



ABBANDONARE LA RADIOLOGIA: NUOVI PROTOCOLLI PER LA TIP LOCATION DEI CICC IN TERAPIA INTENSIVA



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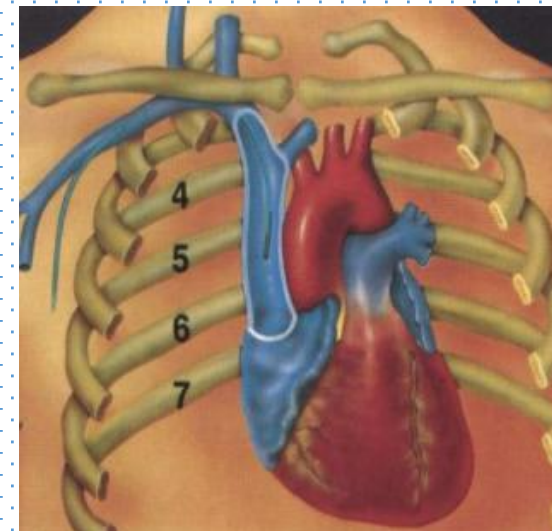
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B. Position the tip of a CVAD in the lower third of the superior vena cava (SVC) or upper third of the right atrium (RA) at or near the CAJ for adults and children.

1. For upper body insertion sites, respiratory variation, arm movement, and changes in body position will cause the CVAD tip to move in a caudal or cephaloid direction. Tip location deeper in the right atrium near the tricuspid valve or in the right ventricle is associated with cardiac arrhythmias (refer to Standard 51, *Central Vascular Access Device Malposition*). Tip location proximal to the SVC is associated with increased risk of thrombosis (refer to Standard 51, *Central Vascular Access Device Malposition*; Standard 50, *Catheter-Associated Thrombosis*).
2. For lower body insertion sites, position the CVAD tip in the inferior vena cava (IVC) above the level of the diaphragm.⁴⁻⁶ (IV)
3. For hemodialysis CVADs, position the CVAD tip at the mid-right atrium to avoid vessel and right atrial trauma or complications.⁷ (IV)



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TIP NAVIGATION

Fluoroscopia

- Meno accurate dell'ecoscopia
- Costosa
- Non sicura (X-ray)
- Logisticamente difficile – per “bedside” CVADs (PICC and CICC)

Metodi Elettromagnetici

- Poco accurati
- Costosi
- Disponibili solo per alcuni cateteri

Metodi Ecografici

- Facili
- Costo-efficacia
- Sicuri
- Accurati

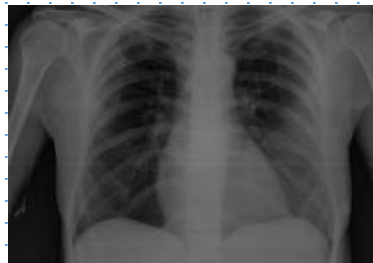
TECNICHE DI TIP LOCATION

INTRAPROCEDURALI

ECG intracavitario
Fluoroscopia
Ecocardiografia transtoracica -
transesofagea

POSTPROCEDURALI

Radiografia del torace
Ecocardiografia transtoracica -
transesofagea
TC, RM, angiografia.....



G. Verify the CVAD tip position with ECG, ultrasound, or assessing the postprocedure chest radiograph prior to initiating infusion therapy. (Committee Consensus)

5. Postprocedure radiograph imaging is not necessary if alternative catheter tip location technology confirms appropriate tip placement.^{1,12-30,42,43} (I)
a. Most evidence is specific to peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC), and further research is needed to confirm applicability to other CVADs.

I. Document the time of insertion and CVAD tip location by including a copy of the ECG tracing, chest radiograph note, or other appropriate report in the patient's health record (refer to Standard 10, Documentation in the Health Record).

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PROTOCOLLO ISAC 2	Verifica intra-procedurale della posizione centrale della punta (tip location) mediante ECG intracavitario e/o mediante ecocardiografia con bubble test (secondo il protocollo ECHOTIP)
PROTOCOLLO ISP 2	Controllo della posizione centrale della punta (tip location) mediante il metodo dell'ECG intracavitario , nella variante modificata nel caso di pazienti in fibrillazione atriale, eventualmente corroborato dalla tip location mediante ecocardiografia transtoracica con 'bubble test' (secondo il protocollo ECHOTIP)
PROTOCOLLO ISF	Verifica intra-procedurale della posizione centrale della punta (tip location): se la punta è prevista in atrio destro, utilizzare il metodo dell'ECG intracavitario e/o la ecocardiografia con bubble test (secondo il protocollo ECHOTIP); se la punta deve stare in vena cava inferiore, usare una stima della lunghezza mediante reperi cutanei con ecocardiografia intraprocedurale con bubble test (secondo il protocollo ECHOTIP), ma prendere in considerazione una lastra dell'addome post-procedurale in casi selezionati
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Protocollo ISALT-3	Controllo intra-procedurale della posizione della punta (tip location) mediante ECG intracavitario (metodo convenzionale oppure metodo modificato, in caso di fibrillazione atriale) e/o ecocardiografia con bubble test (secondo il protocollo ECHOTIP).

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International evidence-based recommendations on ultrasound-guided vascular access

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WoCoVA-GAVeCeLT Consensus, Intensive Care Medicine 2012

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GUIDELINES

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

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2. Consider the use of ultrasound for CVAD tip location.

