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# PERSEUS- PERIOPERATIVE USE OF ULTRASOUND

Paediatric Vascular access

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## **European Society of Anaesthesiology guidelines on peri-operative use of ultrasound-guided for vascular access (PERSEUS vascular access)**

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# Methodology applied

PICOS 10-14

- P: children requiring a vascular access
- I: US-guided
- C: any other technique
- O: first pass success, time to achieve cannulation, complications, etc
- S: operating room, intensive care, emergency setting

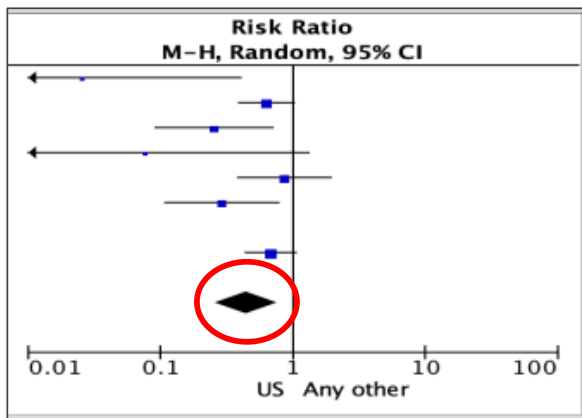
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# Paediatric PICOs

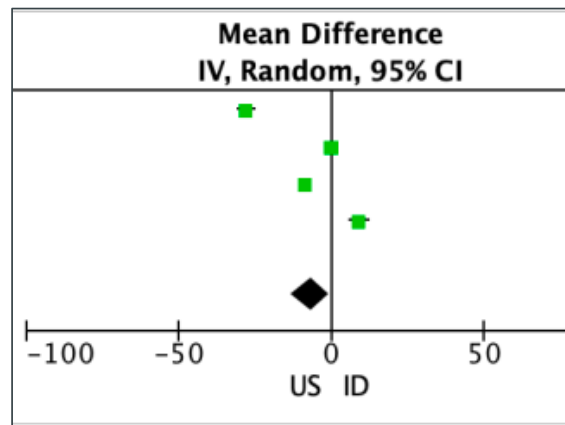
- Is USG better than “any other technique” for
  - IJV
  - FV
  - AxV, BCV, SCV
  - Arterial cannulation
  - Peripheral veins (DIVA)

# US-guided cannulation of the IJV in children

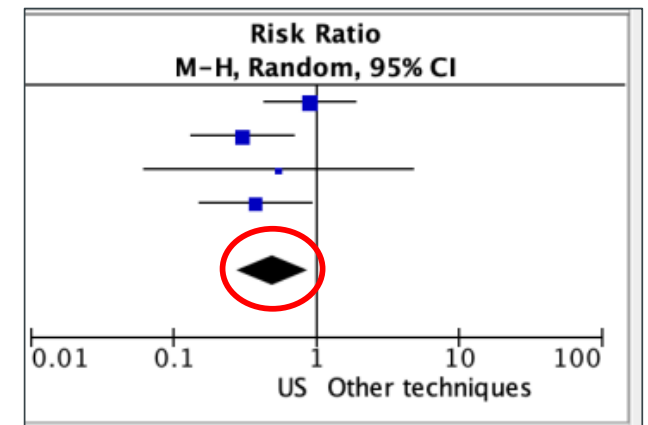
Overall success



Time



Complications



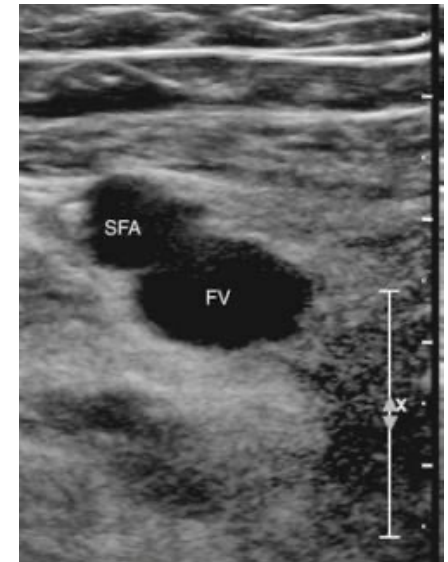
# US-guided cannulation of the IJV in children



## *Recommendations*

- We recommend the use of USG for IJV in children as it increases the success rate, reduces the time of successful cannulation (**GoR 1B**).
- We recommend the use of USG for IJV in children as it reduces the occurrence of complications (**GoR 1B**).

