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ACCESSI VASCOLARI NEL NEONATO E NEL BAMBINO: IL FUTURO È ADESSO

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2. The world of pediatric central venous access needs an update, by implementing materials and methods which have become (or are becoming) the standard of care in adults:

- Consistent adoption of US-guidance for all central venous access devices (PICC, CICC, FICC, ports)
- Adoption of tip location by intracavitary EKG and/or echocardiography
- Shift to power injectable polyurethane for all external catheters (the reason for still using fragile silicon catheters like Broviac and Hickman is mysterious)
- Increased use of PICCs as first option central line in all children
- Increased adoption of tunneling for all external catheters (even if non-cuffed)

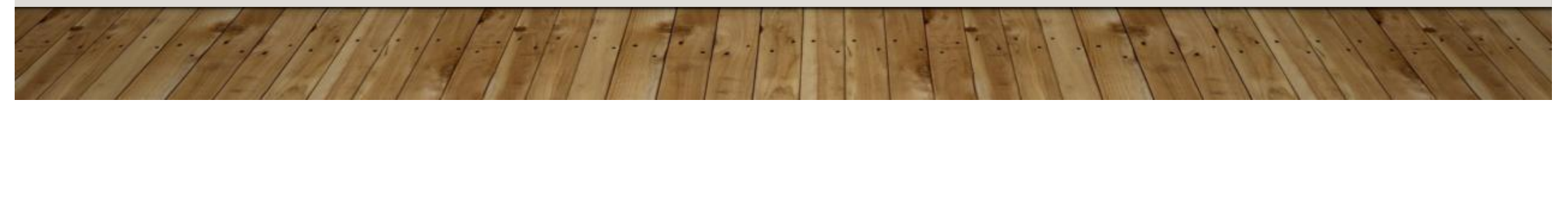
3. Eliminate the problem of dislodgment (the main cause of loss of the central line in pediatrics) by an extensive use of subcutaneously anchored securement devices.

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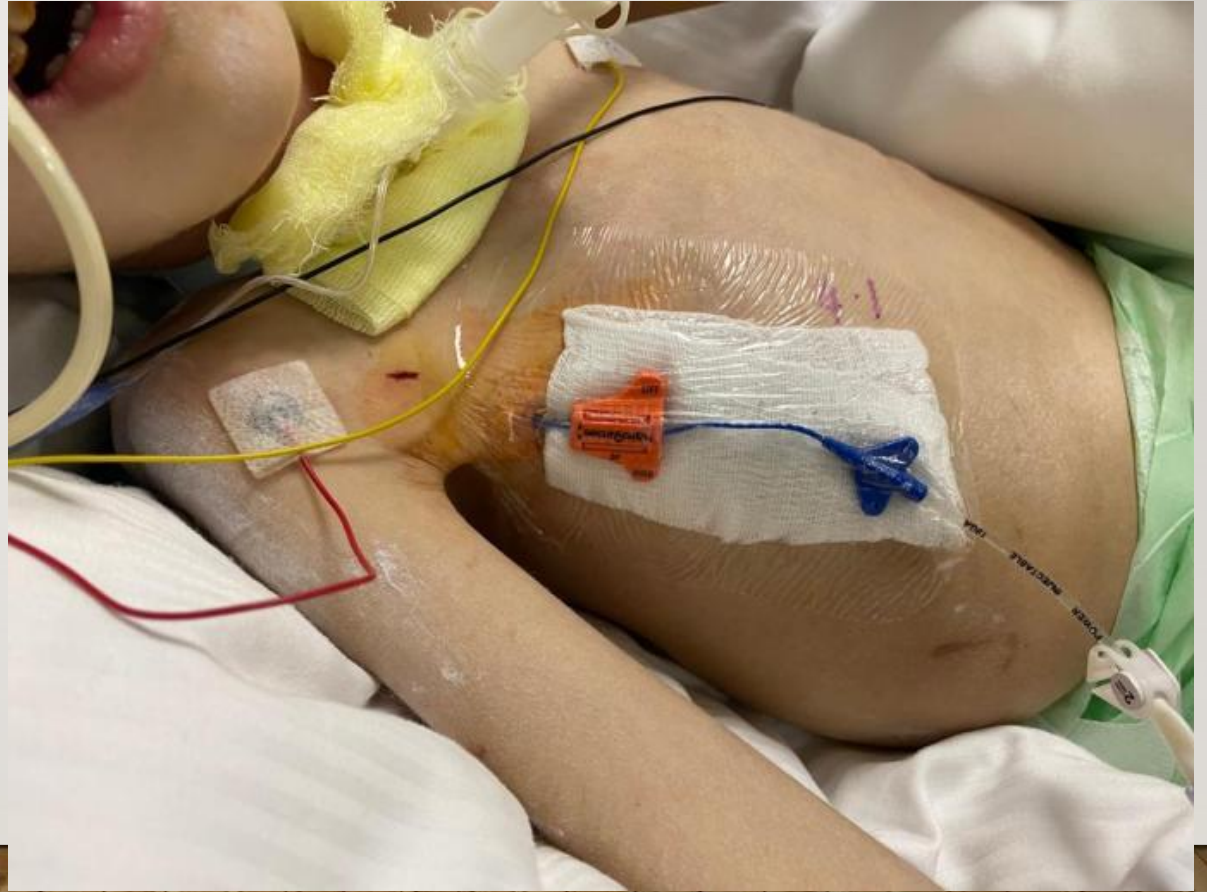
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IMPIANTO DI CICC/FICC ECOGUIDATI NEL NEONATO **OGGI**

- Esiste un '*insertion bundle*' ben definito e ottimizzato (ISAC-Ped)
 1. Scelta del sito di venipuntura mediante esame eco preprocedurale (RaCeVA/RaFeVA)
 2. Asepsi appropriata (igiene delle mani; CHG 2% in IPA 70%; MPB)
 3. Venipuntura ecoguidata con controllo eco post-puntura (r/o PNX; *tip navigation*)
 4. *Tip location* intra-procedurale mediante IC-ECG e/o ECHOTIP
 5. Tunnellizzazione
 6. Stabilizzazione con ancoraggio sottocutaneo
 7. Protezione del sito di emergenza: cianoacrilato e membrane trasparenti semipermeabili





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Ultrasound Guided Central Vascular Access in Neonates, Infants and Children

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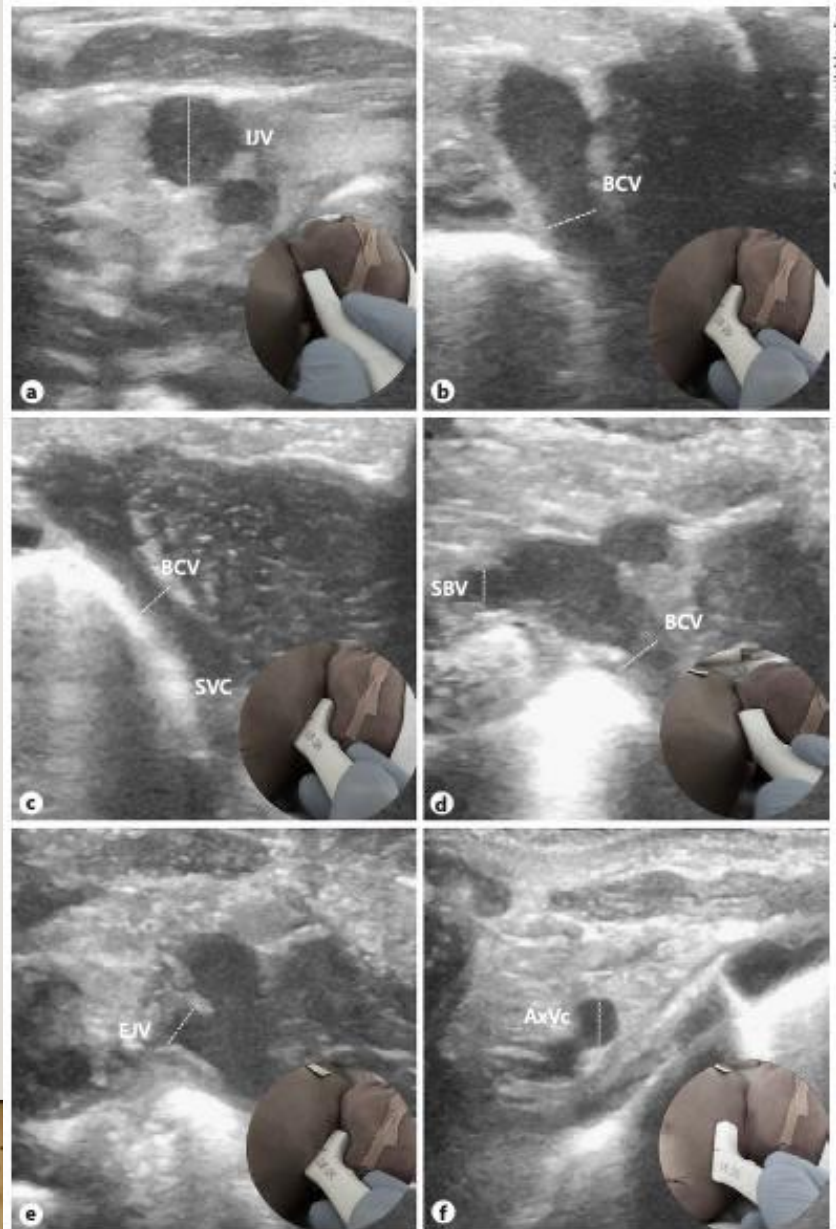
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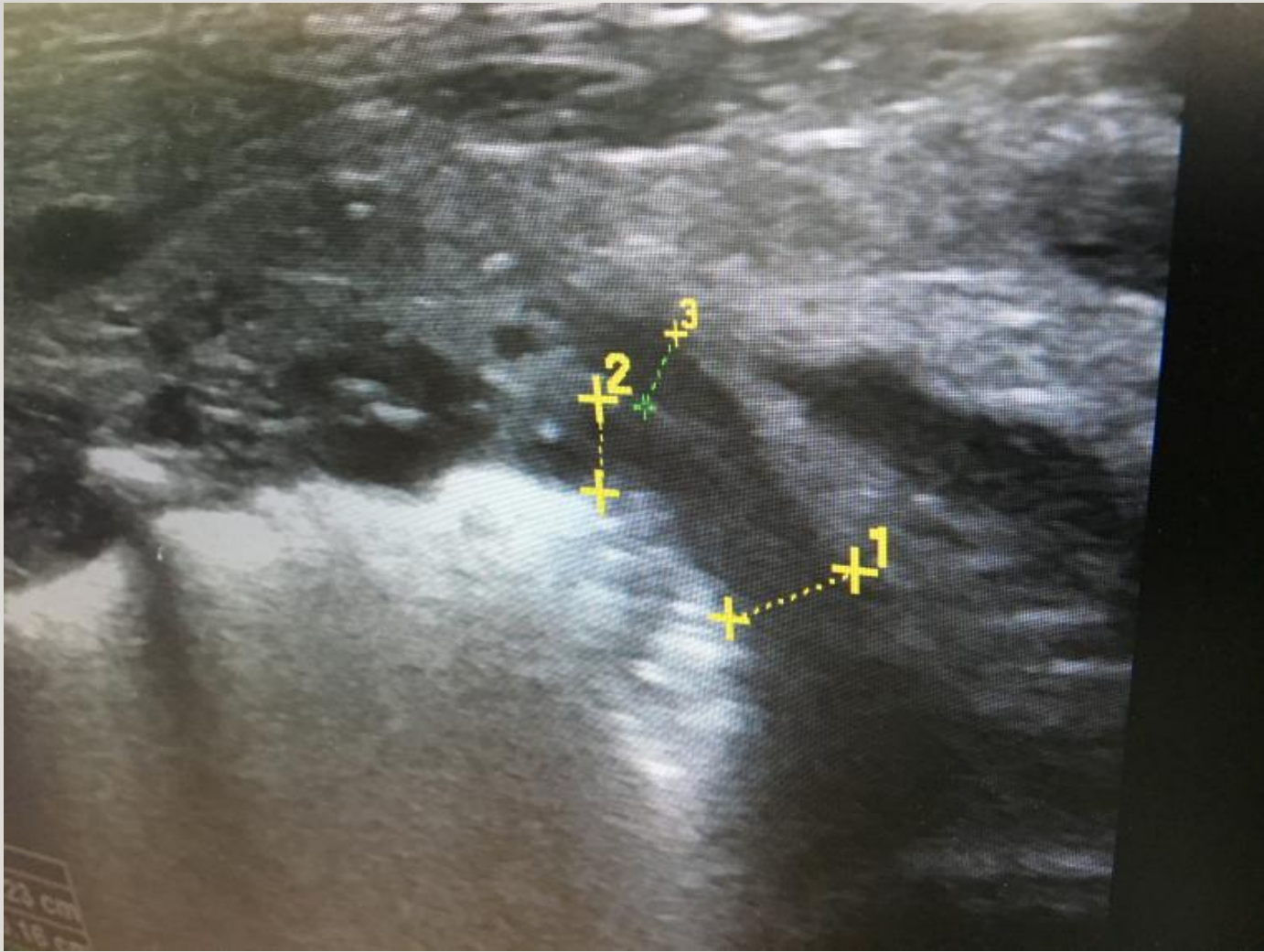
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A Systematic Ultrasound Evaluation of the Diameter of Deep Veins in the Newborn: Results and Implications for Clinical Practice