The clinical applicability of this is currently limited by the small sample sizes used to demonstrate its efficacy as a reliable and safe method to replace chest radiographs in all ages, and its usefulness is limited by the knowledge, skill, and experience of the operator.6,33-38 (III)

a. The addition of agitated saline to enhance transthoracic echocardiography has been shown to be effective in detecting catheter tip position in the lower third of the SVC, as well as detecting catheter malposition through delayed opacification and reduced echogenicity.6,39 (IV)

3. Consider using ultrasound to confirm catheter tip position in neonates and in the emergency department or other critical care environments where immediate confirmation of tip location is time critical.6,33,40 (IV)

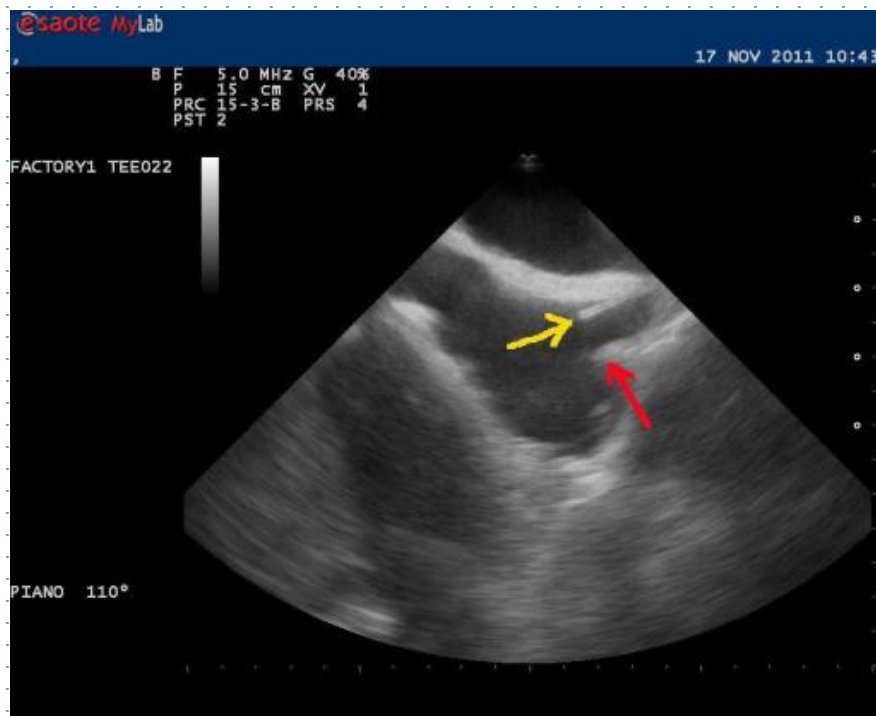
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Transoesophageal echocardiographic evaluation of central venous catheter positioning using Peres' formula or a radiological landmark-based approach: a prospective randomized single-centre study[†]



- Gold standard per la tip location
- Invasivo
- Impossibile per la maggior parte dei pazienti
- Fattibile per i CICCs prima o durante cardiocirurgia
- Non è fattibile nei PICCs
- É necessario un training importante per gli operatori



Bedside ultrasound to detect central venous catheter misplacement and associated iatrogenic complications: a systematic review and meta-analysis

2018

Table 2 Outcomes regarding feasibility, prevalence, accuracy parameters, and time to measurement of included studies

Study	Feasibility	Prevalence of pneumothorax (%)	Prevalence of malposition (%)	Specificity (95% CI) ¹	Sensitivity (95% CI) ²	Mean time for US (min) (±SD) ⁴ [IQR]	Mean time for CXR performance (min) (±SD) ⁴ [IQR]	Mean time for CXR interpretation (min) (±SD) ⁴ [IQR]
All studies (2548)	96.8%	1.1%	6.8%	98.4 (97.8–99.5)	68.2 (54.4–79.4)	2.83 (95% CI: 2.77–2.89)	34.7 (95% CI: 32.6–36.7)	46.3 (95% CI: 44.4–48.2)
Suprclavicular ultrasound (76)	94.6%	–	0%	100 (94.4–100) ³	–			
TTE and CEUS (1195)	97.7%	1.4%	6.8%	98.9 (96.1–99.7)	68.7 (61.7–96.4)			
Vascular ultrasound and TTE (729)	98.1%	0.8%	3.4%	99.0 (96.5–99.7)	96.1 (79.7–99.4)			
Vascular ultrasound, TTE and CEUS (548)	93.3%	1.4%	12.3%	98.6 (96.1–99.5)	56.2 (32.8–77.1)			

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ECHOTIP: A structured protocol for ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location during placement of central venous access devices in adult patients

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The aim:

- To review the evidence available in the literature about ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location
- Novel standardized protocol for ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location
- The best method for ultrasound visualization of the guidewire and/or catheter and/or tip

Table 1. (a) ECHOTIP protocol for CICC.

	Probe	Technique
Tip navigation	7–12 MHz linear probe	Visualization of the cannulated vessel (wire/catheter inside the vein)
Tip location	2–6 MHz sectorial probe As alternative option: 3–8 MHz convex probe	Visualization of the deep vessels of neck and chest according to RaCeVA Immediate visualization (<1 s) of bubbles in RA after flushing First option: subcostal views (four-chamber or bi-caval) Second option: four-chamber apical view

(b) ECHOTIP protocol for PICCs.

	Probe	Technique
Tip navigation	7–12 MHz linear probe	Visualization of the deep veins of the arm and of the infra/supraclavicular area according to RaPeVA and RaCeVA
Tip location	2–6 MHz sectorial probe As alternative option: 3–8 MHz convex probe	Immediate visualization (<2 s) of bubbles in RA after flushing First option: subcostal views (four-chamber or bi-caval) Second option: four-chamber apical view

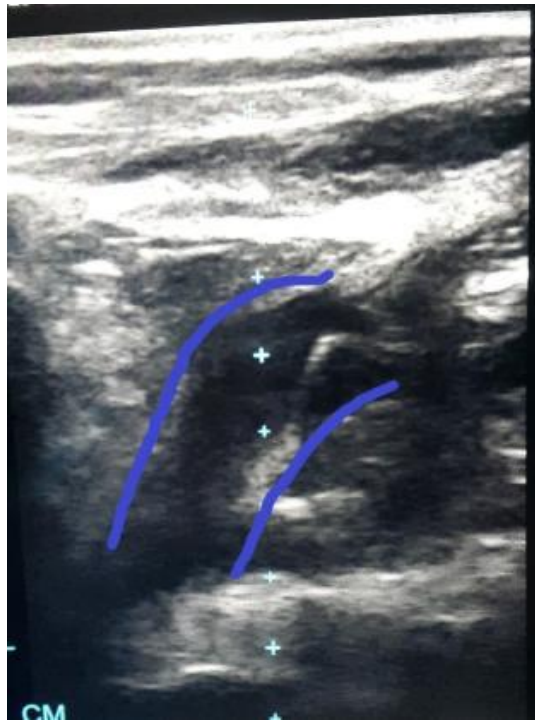
(c) ECHOTIP protocol for FICCs.