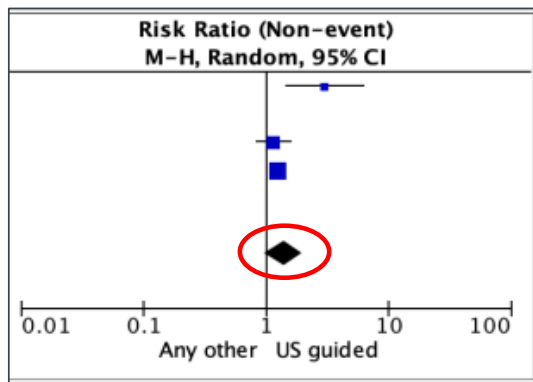
# US-guided cannulation of the femoral vein (FV)



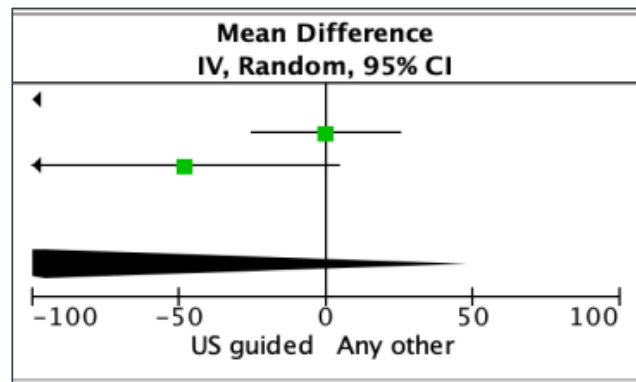
## Recommendation

- We recommend the use of USG for FICC in children as it increases the success rate and reduces the risk of complications (**GoR 1B**), even if the time of successful cannulation is not reduced.