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R BCV	3.6±0.6 (2.6–5.7)	3.0±0.3 (2.6–3.6)	3.3±0.3 (2.7–3.7)	3.4±0.3 (2.7–3.6)	3.8±0.4 (3.1–4.2)	4.5±0.6 (3.7–5.7)	0.96
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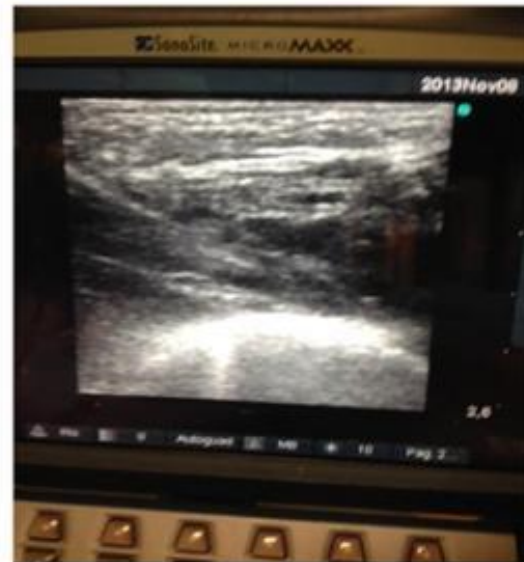
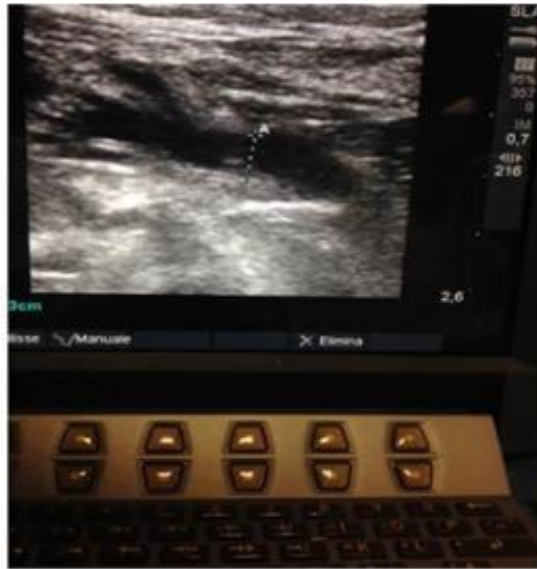
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Retrospective evaluation of 599 brachiocephalic vein cannulations in neonates and preterm infants

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Clinical trial protocol

A GAVeCeLT bundle for central venous catheterization in neonates and children: A prospective clinical study on 729 cases

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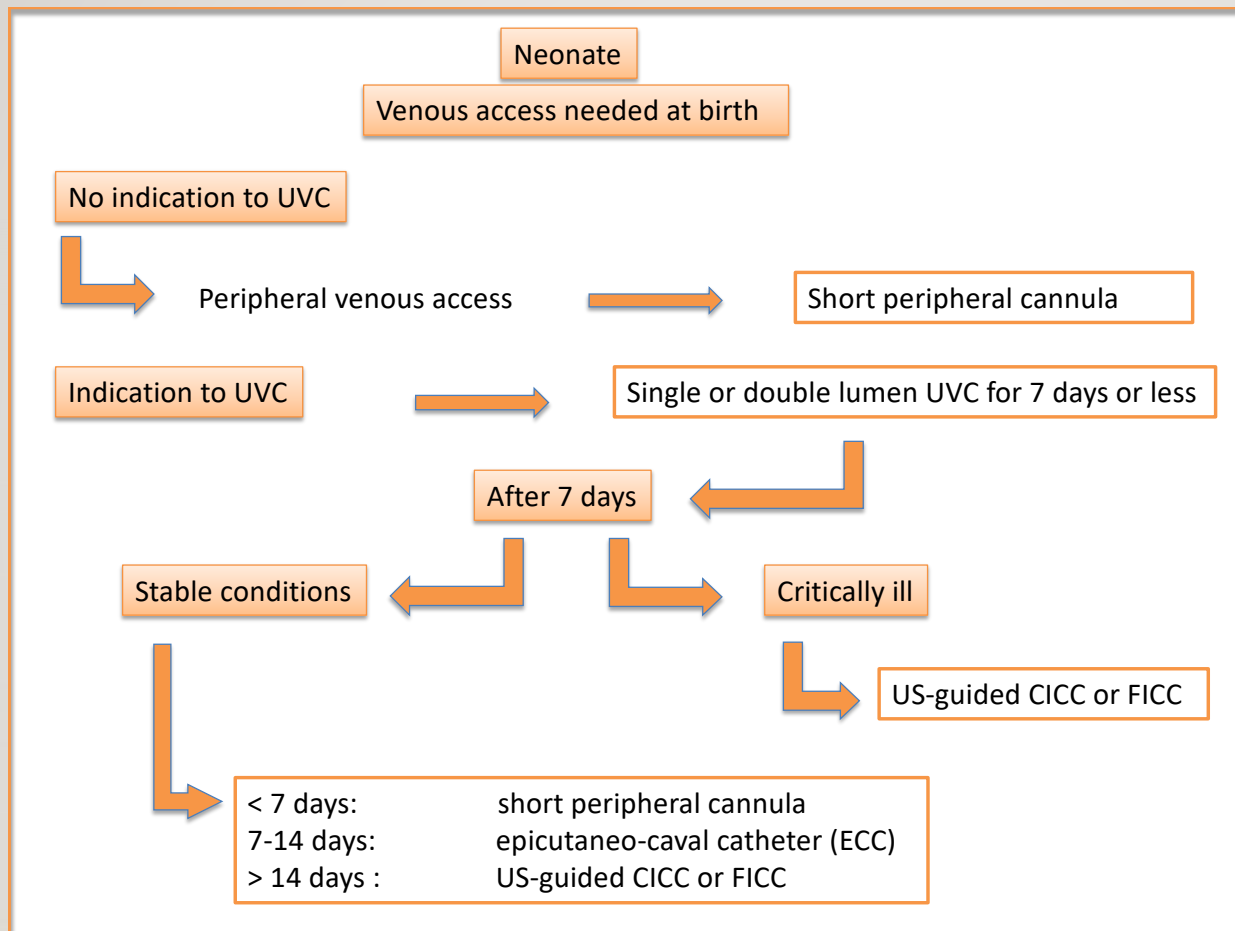
- *Follow up* a due settimane (68 neonati - Pittiruti, JVA 2022)
e a tre mesi (30 neonati - Barone, JVA 2020):

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nessuna dislocazione

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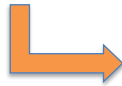


< 7 days: short peripheral cannula
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Neonate

Venous access needed > 24 hrs after birth

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Critically ill



US-guided CICC or FICC

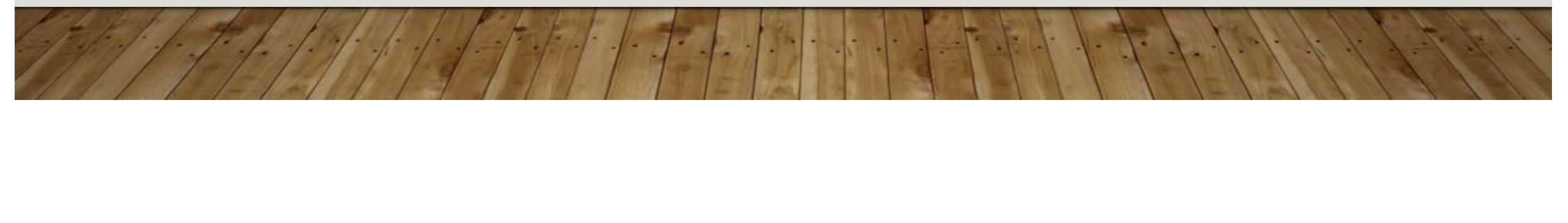


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NEAR INFRA-RED TECHNOLOGY - **OGGI**



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EDITORIAL II

Difficult peripheral veins: turn on the lights

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Use near infrared (nIR) light technology to aid in locating viable superficial peripheral venous sites and decreasing procedure time for peripheral intravenous catheter (PIVC) insertion.

1. Available technology includes hands-free devices that capture an image of the veins and reflect it back to the skin's surface or to a screen.
2. Use nIR light technology to assess peripheral venous sites and facilitate more informed decisions about vein selection (ie, bifurcating veins, tortuosity of veins, palpable but nonvisible veins, location of venous valves). The use of nIR technology has been associated with enhanced first-time insertion success and decreased procedural time compared to traditional visual assessment and palpation in some populations, such as neonates.¹²⁻¹⁴ (II)

NIR TECHNOLOGY



RASUVA

Esame sistematico delle vene superficiali del neonato
(con e senza tecnologia NIR, con e senza laccio)



Malleolo mediale (MM)	Vd
	Fd
	Vs
	Fs
Malleolo laterale (ML)	Vd
	Fd
	Vs
	Fs
Retropoplitea (RP)	Vd
	Fd
	Vs
	Fs
Mano e polso (MP)	Vd
	Fd
	Vs
	Fs
Antecubitale (AC)	Vd
	Fd
	Vs
	Fs
Preauricolare (PR)	Vd
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Postauricolare (PO)	Vd
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Rapid Superficial Vein Assessment (RaSuVA): A pre-procedural systematic evaluation of superficial veins to optimize venous catheterization in neonates

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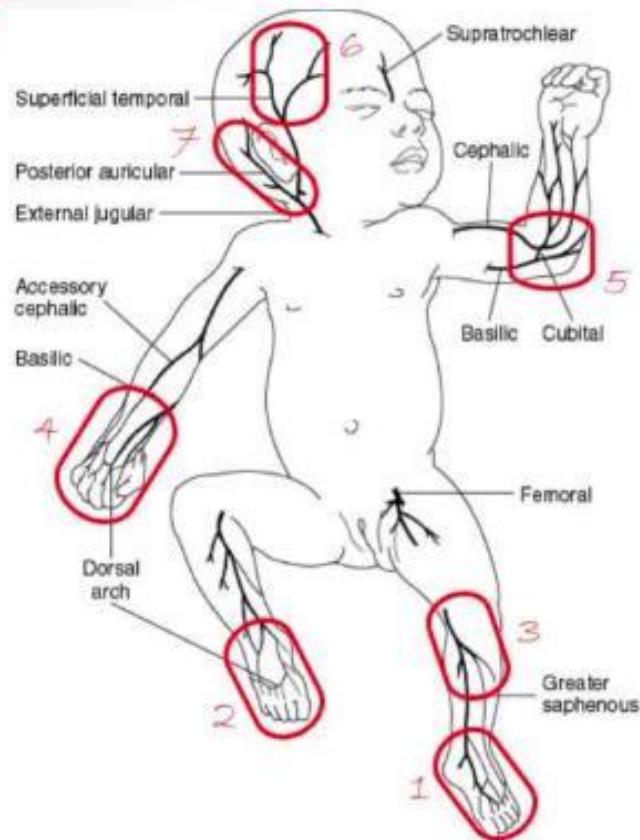
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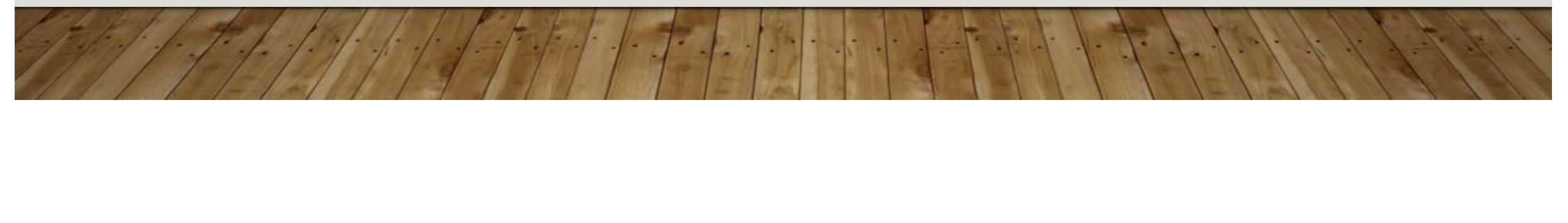
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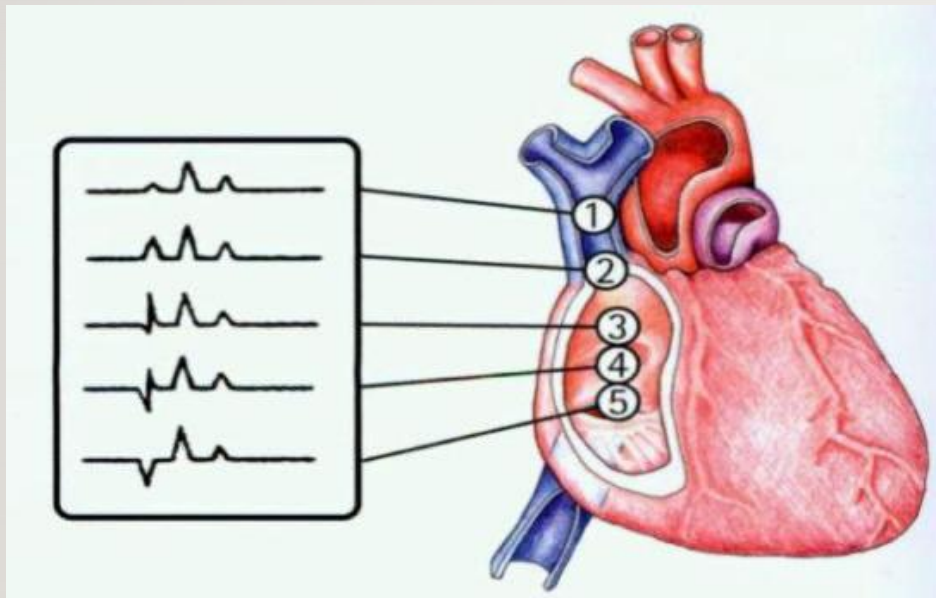
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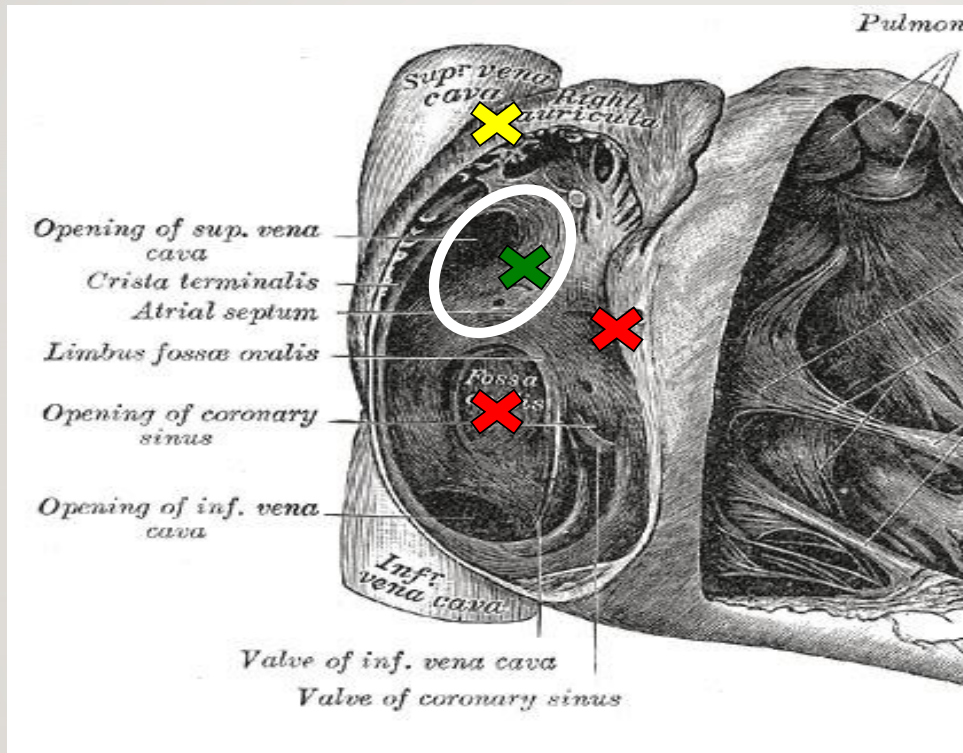
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IC-ECG METHOD