	Probe	Technique
Tip navigation	7–12 MHz linear probe (femoral vein and external iliac vein)	Visualization of the deep vessels of the lower limb according to RaFeVA
Tip location	3–8 MHz convex probe (common iliac vein and IVC) 2–6 MHz sectorial probe As alternative option: 3–8 MHz convex probe	Visualization of IVC in short and long axis views Visualization of bubbles after flushing Tip in IVC: immediate visualization of bubbles in IVC Tip in RA or at the junction RA/IVC: immediate visualization of bubbles in RA

controllo della guida metallica nella vena anonima - vena cava superiore



controllo del catetere nella vena anonima – vena cava superiore



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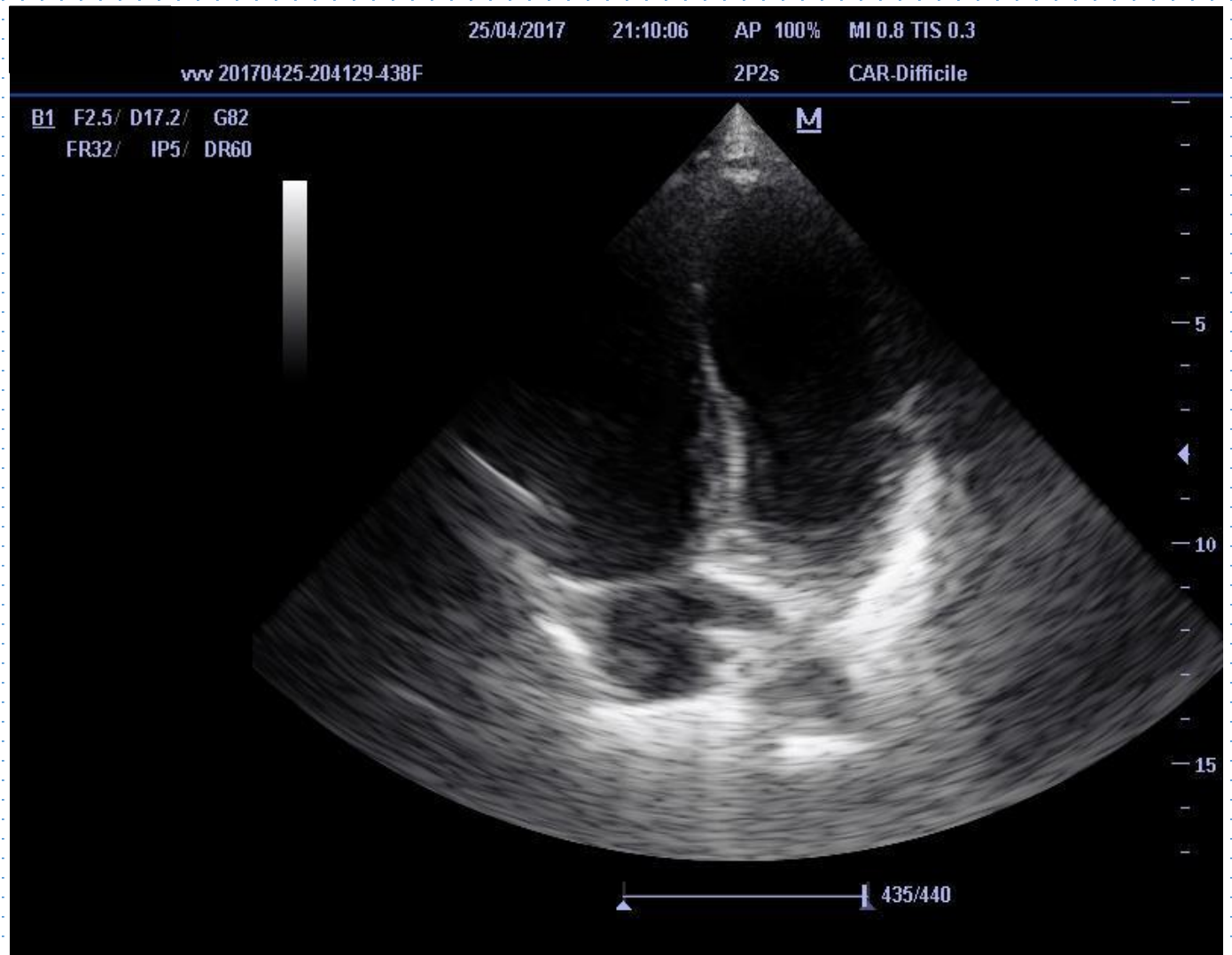
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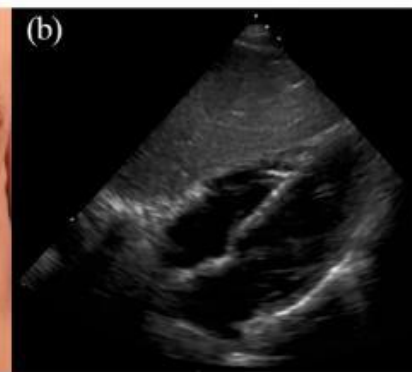
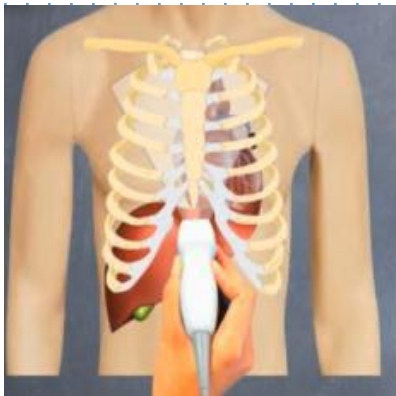
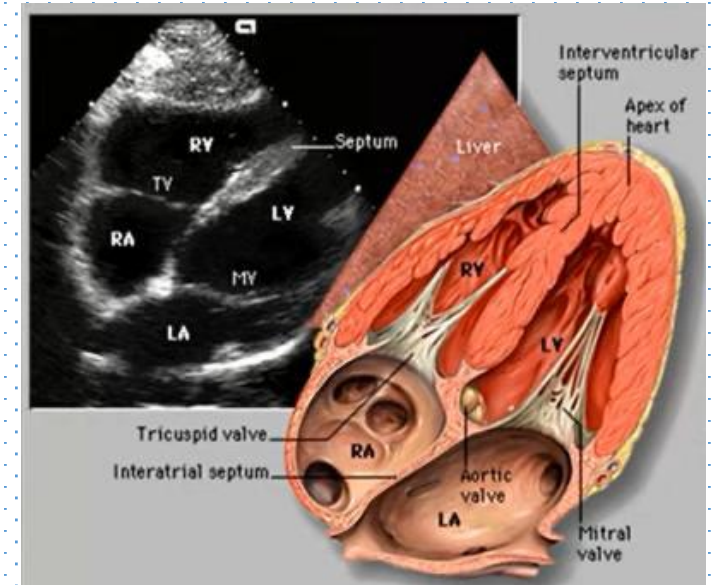
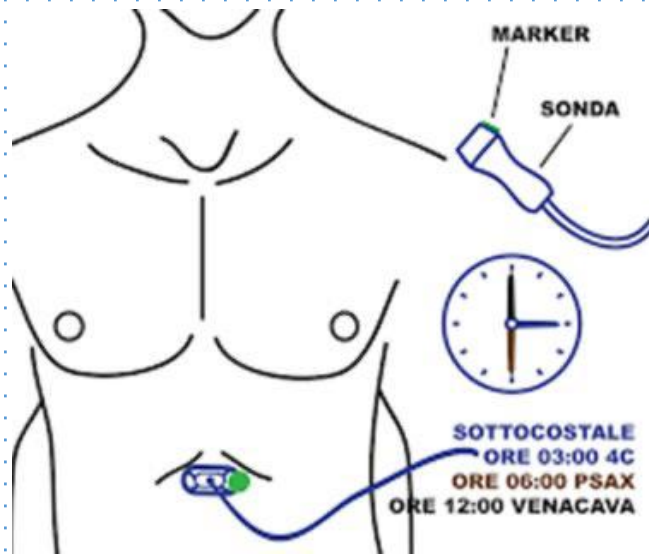
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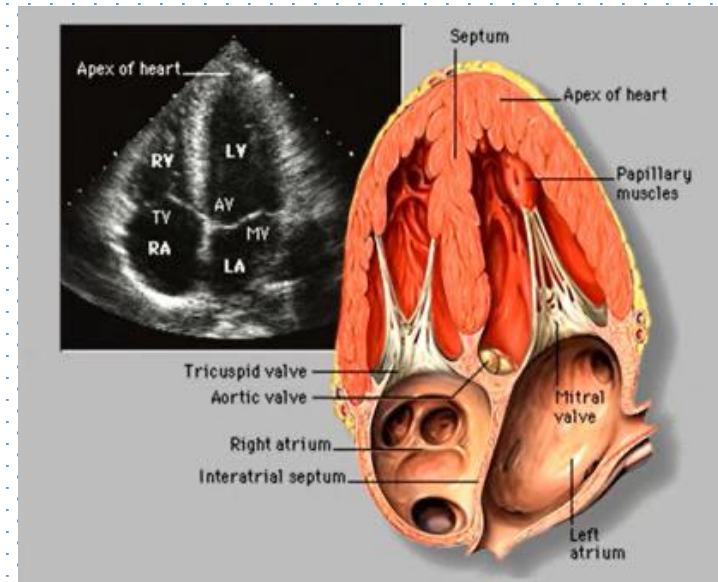
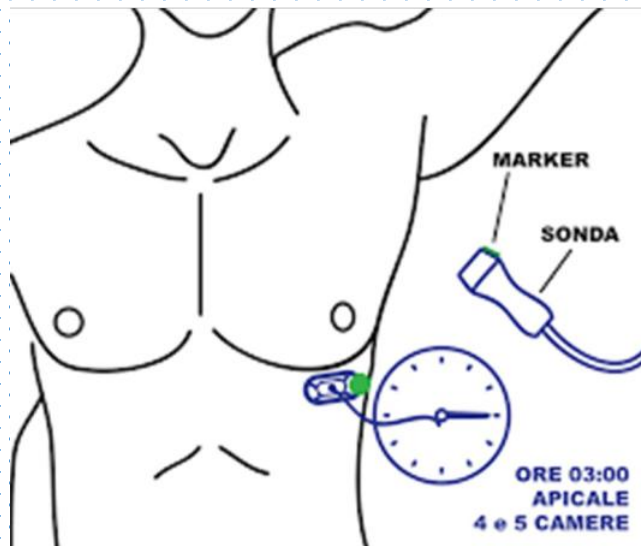
Sottocostale longitudinale 4 camere