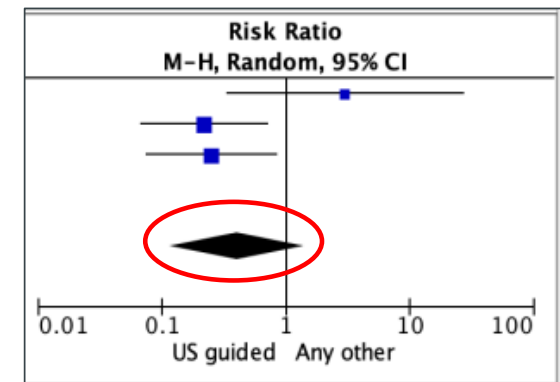
Overall success



Time



Complications



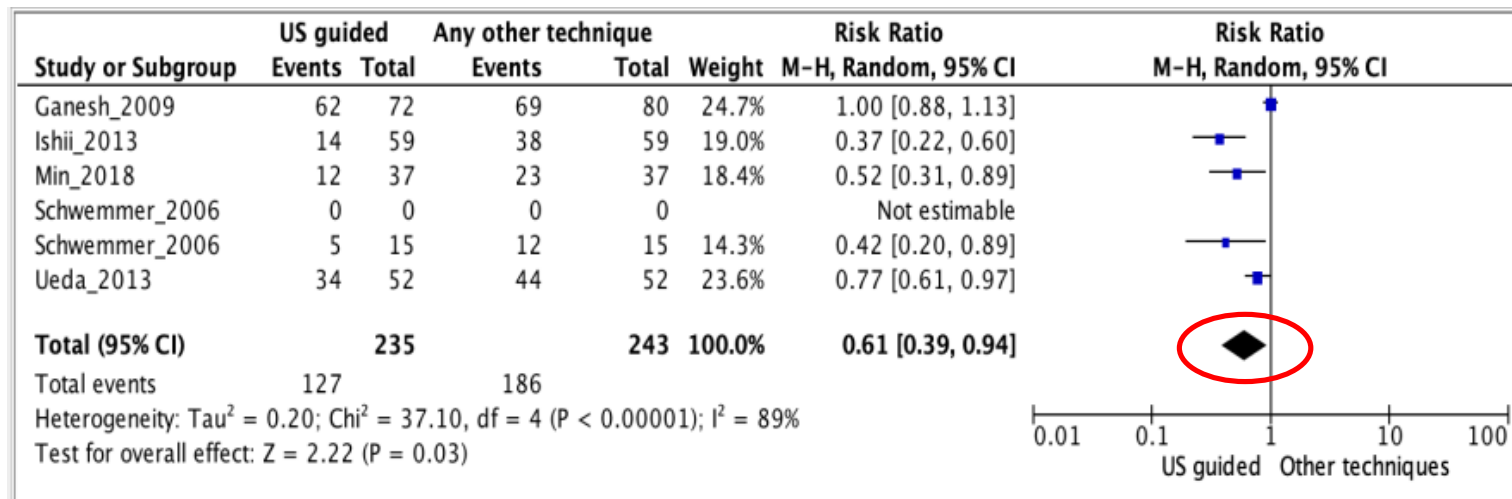
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# US-guided cannulation of the radial artery in children

## Recommendation

- We recommend the use of USG for arterial cannulation in children as it increases the **success rate (GoR 1B)**.

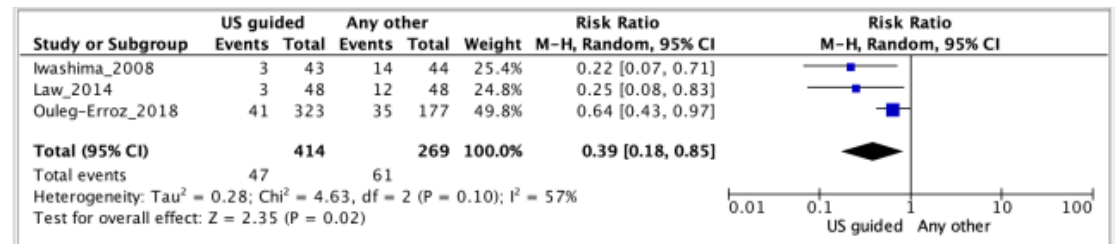
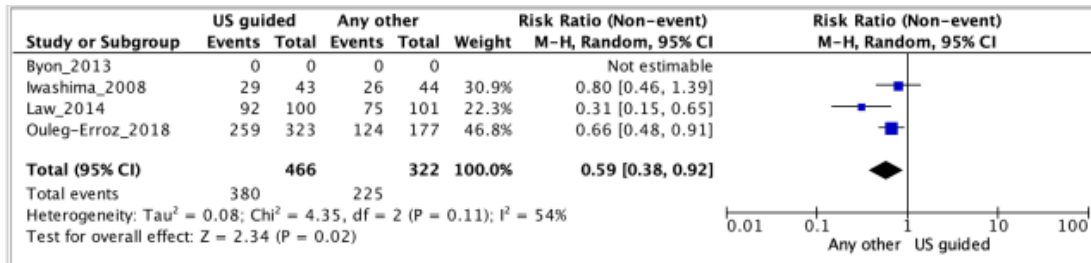




# US-guided cannulation of the brachio-cephalic vein (BCV), AxV and SBC in children

## Recommendation

- We recommend USG for BCV cannulation only in expert hands (**GoR 1C**).



# US-guidance cannulation of peripheral veins in children

## *Recommendation*

- Due the **paucity of well-conducted studies**, we cannot recommend the routine use of US for peripheral veins cannulation in paediatric patients.
- **Some evidence** suggests the use of USG improves the success rate of difficult peripheral cannulation in children (DIVA) and in experienced hands; its application might be of some benefit (GoR 2B).