- Intracavitary ECG (lead II)
- The intracavitary electrode is the tip of the catheter
- Based on changes of P wave during the progression of the catheter into the central veins
- CAVO-ATRIAL JUNCTION: maximal peak of the P wave (Stas, Yeon, Schummer, Pittiruti/La Greca, etc.) (= CRISTA TERMINALIS)



✘ P increasing

✘ Maximal P

✘ P decreasing
and/or diphasic

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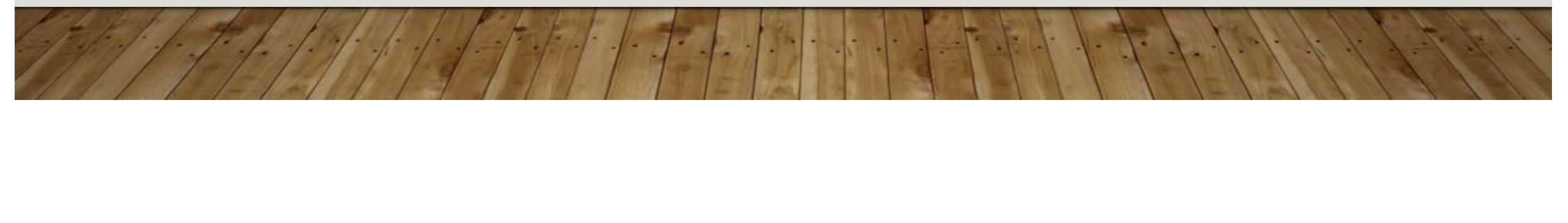
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Neo-ECHOTIP: A structured protocol for ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location during placement of central venous access devices in neonates

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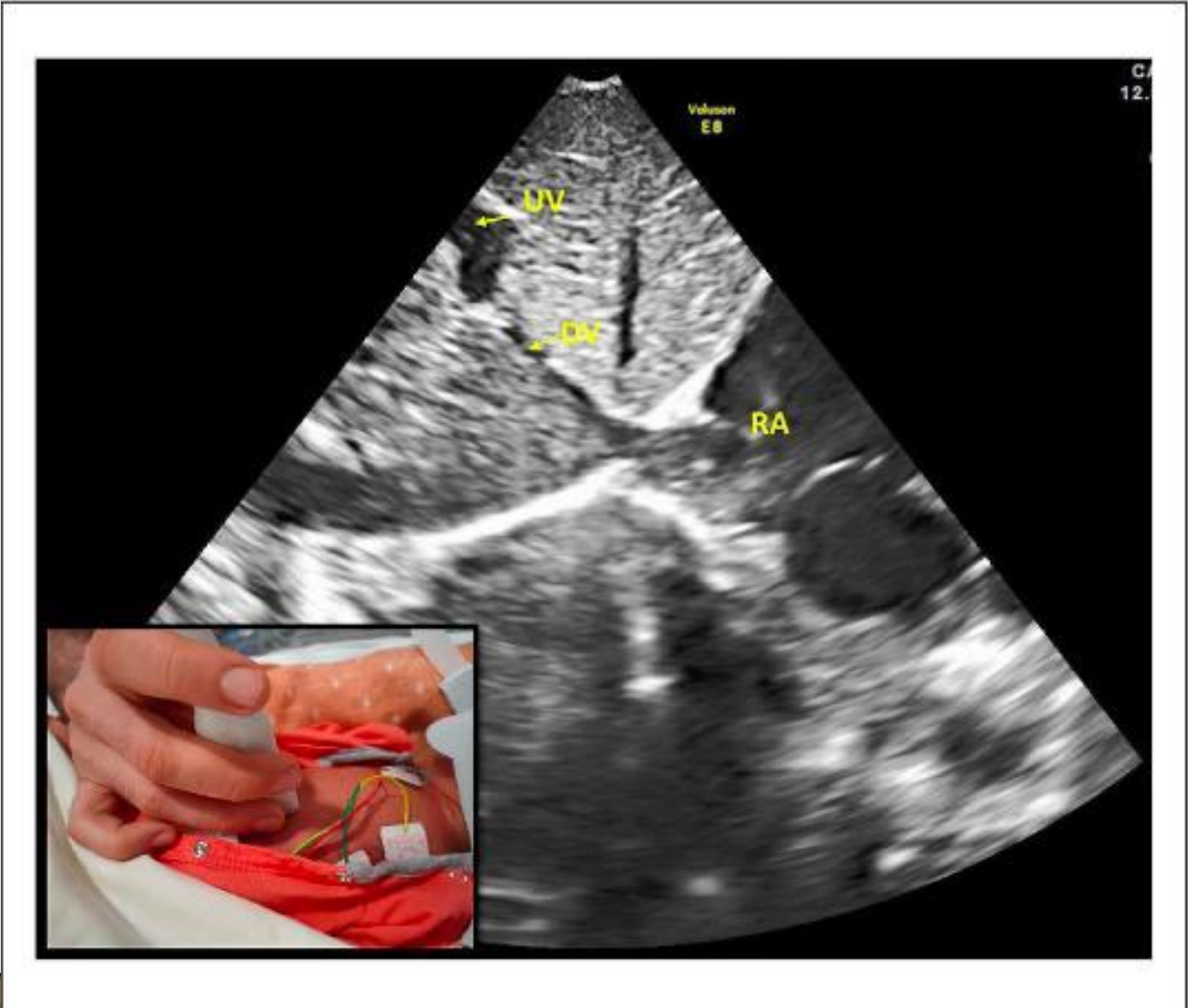
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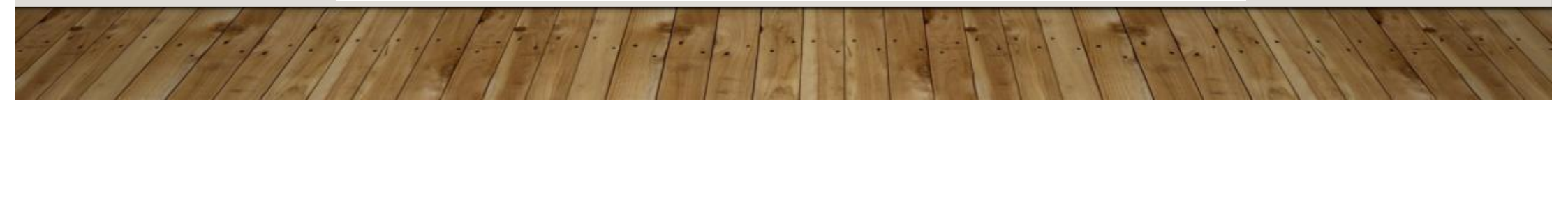
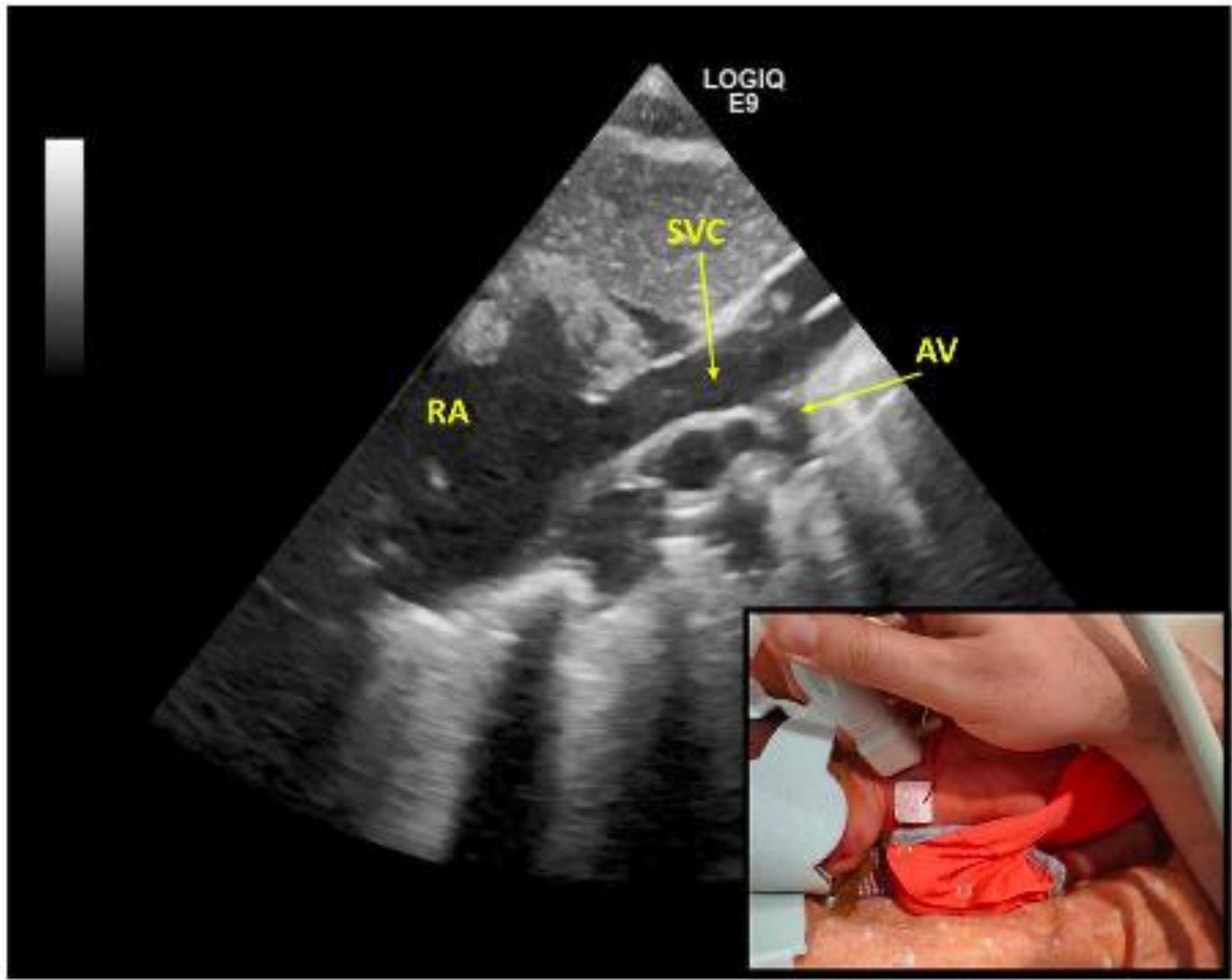
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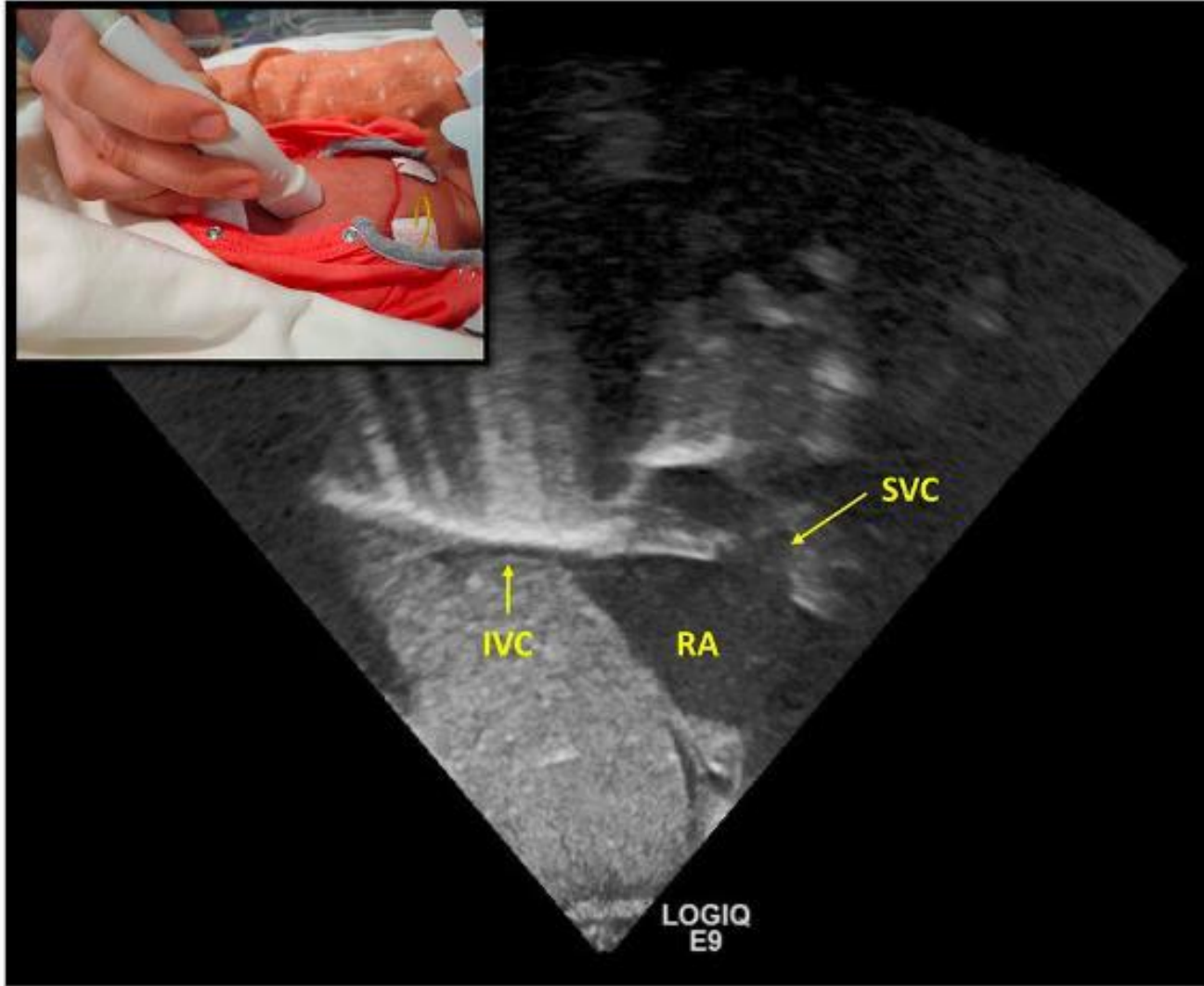
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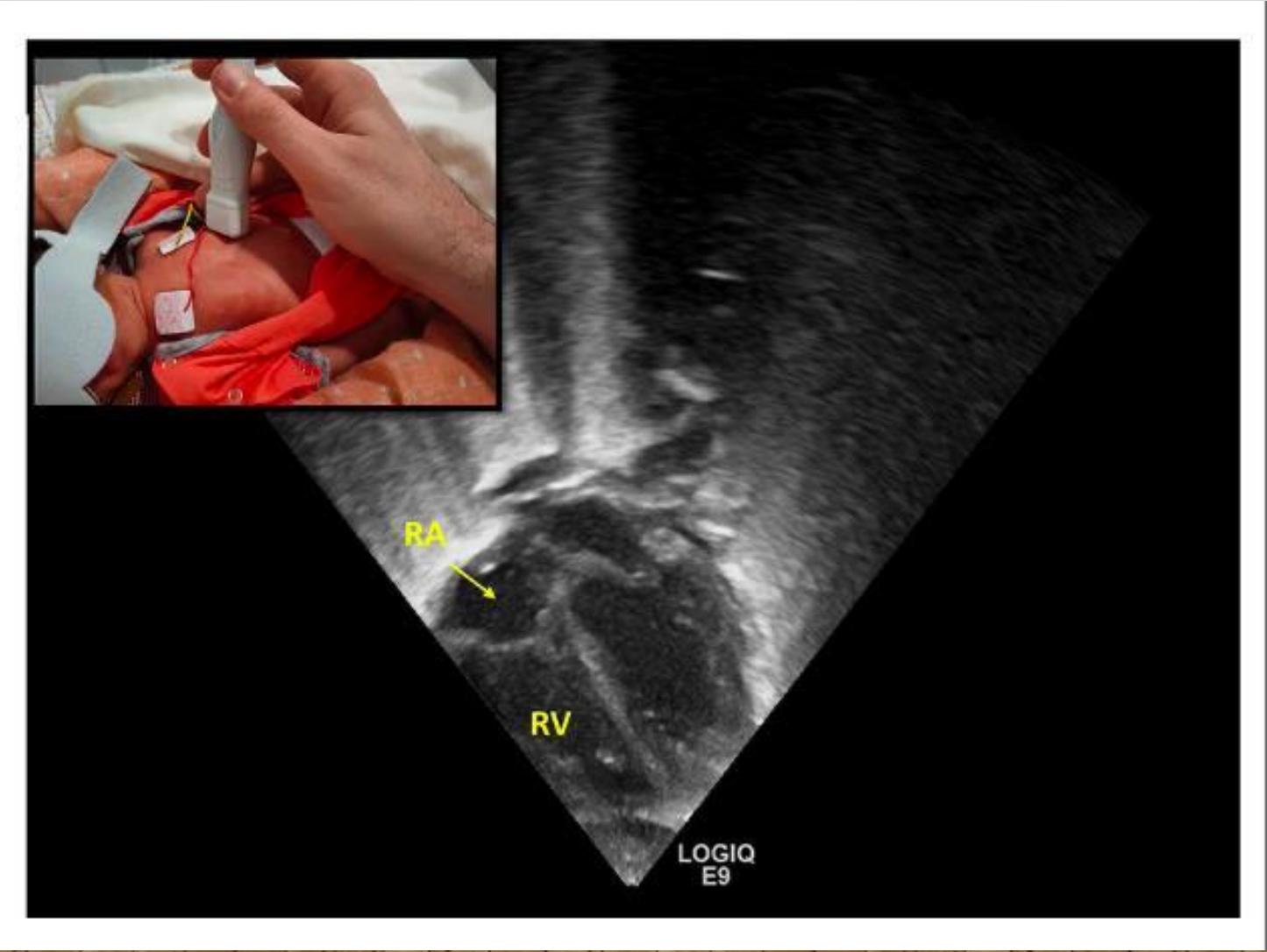
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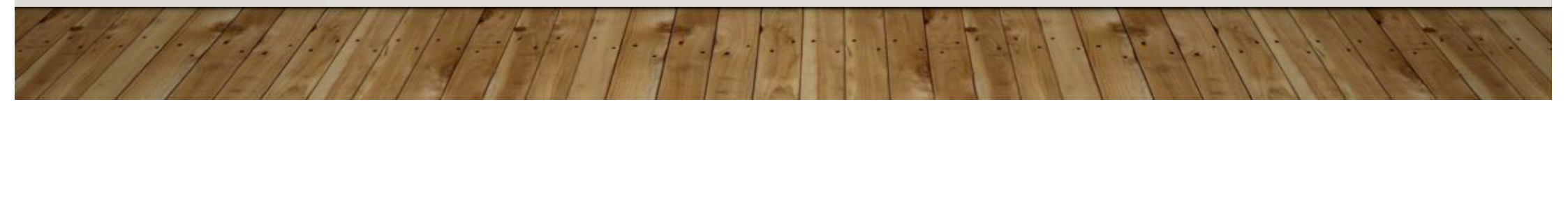
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- Adoption of tip location by intracavitary EKG and/or echocardiography
- Shift to power injectable polyurethane for all external catheters (the reason for still using fragile silicon catheters like Broviac and Hickman is mysterious)
- Increased use of PICCs as first option central line in all children
- Increased adoption of tunneling for all external catheters (even if non-cuffed)