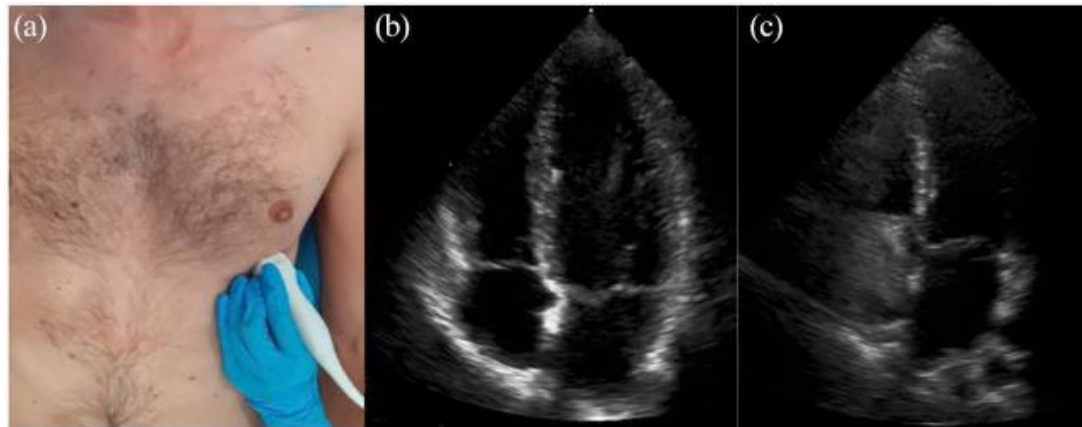
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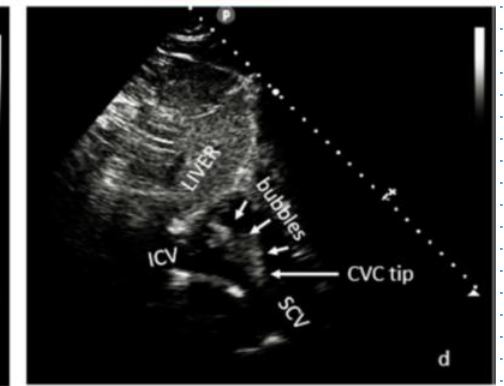
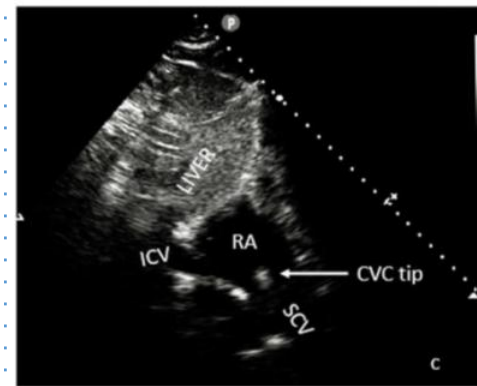
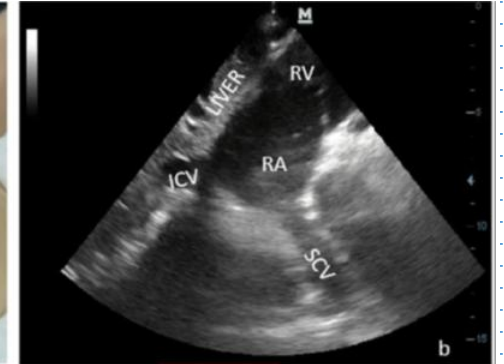
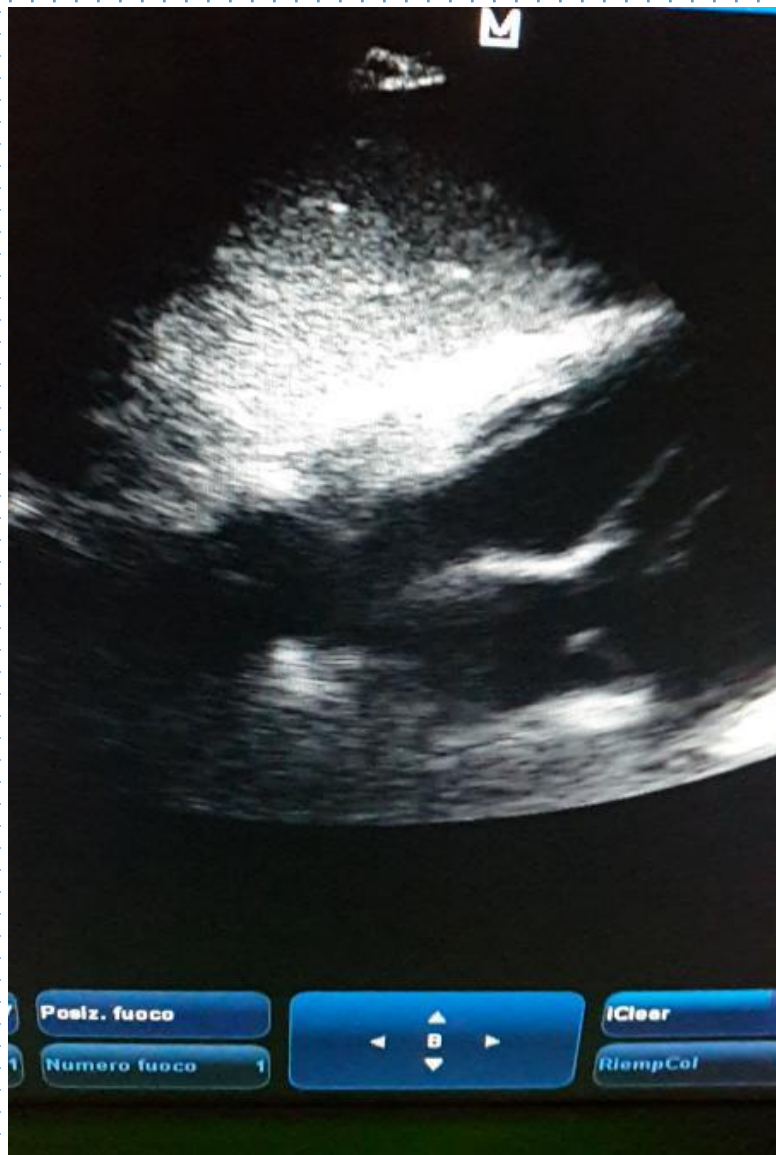


