peripheral catheter

- catheters with a length of <6 cm.

- usually inserted in the forearm

LPC Long peripheral catheter (a.k.a. mini-midline or short midline)

- catheters with a length from 6 to 15 cm

- inserted in the forearm or arm

- tip located in the veins of the forearm or upper arm

MC Midline catheter (a.k.a. midclavicular catheter)

- catheters longer than 15 cm

- inserted in deep veins of the upper arm

- tip located in the axillary vein or subclavian vein

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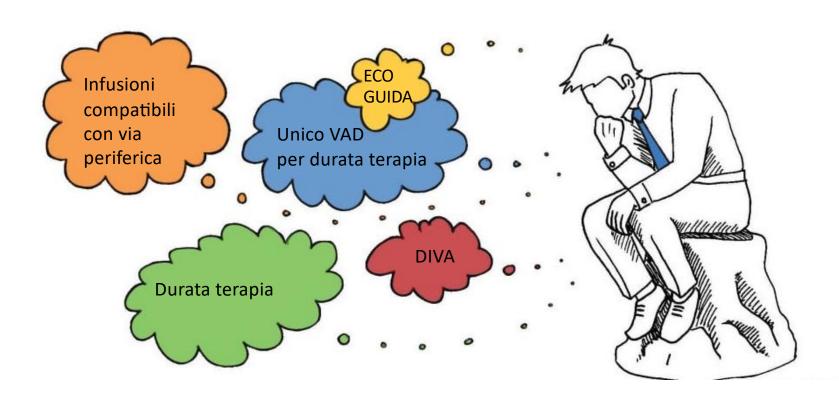
LPC			
Design			
Length	6–15 cm		
Technique of insertion			
Veins chosen for cannulation	Superficial and deep veins of forearm and arm		
Technique of venipuncture	Direct venipuncture, or ultrasound guided venipuncture		
Technique of catheter insertion	Catheter over needle, or catheter over guidewire (simple Seldinger technique)		
Tunneling, if required	No		
Position of the tip	Veins of the upper limb		
Subcutaneous anchorage, if required	No		
Performance			
Blood sampling	No		
Expected duration	1–3 weeks		
Complications			
Risk of dislodgment	High		
Local thrombophlebitis	Frequent		
Risk of malfunction	High		

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### Cost containment and infusion services

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# Proactive Vascular Planning



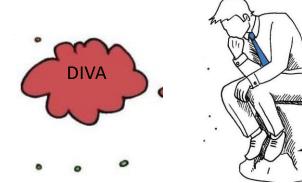
> Pediatr Emerg Care. 2008 Mar;24(3):143-7. doi: 10.1097/PEC.0b013e3181666f32.

## Derivation of the DIVA score: a clinical prediction rule for the identification of children with difficult intravenous access

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Patients with a **DIVA** score of **4** or greater had more than 50% likelihood of failed first IV attempt

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## Defining difficult intravenous access (DIVA): A systematic review

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Conclusions: Considering the themes identified, an evidence-driven definition of DIVA is proposed: "when a clinician has two or more failed attempts at PIV access using traditional techniques, physical examination findings are suggestive of DIVA (e.g. no visible or palpable veins) or the patient has a stated or documented history of DIVA."

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# The pediatric DAV-expert algorithm: A GAVeCeLT/GAVePed consensus for the choice of the most appropriate venous access device in children

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### European recommendations on the proper indication and use of peripheral venous access devices (the ERPIUP consensus): A WoCoVA project

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Incidence of peripheral intravenous catheter failure and complications in paediatric patients: Systematic review and meta analysis

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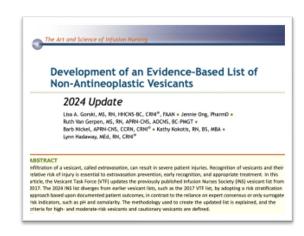
## Development of an Evidence-Based List of Noncytotoxic Vesicant Medications and Solutions

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### Development of an Evidence-Based List of Non-Antineoplastic Vesicants: 2024 Update

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## Definitions: Vesicants, Irritants, Extravasation, Infiltration

In 2017, the VTF acknowledged the confusion, misunderstanding, and inconsistency among definitions of vesicant, rritant, and extravasation versus infiltration. This remains an issue today. In accordance with the 2024 *Standards*, the definitions are unchanged.<sup>7</sup>

- Vesicant: An agent capable of causing tissue damage when it escapes from the intended vascular pathway into surrounding tissue.
- Irritant: An agent capable of producing discomfort (eg, burning, stinging) or pain as a result of irritation in the internal lumen of the vein with or without immediate external signs of vein inflammation.
- Infiltration: Inadvertent administration of a nonvesicant solution or medication into surrounding tissue, rated by a standard tool or definition.
- Extravasation: Inadvertent infiltration of vesicant solution or medication into surrounding tissue, rated by a standard tool or definition.