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Ultrasound-guided cannulation in children

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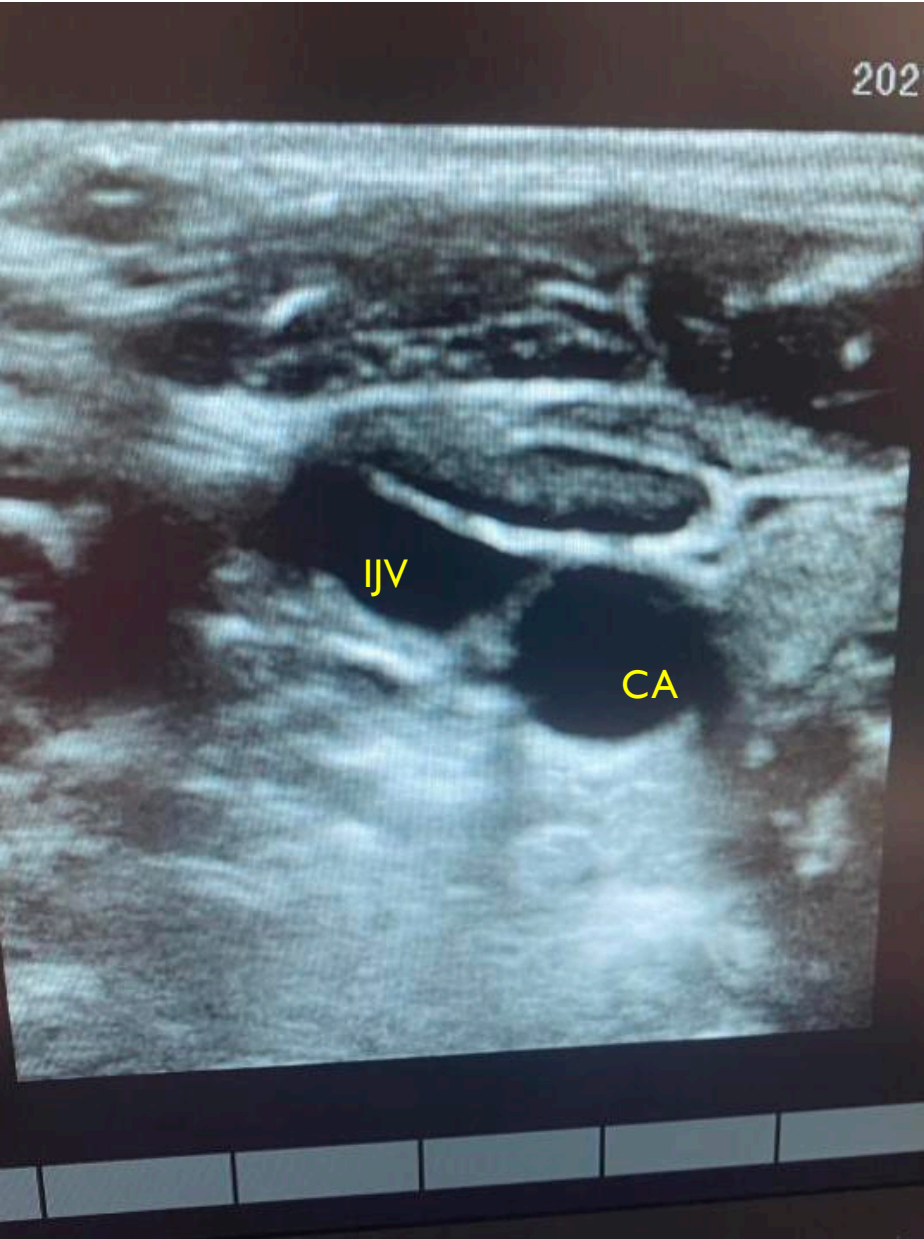
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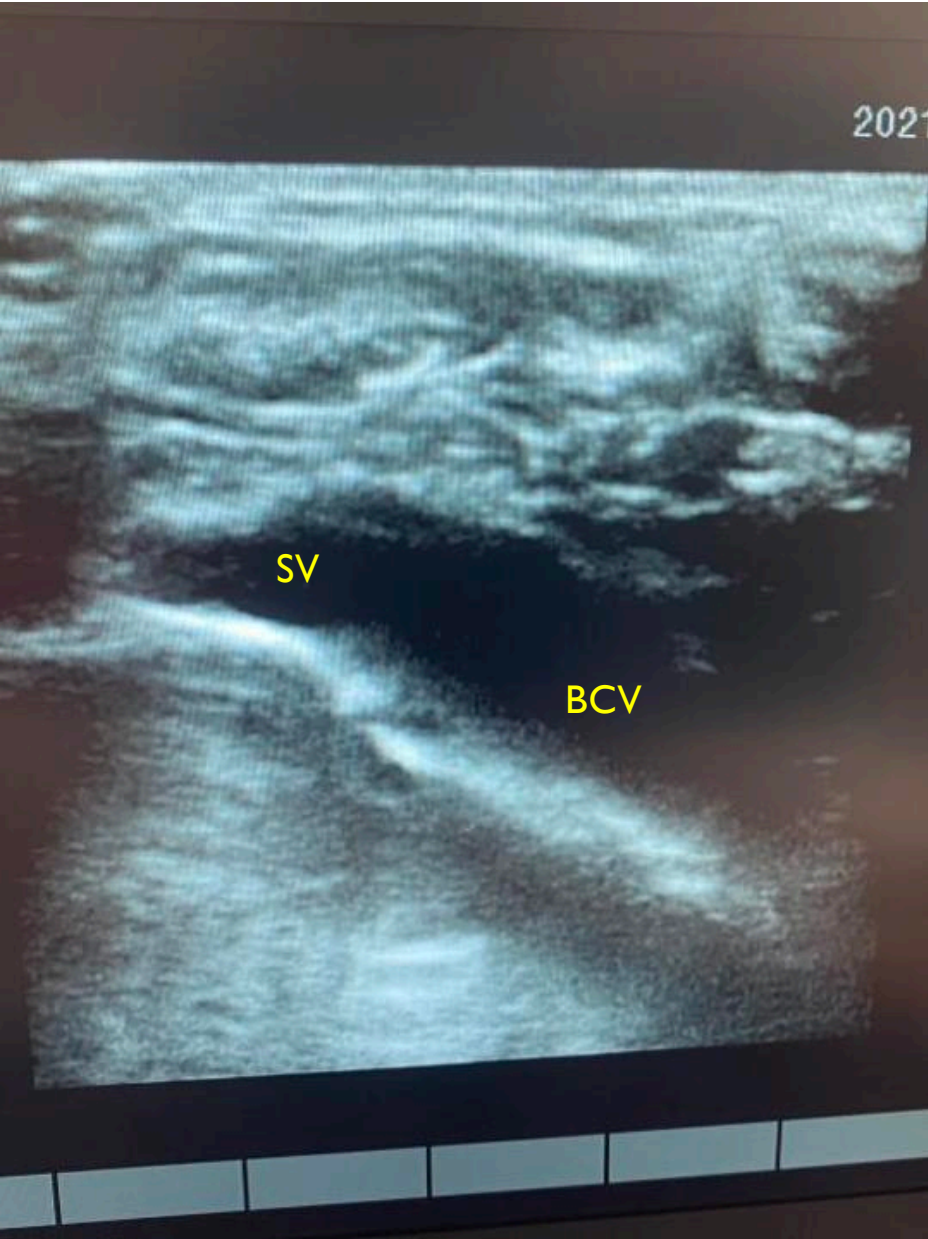
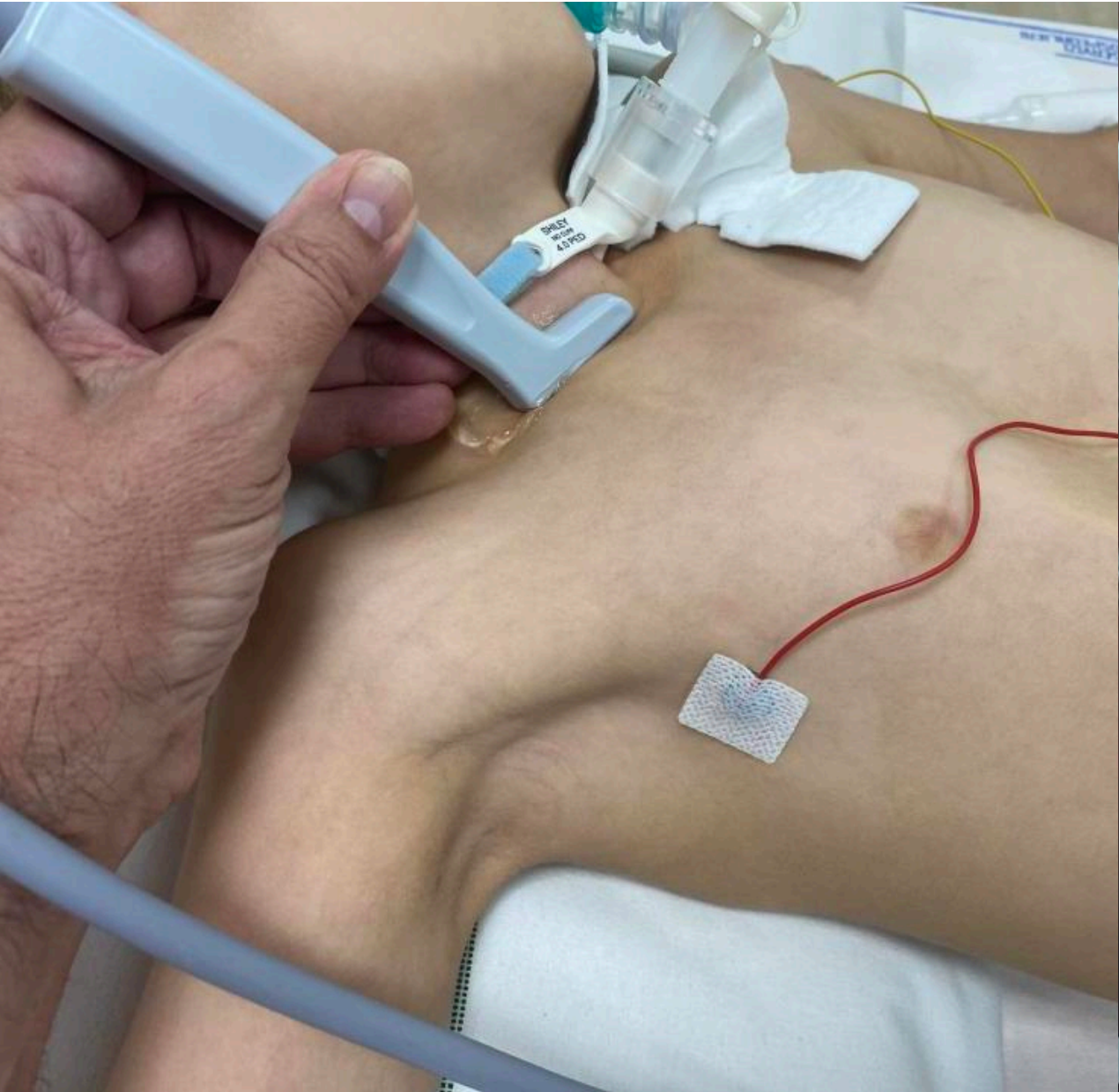
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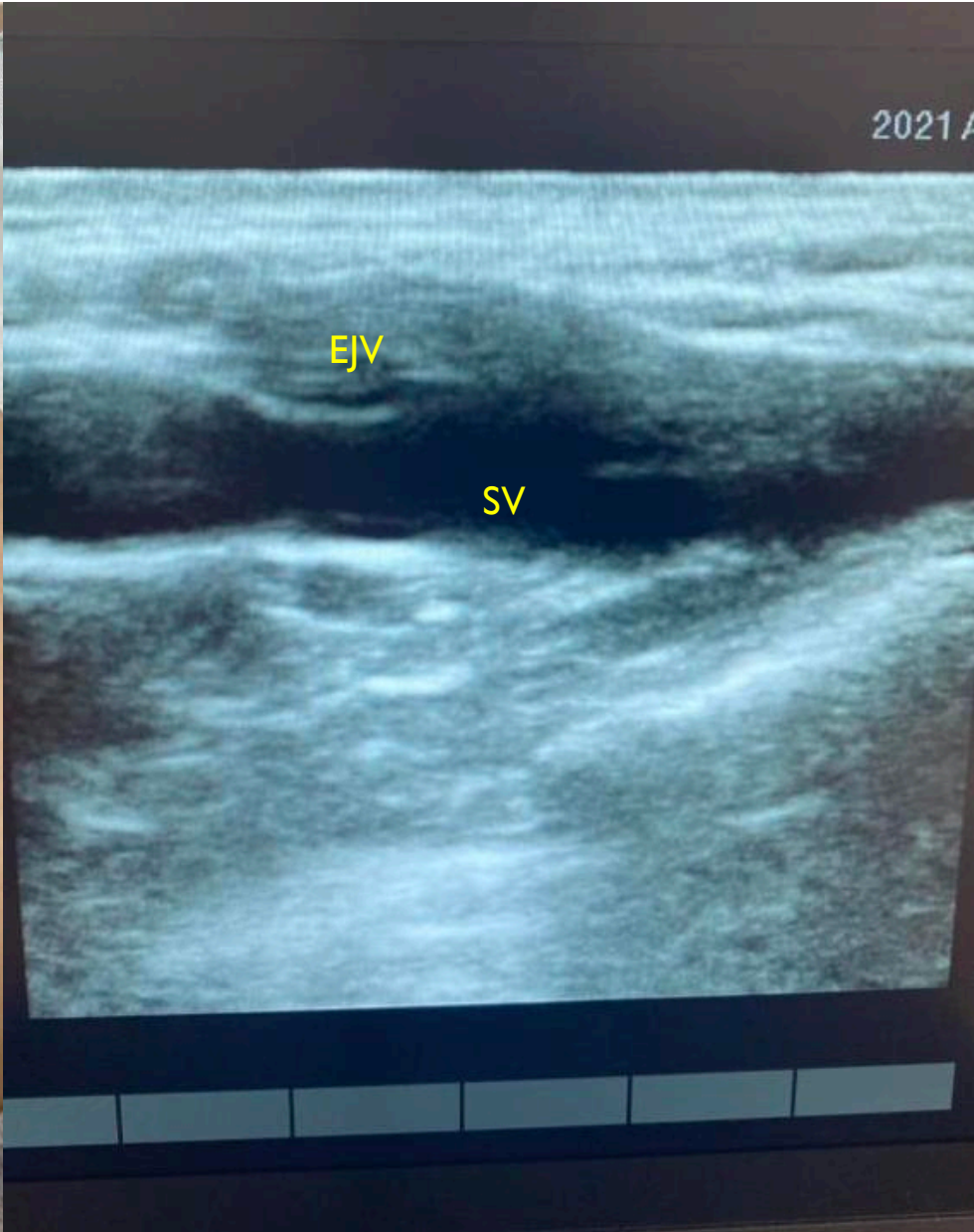