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## International evidence-based recommendations on ultrasound-guided vascular access

**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
D4.SD1.S1–2	Ultrasound guidance should be routinely used for short- and long-term central venous access in children and neonates	A
D4.SD1.S3	Ultrasound vessel imaging with ultrasound assistance as “a minimum” should be routinely performed before internal jugular vein puncture in neonates	A
D4.SD1.S4	In neonates, ultrasound screening should be used before subclavian vein puncture. Ultrasound-guided puncture should be considered for catheterization using the supra-clavicular route, but this technique requires experienced operators	C
D4.SD1.S5	Ultrasound vessel screening should be routinely used before femoral vein puncture. Ultrasound-guided femoral puncture is recommended to decrease inadvertent arterial puncture	B
D4.SD1.S6	Ultrasound guidance can be considered when difficult peripheral venous access is required in areas such as the antecubital fossa and ankle. Blind deep antecubital fossa puncture should disappear	C
D4.SD1.S7	Ultrasound-guided arterial catheterization improves first-pass success and should be used routinely in children and neonates	A
D4.SD1.S8	After central venous catheter placement in paediatric patients including neonates, the ultrasound equipment should remain easily accessible at the patient’s bedside to detect early life-threatening catheter-related complications such as pneumothorax, cardiac tamponade and hemothorax	B
D4.SD1.S9	There is no ideal site for cannulation in children; the best site should be determined after ultrasound examination	A

# PERSEUS and “Grey areas”

- New USG approaches in children
- Improve accuracy, reduce Rx exposure for tip location
- Detect early and late complications
- Change education and teaching

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Consecutive, prospective case series of a new method  
for ultrasound-guided supraclavicular approach  
to the **brachiocephalic vein in children**