#### Paziente maschio 11 Anni

#### Trauma addominale ( lacerazione epatica e contusione pancreatica )

- DEA POSIZIONATA SPC 22G BLIND
- 1° GIORNO DI RICOVERO

#### Terapia

- NP periferica 70ml/h
- TERAPIE ESTEMPORANEE AD ORARI
- Consulenza vascolare per accesso venoso stabile
  - Spiegazione Procedura al paziente (collaborante)
  - Valutazione RaPeVA
  - Crema anestetica per 1 h
  - Posizionamento ecoguidato a letto paziente
- Gestione
  - Stabilizzazione con colla in cianoacrilato
  - Prolunga con NFC
  - Medicazione integrata
  - Frequenti lavaggi con Soluzione Fisiologica e tecnica start and stop
- Rimosso per fine terapia dopo 25 gg
  - Nessuna complicanza
  - Funzionante in infusione e prelievo





## Venipuntura Ecoguidata o Blind?

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Predictor Variable		Scores	
Vein visible after tourniquet	Visible, 0		Not visible, 2
Vein palpable after tourniquet	Palpable, 0		Not palpable, 2
Age category	≥3 years old (older), 0	1-2 years old (toddler), 1	<1 year old (infant),
History of prematurity	Not premature, 0		Premature, 3

## Paziente NON DIVA (score < 4)

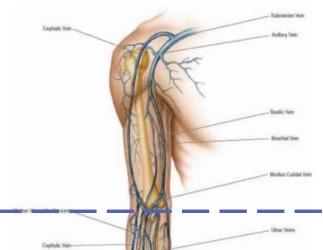


**Blind** 

## Paziente DIVA (score > 4)

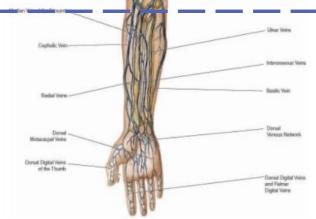


## Puntura eco-guidata per il paziente DIVA



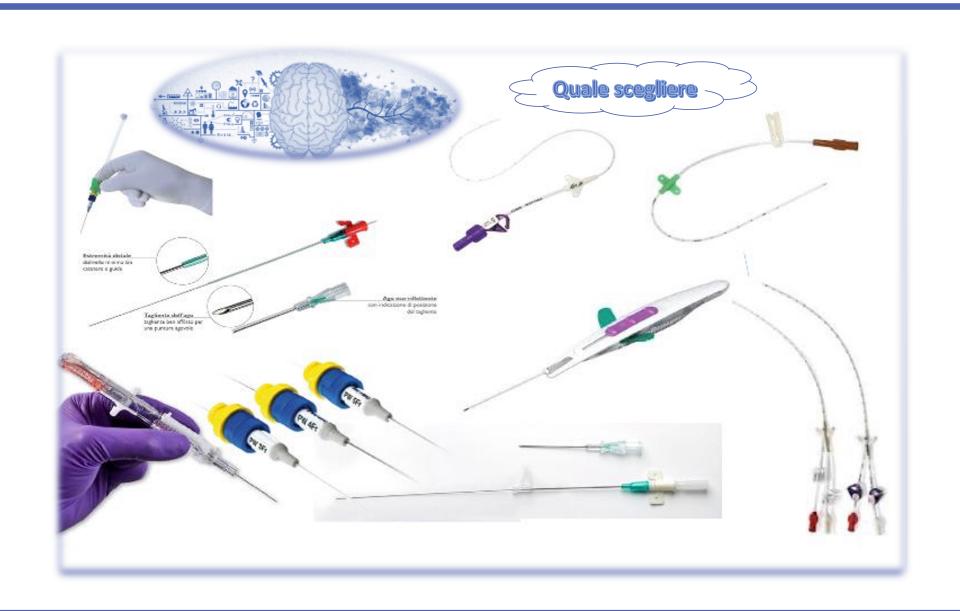
L'ecografia per le vene profonde del braccio





L'ecografia per le vene superficiali e profonde dell'avambraccio





## Come scegliere il presidio

- Disponibilità di lunghezze e calibri differenti
- Stabilità dopo l'impianto (preferibilmente con ali)
- Possibilmente con prolunga integrata
- Materiale biocompatibile (PUR –PEBA)
- Tecnica d'impianto
  - Seldinger diretto
  - All in one



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The integrated short peripheral cannula: A new peripheral venous access device?