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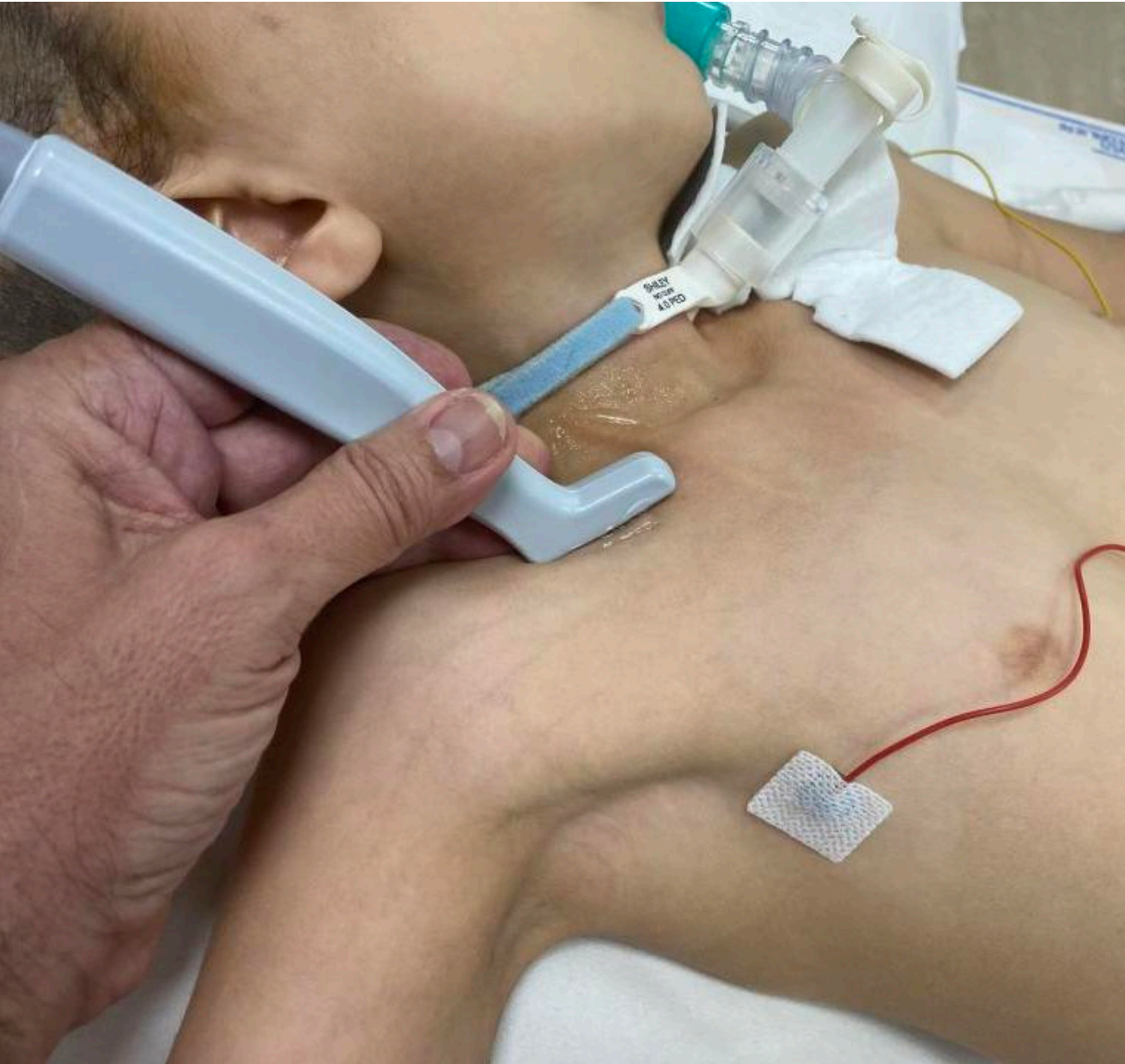
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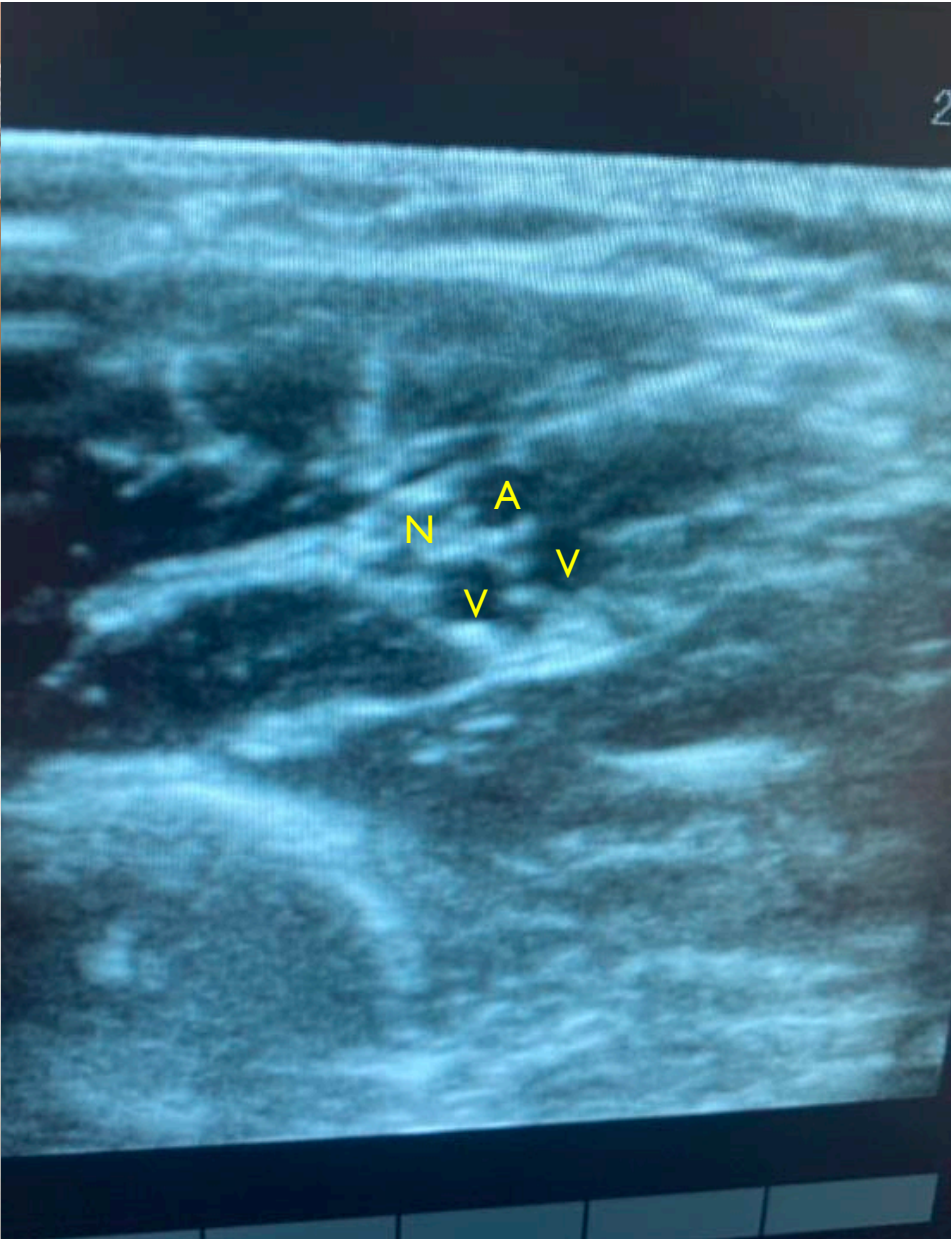
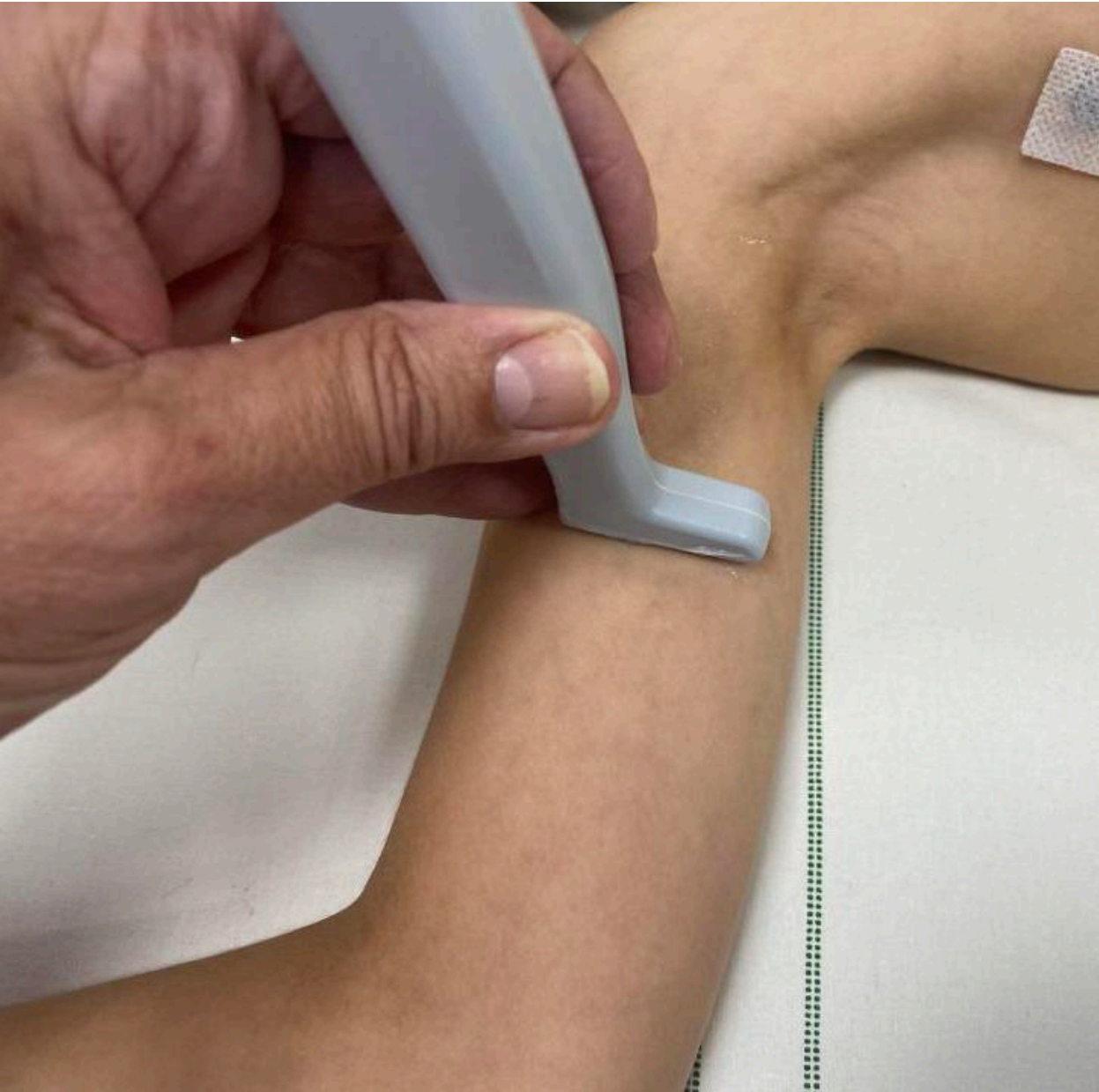
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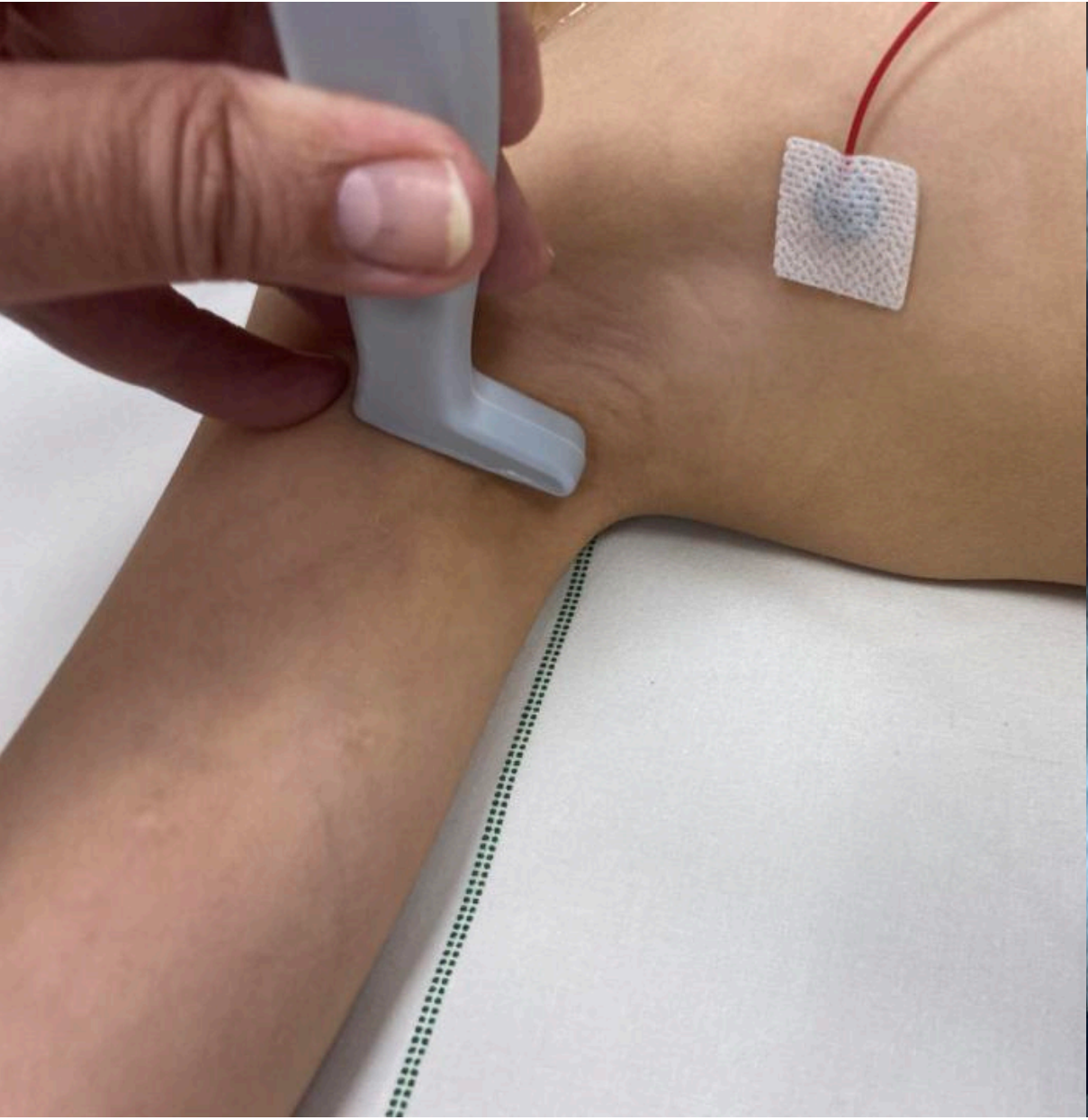
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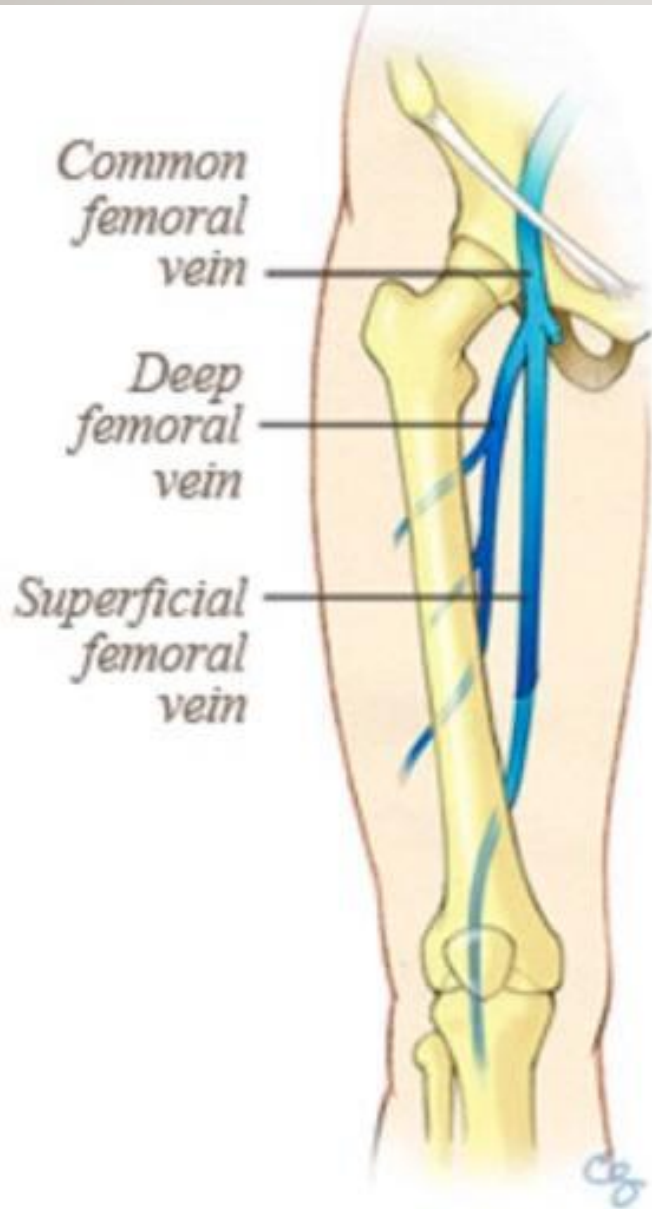