Apicale quattro camere

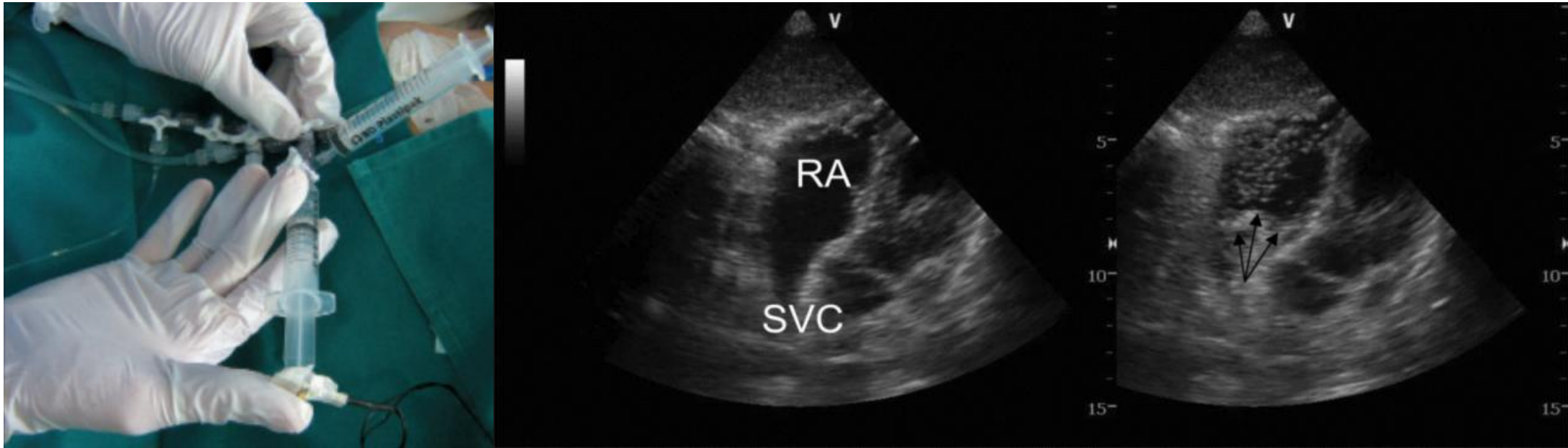


4°-6° spazio
intercostale lungo
l'emiclaveare o
ascellare anteriore





«BUBBLE TEST»



The rapid infusion of normal saline or of a 9:1 mixture of saline + air creates microbubbles inside the vasculature: such microbubbles act as contrast medium, and their appearance in the RA facilitates the visualization of the tip.

Dove tutto ha avuto inizio.....

Ultrasound localization of central vein catheter and detection of postprocedural pneumothorax: An alternative to chest radiography*

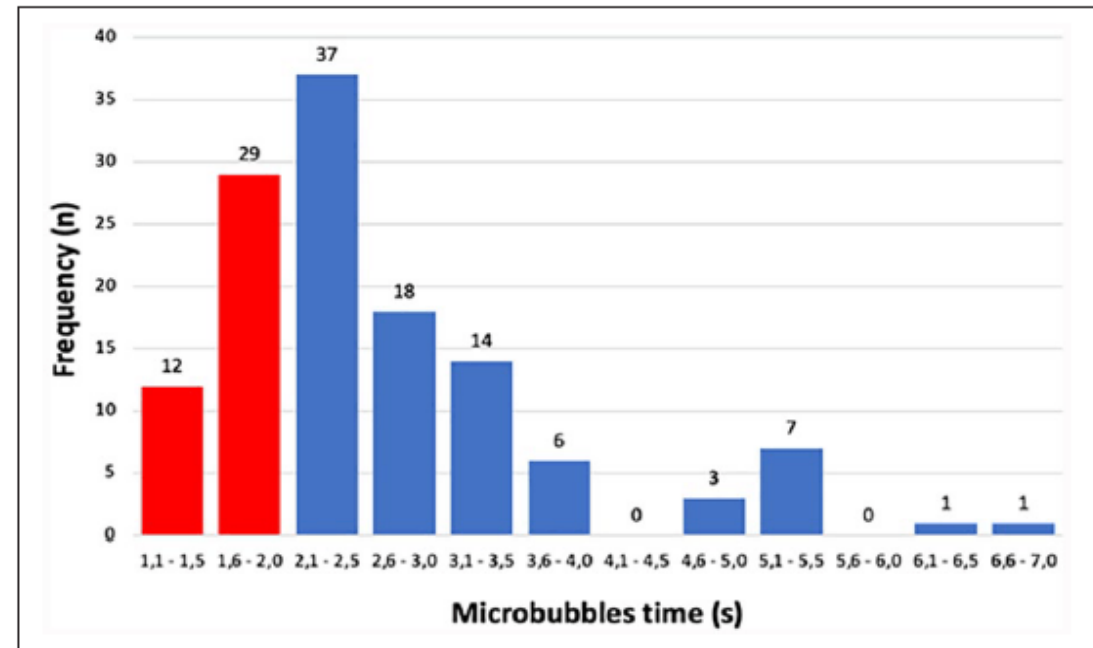
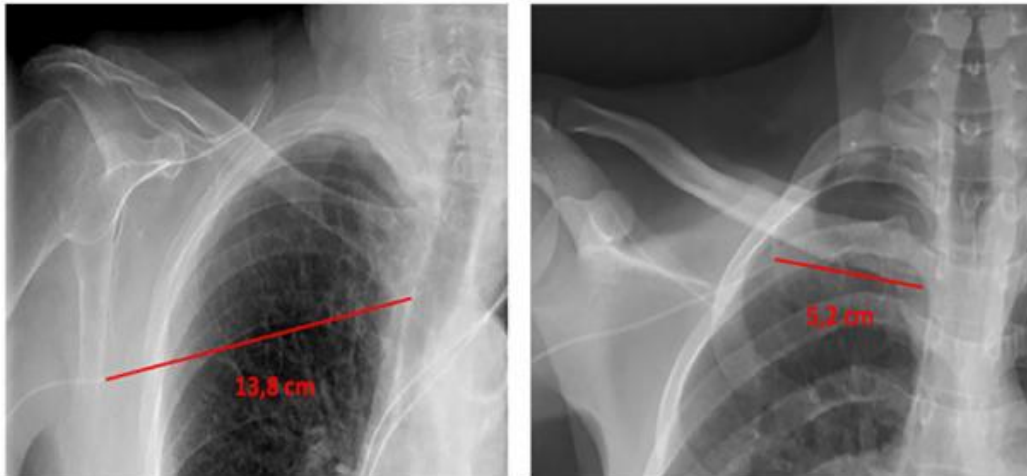
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Characteristics	Interpretation
No bubbles	Negative test: an aberrant or too distal tip position must be considered.
Few bubbles or appearance time >2 secs	Test to be repeated: if confirmed, possible misplacement (probably in the SV or IJV).
Numerous bubbles indistinguishable separately turbulent flow coming from atrium within 2 secs	Negative test; intra-atrial positioning.
Numerous bubbles indistinguishable separately linear flow coming from superior vena cava within 2 secs	Positive test: CVC tip correctly placed in the SVC.