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## Posizionamento anche a letto del paziente

### Criteri di inclusione

- Terapia della durata superiore a 7gg
- Paziente DIVA
- Terapie conformi con la via periferica
- Paziente collaborante
- Accessibilità delle vene del braccio con valutazione ecografica (RaPeVA)

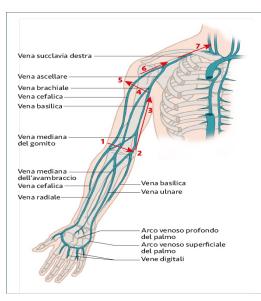


### Setting

- Spiegazione della procedura paziente e genitori
- Applicazione di crema anestetica locale per 1 h
- Durante la procedura utilizzo di tecniche di distrazione scelte dal paziente ( video, musica, televisione)

## Scelta della vena

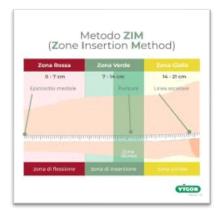
RaPeVA
Rapid Peripheral Vein Assessment



- 1. Cefalica al gomito
- 2. Arteria e vene brachiali al gomito
- 3. Basilica nel solco bicipite-omerale
- Fascio nervo vascolare (vasi brachiali + nervo mediano) a metà braccio
- 5. Cefalica a metà braccio
- 6. Ascellare e vena cefalica in sede sotto-claveare
- 7. Succlavia, giugulare interna e anonima in sede sopra-claveare

- 1. Vena basilica
- 2. Vene brachiali
- 3. Vena cefalica



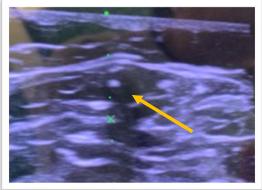


## Rapporto sonda-vena e sonda-ago

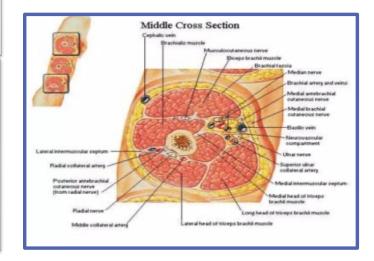








Vena	Visualizzazio ne	Puntura
Basilica	Asse corto	Out of plane
Brachiale	Asse corto	Out of plane
Cefalica	Asse corto	Out of plane



## Tecnica Ecoguidata Seldinger Diretto













### 36. VASCULAR ACCESS DEVICE SECUREMENT

#### **KEY DEFINITIONS**

Adhesive securement device (ASD): an adhesive-backed device that adheres to the skin with a mechanism to hold the vascular access device (VAD) in place; a separate dressing is placed over the ASD. Both the dressing and ASD must be removed and replaced at specific intervals during the VAD dwell time.

Integrated securement device (ISD): a device that combines a dressing with securement functions; includes transparent, semipermeable window, and a bordered fabric collar with built-in securement technology.

**Subcutaneous anchor securement system (SASS):** a securement device that anchors the VAD in place via flexible feet/ posts that are placed just beneath the skin; these act to stabilize the catheter right at the point of insertion. A separate dressing is placed over the SASS. The SASS does not need to be changed at regular intervals when the dressing is changed; it can remain in place if there are no associated complications.

**Tissue adhesive (TA):** a medical-grade cyanoacrylate glue that can seal the insertion site and temporarily bond the catheter to the skin at the point of insertion and under the catheter hub. Depending on the chemical makeup, TA may be reapplied at each dressing change. Various formulations of TA for wound closure are commercially available, including first generation *N*-Butyl-2-cyanoacrylate (quick drying, rigid/brittle), second generation 2-octyl-cyanoacrylate (longer dry time, more flexible) and *N*-Butyl-2octyl cyanoacrylate formation (increased tensile strength and flexibility) with an additional indication for vascular access securement. Each TA formulation has varied properties and the clinical decision to use should be based on research outcomes relative to the chosen product.

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## **Novel Peripheral Intravenous Catheter Securement** for Children and Catheter Failure Reduction: A Randomized Clinical Trial

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Conclusions and relevance: In this study, PIVCs secured with integrated securement dressings and tissue adhesive, in comparison with standard care, bordered polyurethane dressings, were associated with significantly reduced PIVC failure, for children admitted to hospital via the emergency department. Further research should focus on implementation in inpatient units where prolonged dwell and reliable intravenous access is most needed.

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### Comparing test methods for moisture-vapor transmission rate (MVTR) for vascular access transparent semipermeable dressings

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Dressing	MVTR liquid (inverted method)	MVTR vapor (upright method)
A	4089	1682
В	845	773
С	1225	1079
D	1047	976
E	1031	936
F <sup>b</sup>	30,530	2838
G	5164	1644



# Take Home Message

- Adottare una terminologia standardizzata per una scelta scrupolosa
- Indicazioni precise al presidio
  - Paziente DIVA o NON DIVA
  - Durata terapia superiore a 5-7gg
  - Infusioni per via periferica
- Scelta accurata del materiale
  - PEBA
  - PUR
- Tecnica di venipuntura
  - Ecoguidata (DIVA)
  - Blind (no DIVA)
- Tecnica d'inserimento
  - Seldinger diretto
  - All in one



Grazie per l'attenzione!!

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