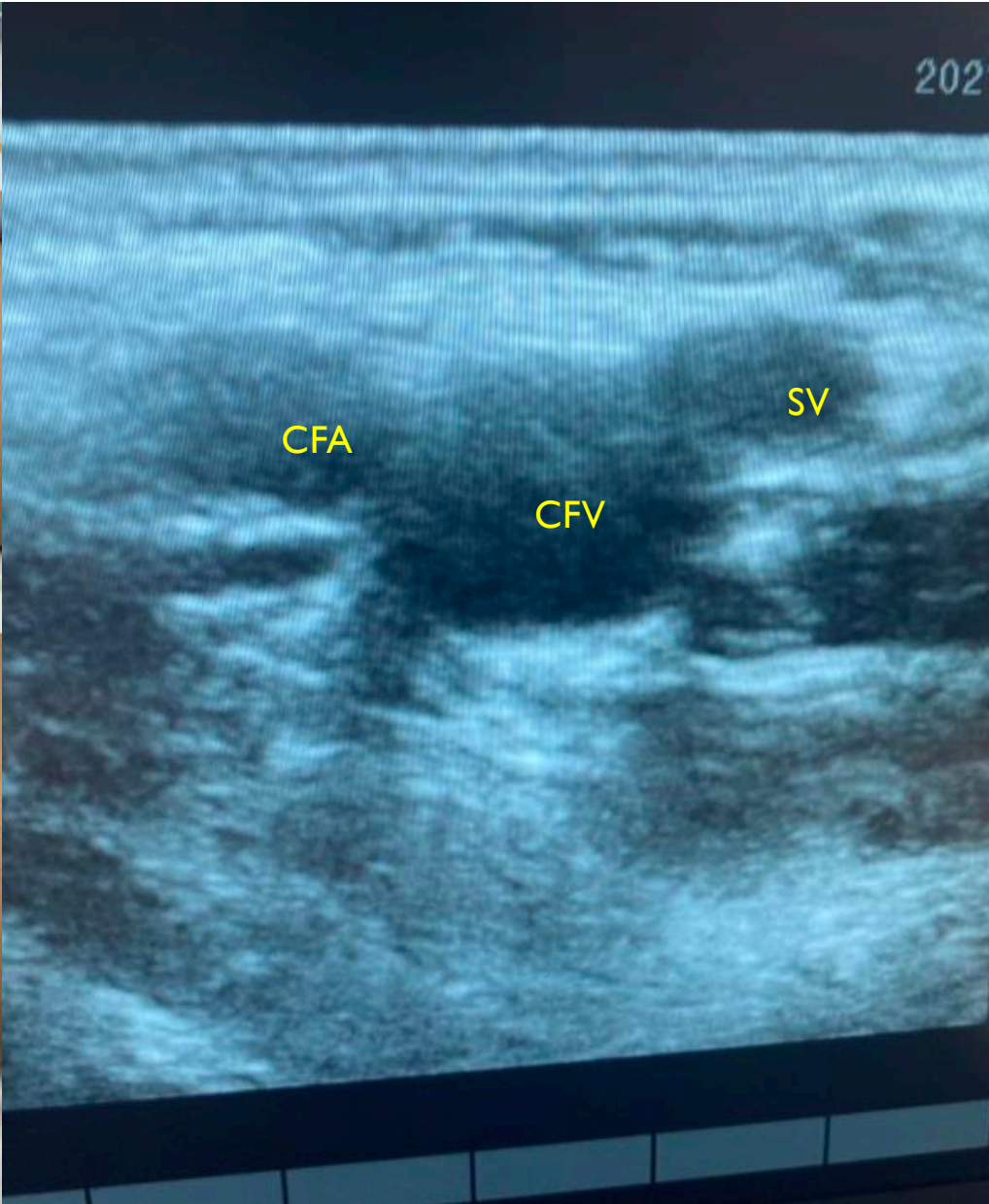
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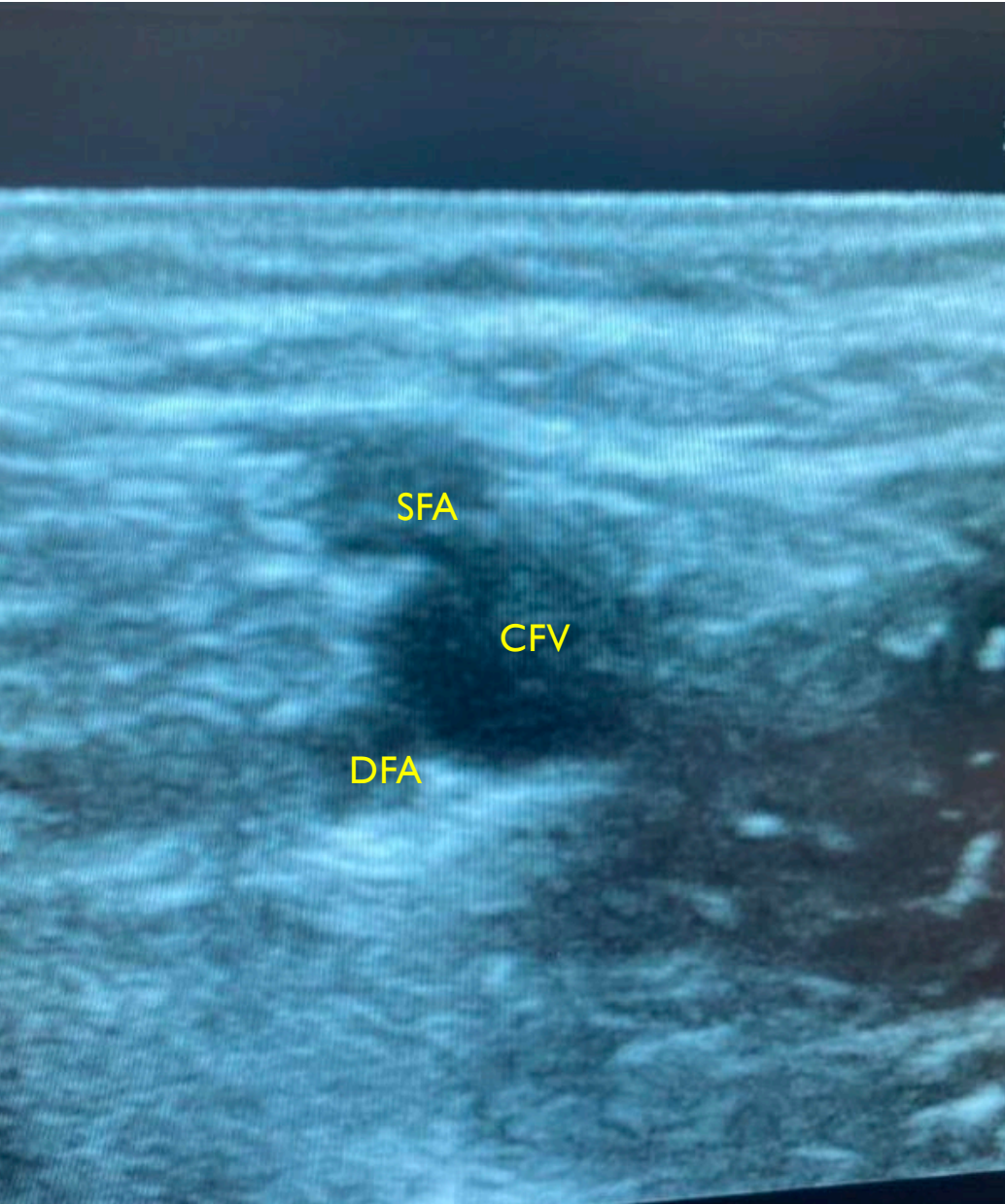
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vena femorale comune (inguine)
vena femorale superficiale (metà coscia)