Crit Care Med 2010; 38:533–538

Contrast enhanced ultrasound as a new tool to estimate the performance of midline catheters in the single patient

2021



Two seconds, originally proposed by Vezzani, is too long

ORIGINAL RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

Central Vascular Catheter Placement Evaluation Using Saline Flush and Bedside Echocardiography

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The mean ($\pm$ SD) times of onset of turbulence for CVC tips in proximal and distal SVC zones were 1.12 ($\pm$ 0.33) and 1.10 ($\pm$ 0.30) seconds, respectively.

Transthoracic echocardiography as bedside technique to verify tip location of central venous catheters in patients with atrial arrhythmia

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When the tip was well positioned, the mean ($\pm$ SD) time for onset of the bubble effect was 0.89 ± 0.33 s in patients with CICC and 1.1 ± 0.20 s in those with PICC; this time difference was not statistically significant ($p > 0.05$).



Confirmation of correct central venous catheter position in the preoperative setting by echocardiographic “bubble-test”

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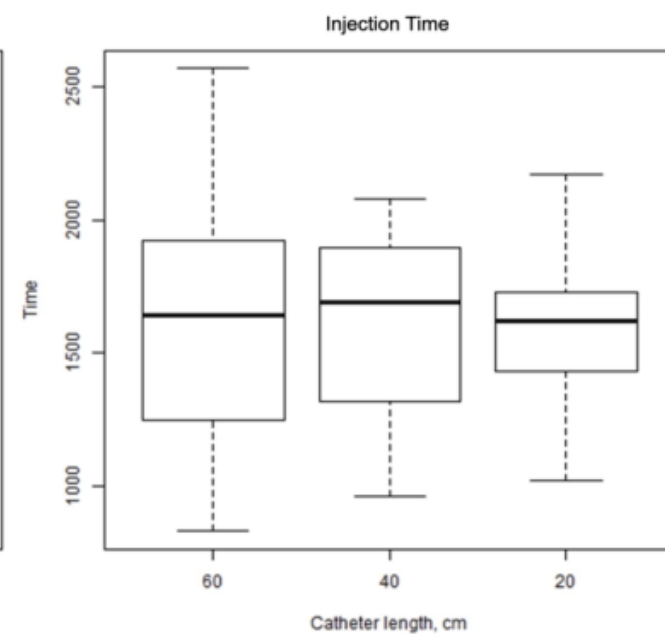
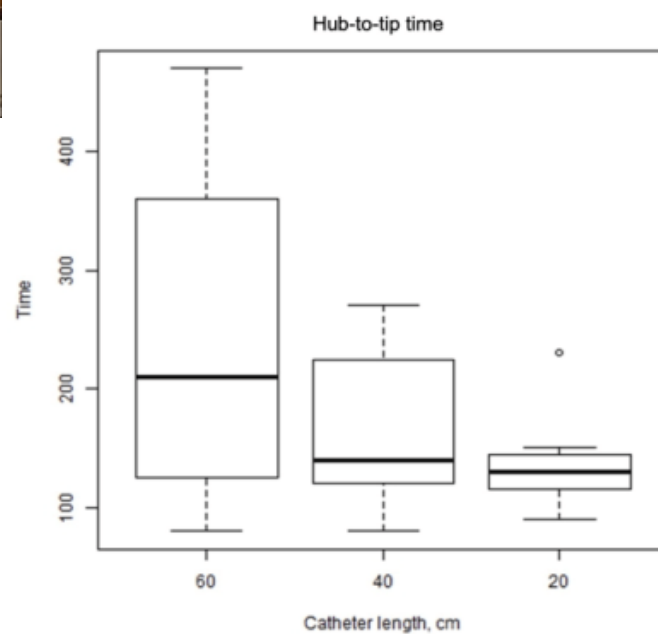
sis, a cut off value of 500 ms had the highest diagnostic accuracy with a sensitivity of 100% (95% C.I. lower limit=60%) and a specificity of 99% (95% C.I. lower limit=84%) for CVC malposition. The inter-observer agreement on a cut



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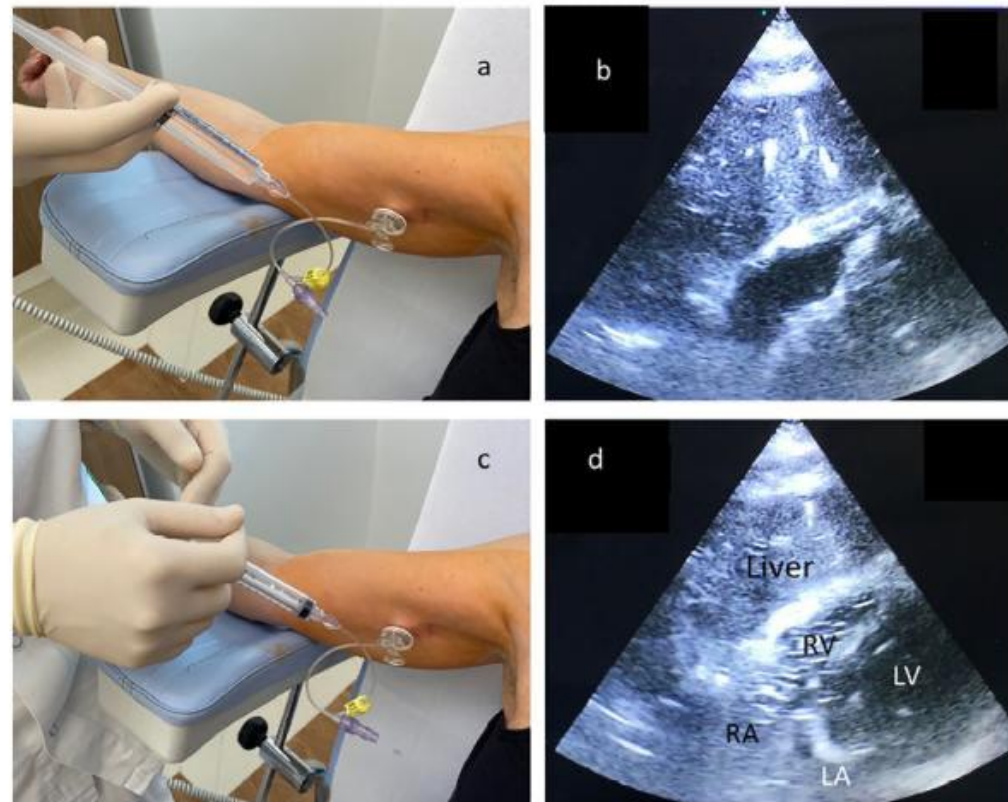
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An ultrasound-based technique in the management of totally implantable venous access devices with persistent withdrawal occlusion