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# BCV in “tiny” neonates

4.5 kg

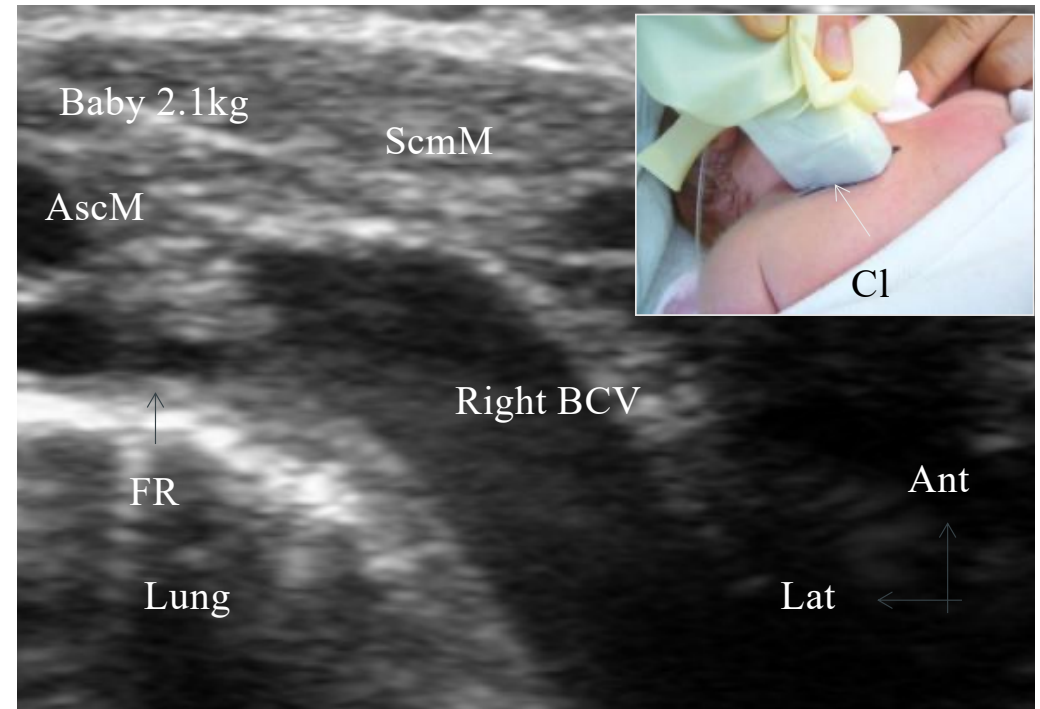
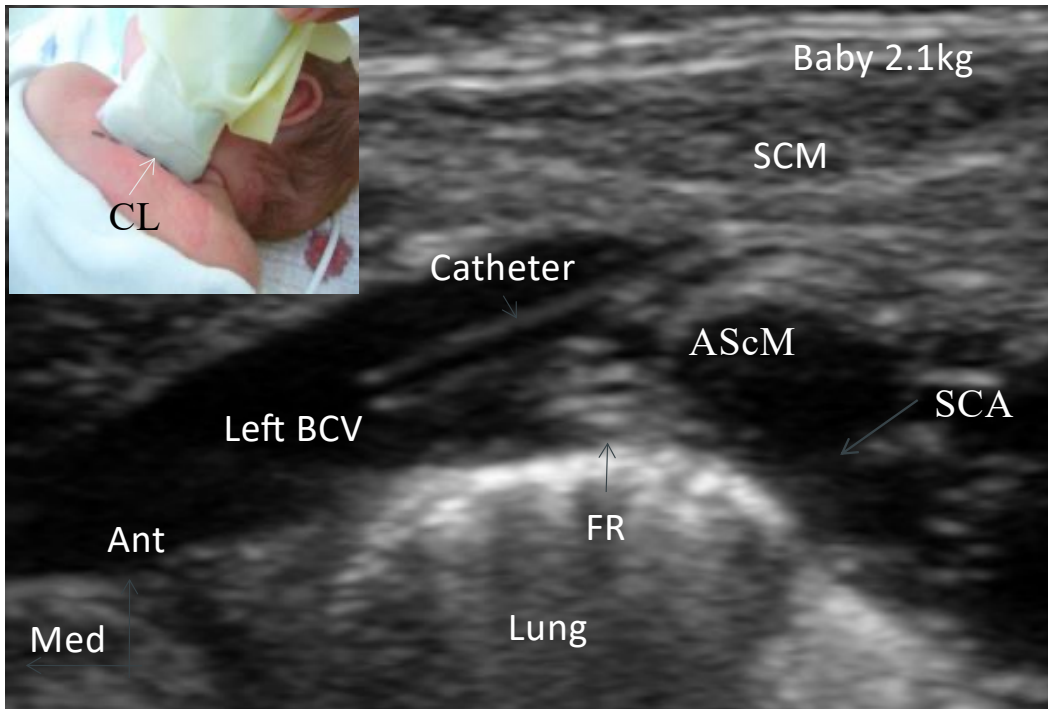