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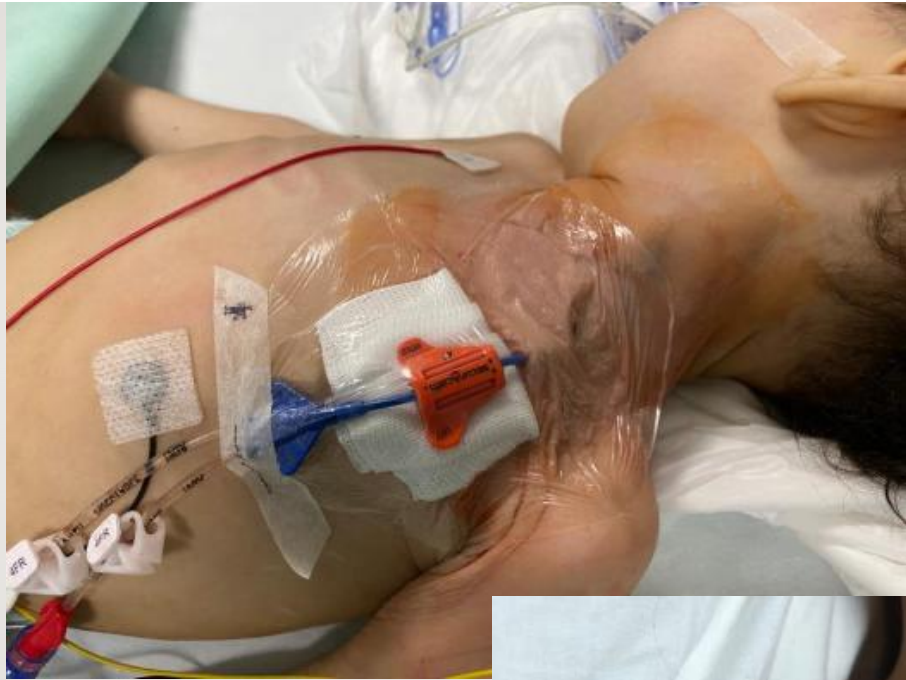
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G. Use real-time ultrasound guidance and a systematic approach to insertion of CVADs in adults and children to improve insertion success rates, reduce number of needle punctures, and decrease insertion complication rates.^{9,10,37-39} (I)

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Ultrasound-guided cannulation of the superficial femoral vein for central venous access

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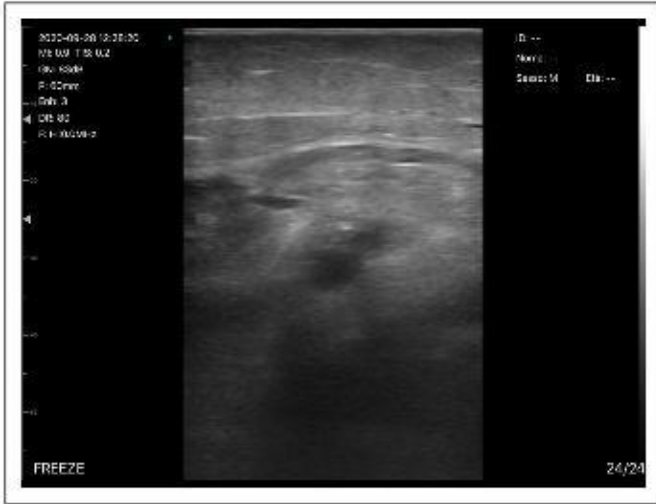


Figure 1. Ultrasound visualization of right superficial femoral artery and right superficial femoral vein at mid-thigh, in short axis: the vein is placed below the artery, slightly lateral.

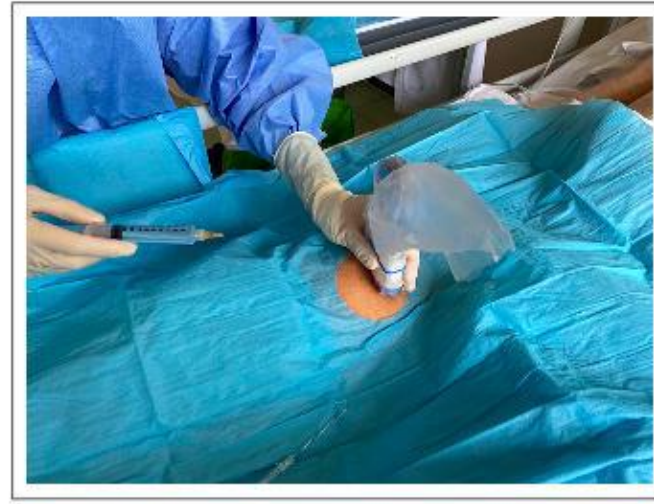
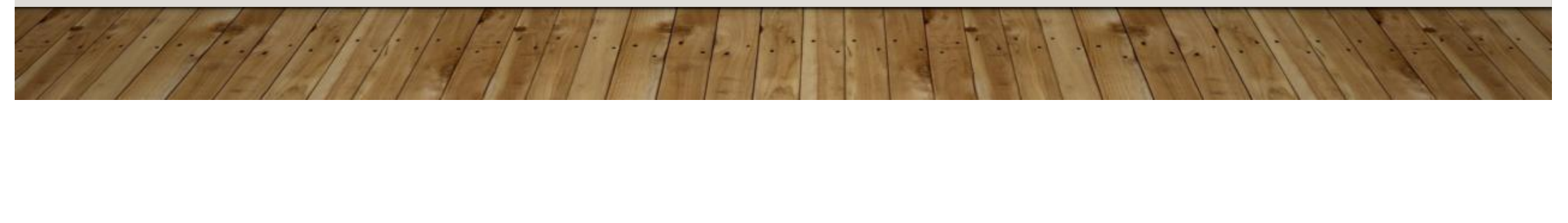


Figure 3. Visualization of the vein in short axis, using wireless probe.



Figure 4. Venipuncture with 21G needle.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Central venous access devices in pediatric malignancies: a position paper of Italian Association of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology

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Soon after procedures potentially associated with pleural damage, pneumothorax should be excluded by ultrasound scan of the intercostal space.

RESEARCH

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International evidence-based guidelines on Point of Care Ultrasound (POCUS) for critically ill neonates and children issued by the POCUS Working Group of the European Society of Paediatric and Neonatal Intensive Care (ESPNIC)



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POCUS is helpful to accurately detect pneumothorax in neonates and children—*strong agreement (quality of evidence B)*. In adults, LUS has a high diagnostic accuracy for the diagnosis of pneumothorax [88, 89] and has been reported to be more sensitive than conventional radiology [90]. Neonatal data confirm this high diagnostic performance for tension pneumothorax [91].