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Pulsed-wave Doppler for ultrasound-based tip location using bubble test: A pilot study

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Advantages:

- Visual signal of MES (microembolic signals)
- Production of a typical sound due to the alternation of PW wave
- It is synchronous with cardiac flow and heart rate

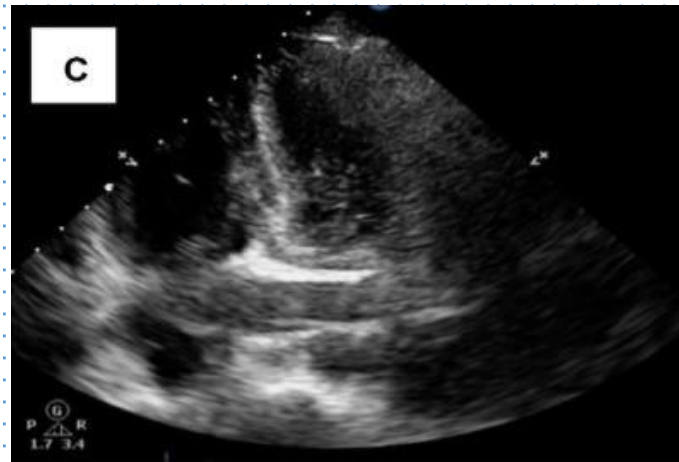
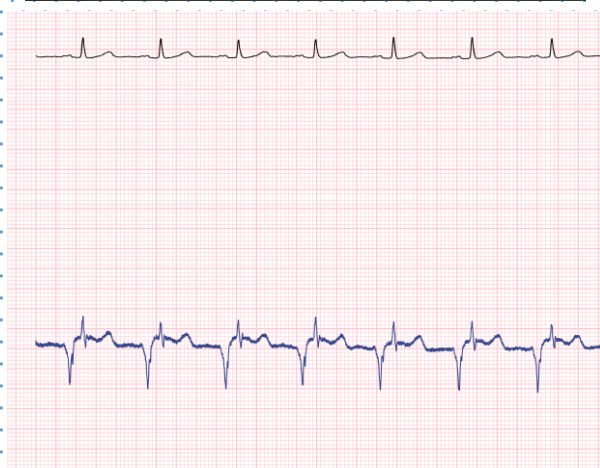
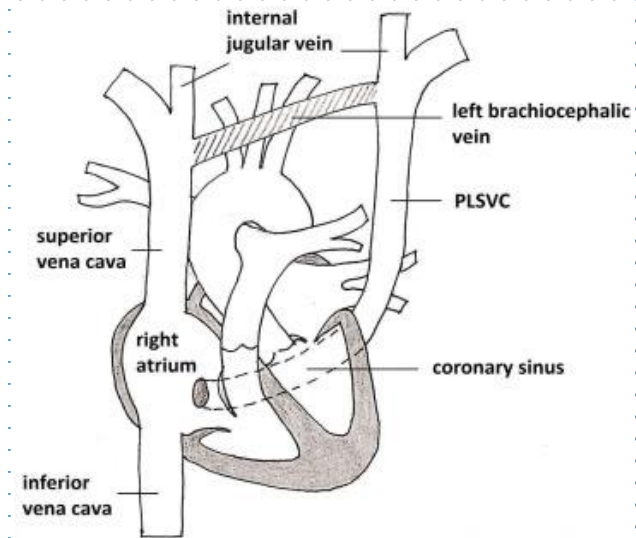
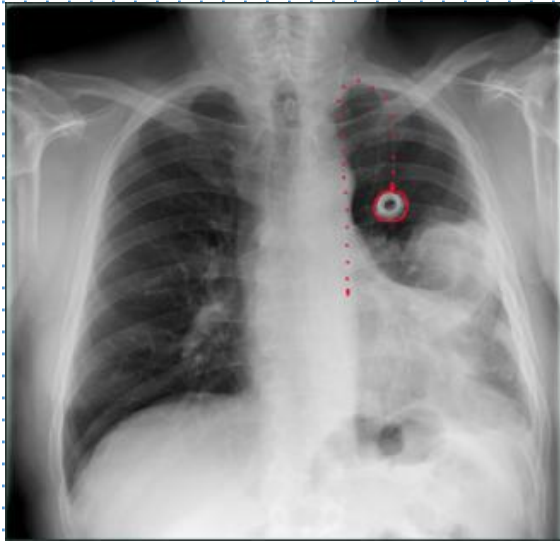
Limitations:

- Single center
- Small sample size (n=9)

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PERSISTENT LEFT SUPERIOR VENA CAVA



Are routine chest radiographs still indicated after central line insertion?

A scoping review

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Barriers identified	Percentage (95% CI)
Policy or protocol requiring radiography after line placement	17% (11.5%–21.8%)
Political forces in hospital would oppose this as I would be in minority performing the US protocol	16% (11.2%–21.4%)
I do not feel adequately comfortable with my US skills to make this call	14% (9.2%–19.4%)
Medicolegal concerns	13% (7.8%–18%)
Inertia: I don't think of it or it is just hard to change behavior and break habits	11% (5.8%–16.0%)
I lack sufficient ultrasound confidence to make this call	10% (4.8%–15.0%)
It is more convenient to get a chest radiography	7% (2.4%–12.6%)
I was not aware, or I did not appreciate that this was an option	4% (0%–9.2%)
Ultrasound is not as sensitive as chest radiography in evaluation of position or pneumothorax	2% (0%–6.8%)
No barriers, I currently use ultrasound and not chest radiography for confirmation	0% (0%–5.5%)
Lack of infrastructure to save images and report.	Unavailable
Adequate communication/documentation of good placement and exclusion of PTX	Unavailable



In this field a lot has been done, but there is still a lot that we can do.....