800 grams



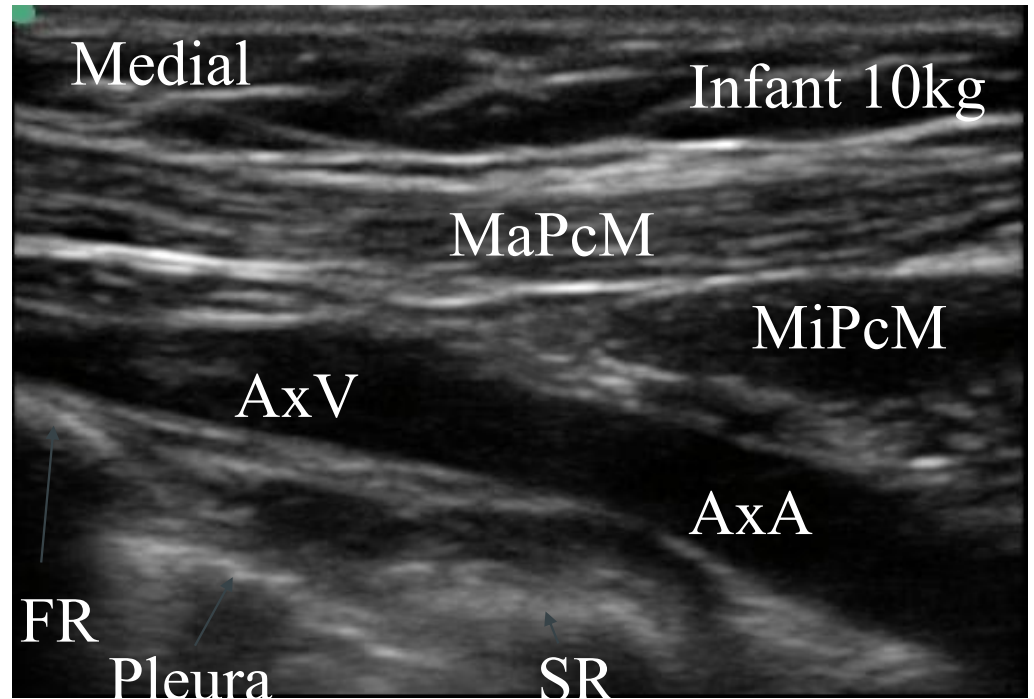


# Left vs right BCV



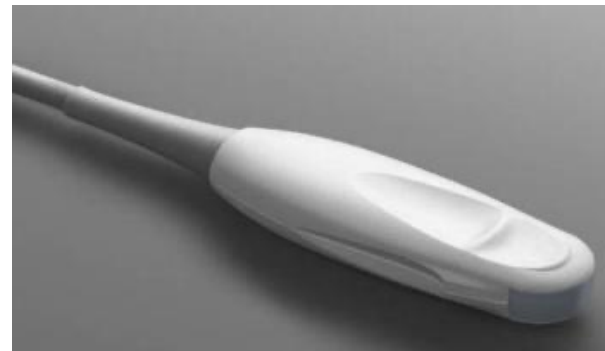
Breschan *et al.* *Anesthesiology* 2018; 128:38-43

# AxV and SCV

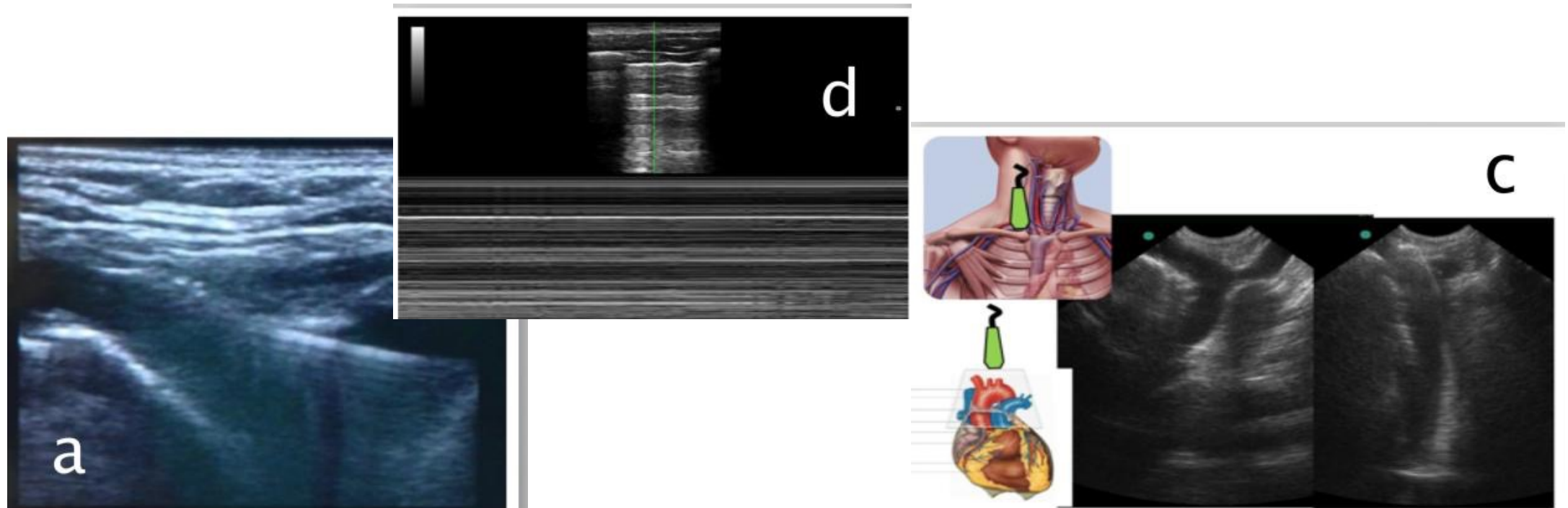


# US-guided tip navigation and location

- There is a **growing evidence** that ultrasound may be an **accurate**, inexpensive and **non-invasive** methodology for tip navigation (ultrasound scan of central veins during catheter progression) and for tip location (echocardiographic visualization of the catheter tip).
- Different echocardiographic approaches have been used yielding a sensitivity of 83,3% ([95% CI]: 78.1; 87.5) and a 100% specificity (95% CI: 98.2; 100).



# US confirmation of early and late complications



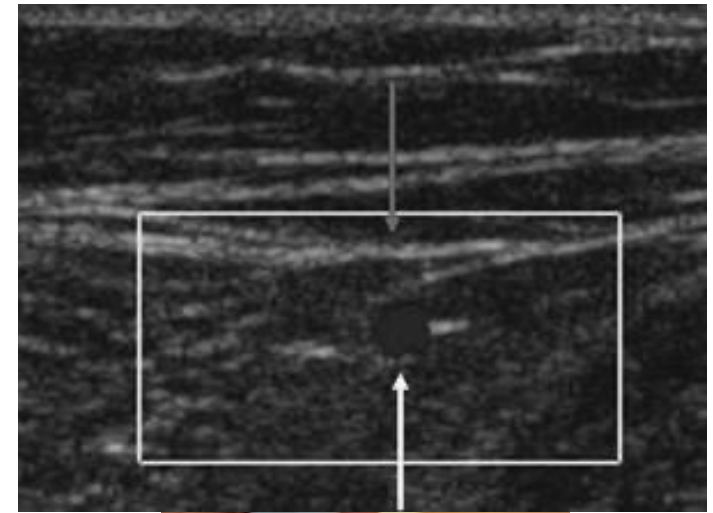
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# Difficult peripheral veins (DIVA)







*Pediatr Emerg Care 2001; 17: 130*

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# Training

1. *Generic learning/training objectives*
  - Machine setting, OOP/IP, cross infections, etc.
2. *Learning & assessment methods for generic competencies*
  - Assessment and certification of competencies, etc.
3. *Specific learning/training objectives*
  - Assessment and certification of specific competencies (i.e. diagnosis of complications)
4. *Training & assessment methods*
  - Observing procedures, performing under supervision, maintaining competencies, etc.
5. *Performance indicators*
  - Success rate, complications rate, patient's satisfaction, etc.
6. *Criteria for defining an expert trainer*
  - Independent practice, certified as instructor, etc.

# Training

## 3. Training & assessment methods

To be eligible for completion of competency-based training in paediatric US-guided vascular access the practitioner should have performed:

**30 US guided vascular access** procedures of any type in a **12 months period**.

## 6. Criteria for defining an expert trainer in US guided vascular access

For paediatric practice, **should meet relevant national criteria for maintaining practice privileges as specialist paediatric anaesthesiologist in children from the relevant age group (neonate, infant, toddler, older child)**



# Conclusions

PERSEUS guidelines recommend:

- US-guided cannulation for "ALL" central venous access in children is no more questionable
- BCV as a suitable approach in neonates and infants
- The use of US-guided for elective arterial line cannulation
- US-guided access performed by "experienced hands"
- Maintenance of competencies on an outcome-based model