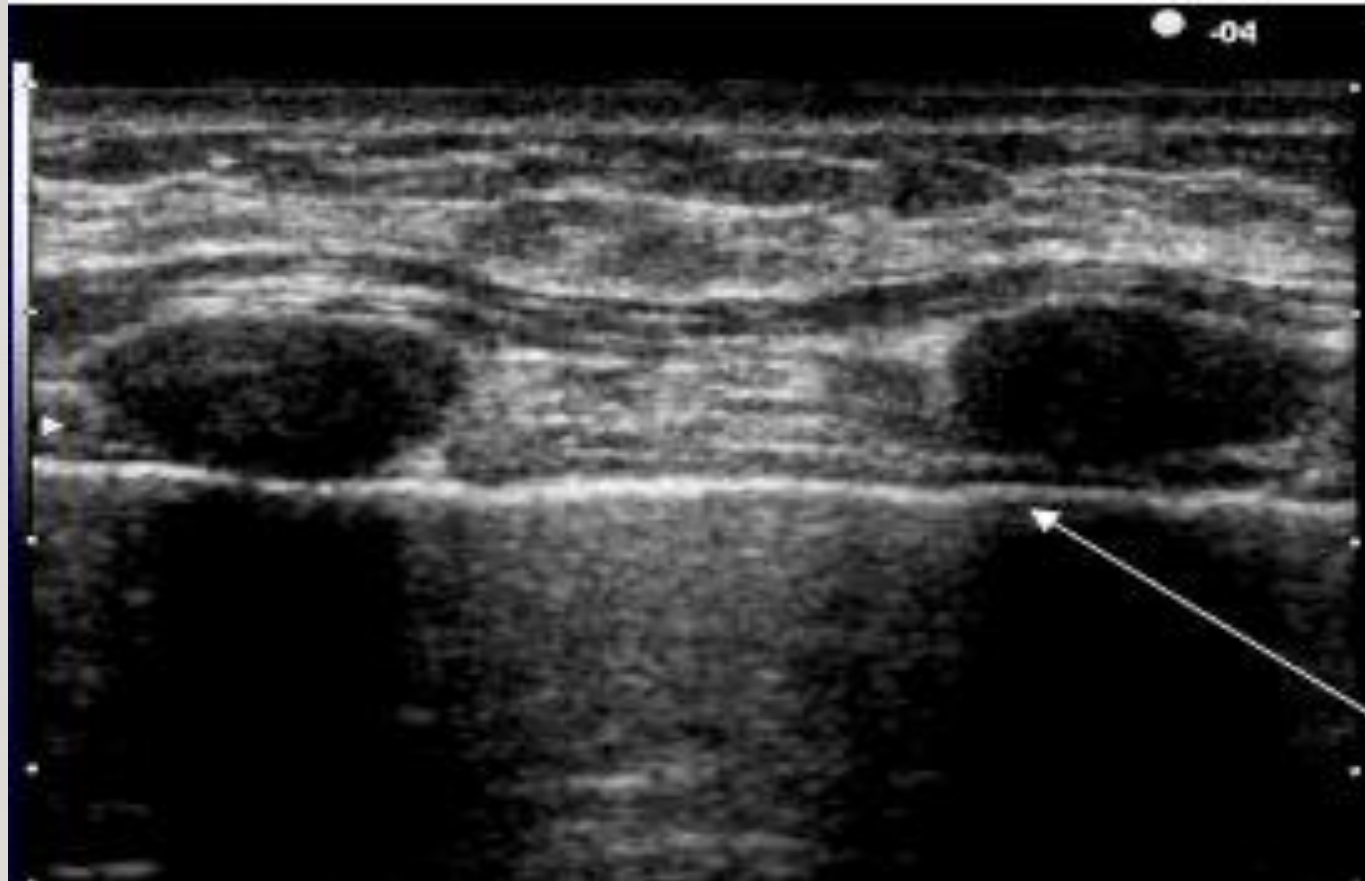
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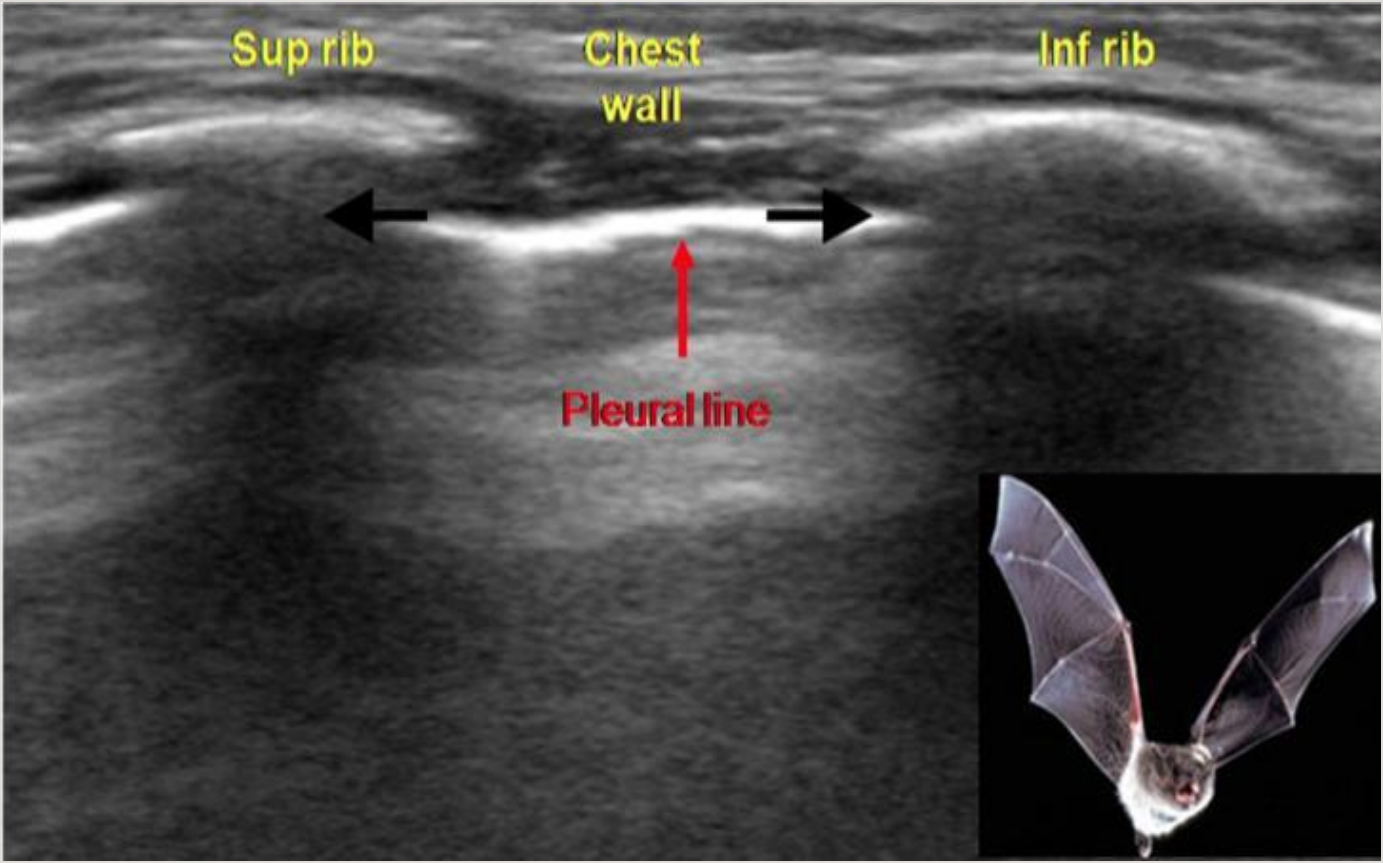
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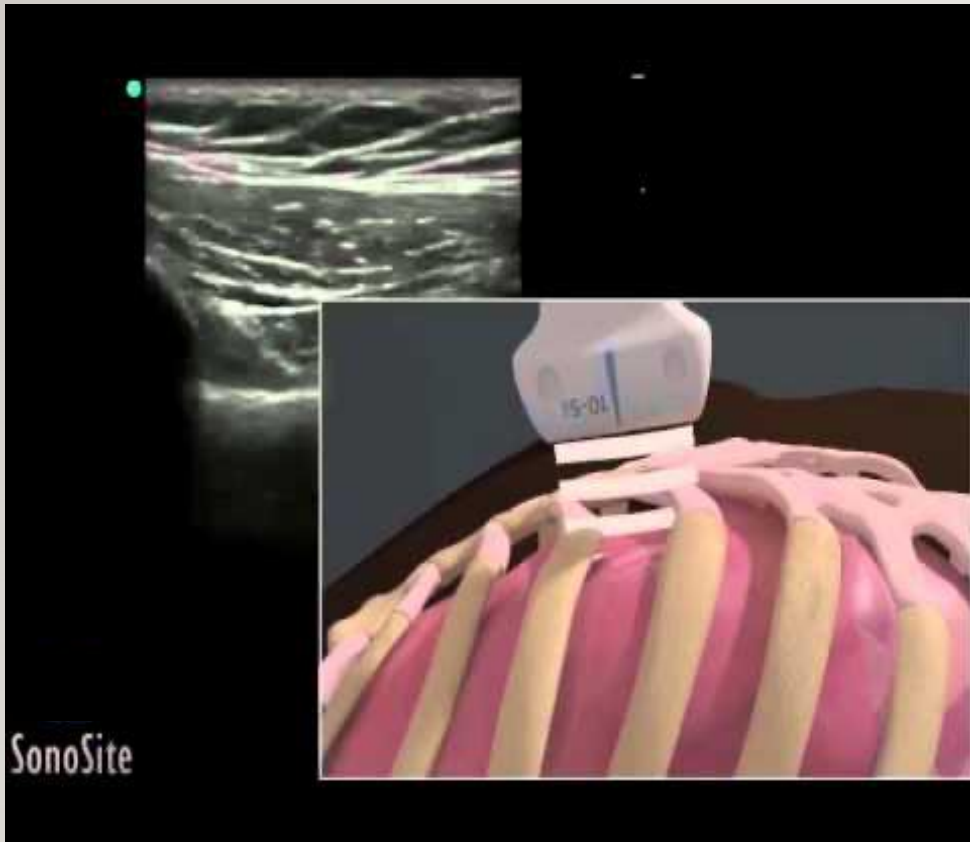
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2020**Should ultrasound be used for verification of immediate postprocedural life-threatening complications after central venous catheterisation?****Recommendations**

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- (3) We recommend using PLUS to monitor the development of a confirmed pleural-pulmonary complication or for follow-up of treatment **(1B)**.
- (4) We recommend ultrasound for diagnosis and follow-up of catheter-related thrombosis **(1C)**.





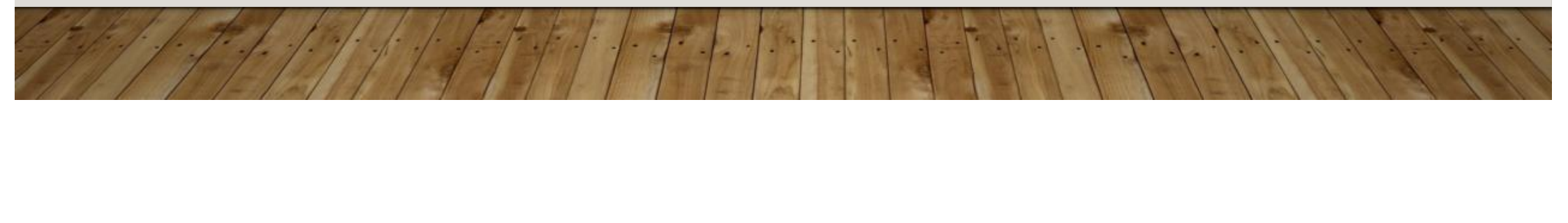


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TIP LOCATION MEDIANTE ECG INTRACAVITARIO NEL BAMBINO - OGGI



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The intracavitary ECG method for positioning the tip of central venous access devices in pediatric patients: results of an Italian multicenter study

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UN PUNTO MOLTO CHIARO

Abbandonare la fluoroscopia !

- Più costosa
- Più scomoda
- Meno costo-efficace
- Più pericolosa
- Meno accurata della tecnica ECG e dell'ecocardio

AHRQ recommendations



2013



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SUPPLEMENT

The Top Patient Safety Strategies That Can Be Encouraged for Adoption Now

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Table 2. Patient Safety Strategies Ready for Adoption Now

Strongly encouraged

Preoperative checklists and anesthesia checklists to prevent operative and postoperative events

Bundles that include checklists to prevent central line–associated bloodstream infections

Interventions to reduce urinary catheter use, including catheter reminders, stop orders, or nurse-initiated removal protocols

Bundles that include head-of-bed elevation, sedation vacations, oral care with chlorhexidine, and subglottic suctioning endotracheal tubes to prevent ventilator-associated pneumonia

Hand hygiene

The do-not-use list for hazardous abbreviations

Multicomponent interventions to reduce pressure ulcers

Barrier precautions to prevent health care–associated infections

Use of real-time ultrasonography for central line placement

Interventions to improve prophylaxis for venous thromboembolisms

Encouraged

Multicomponent interventions to reduce falls

Use of clinical pharmacists to reduce adverse drug events

Documentation of patient preferences for life-sustaining treatment

Obtaining informed consent to improve patients' understanding of the potential risks of procedures

Team training

Medication reconciliation

Practices to reduce radiation exposure from fluoroscopy and CT

The use of surgical outcome measurements and report cards, such as those from ACS NSQIP

Rapid-response systems

Use of complementary methods for detecting adverse events or medical errors to monitor for patient safety problems

Computerized provider order entry

Use of simulation exercises in patient safety efforts

INS 2016

Use methods for identifying CVAD tip location during the insertion procedure (ie, “real time”) due to greater accuracy, more rapid initiation of infusion therapy, and reduced costs.

1. Use electrocardiogram (ECG) methods with either a metal guidewire or a column of normal saline inside the catheter lumen and observe the ECG tracing to place the CVAD tip at the CAJ. Follow manufacturers’ directions for use with other ECG-based technology using a changing light pattern to detect tip location.

INS 2016

Avoid fluoroscopy except in the case of difficult CVAD insertions, as it requires exposure to ionizing radiation.

Postprocedure radiograph imaging is not necessary if alternative tip location technology confirms proper tip placement.^{3,12-18} (II)

TIP NAVIGATION E TIP LOCATION MEDIANTE ECOGRAFIA NEL BAMBINO - **OGGI**



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Recommendations

- (1) The quality of evidence on which to base recommendations is generally weak, with relatively small RCTs and prospective cohort studies that have a high degree of heterogeneity
- (2) When an intracardiac electrocardiogram is not applicable, we recommend using real-time ultrasound to detect and prevent central venous catheter malposition, as it has been shown to be well tolerated, feasible, quickly performed and interpreted at bedside, and more accurate and faster than a chest radiograph **(1C)**.
- (3) We recommend combining vascular ultrasound for guidewire and central venous line tip navigation with transthoracic echocardiography for tip location **(1C)**.

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

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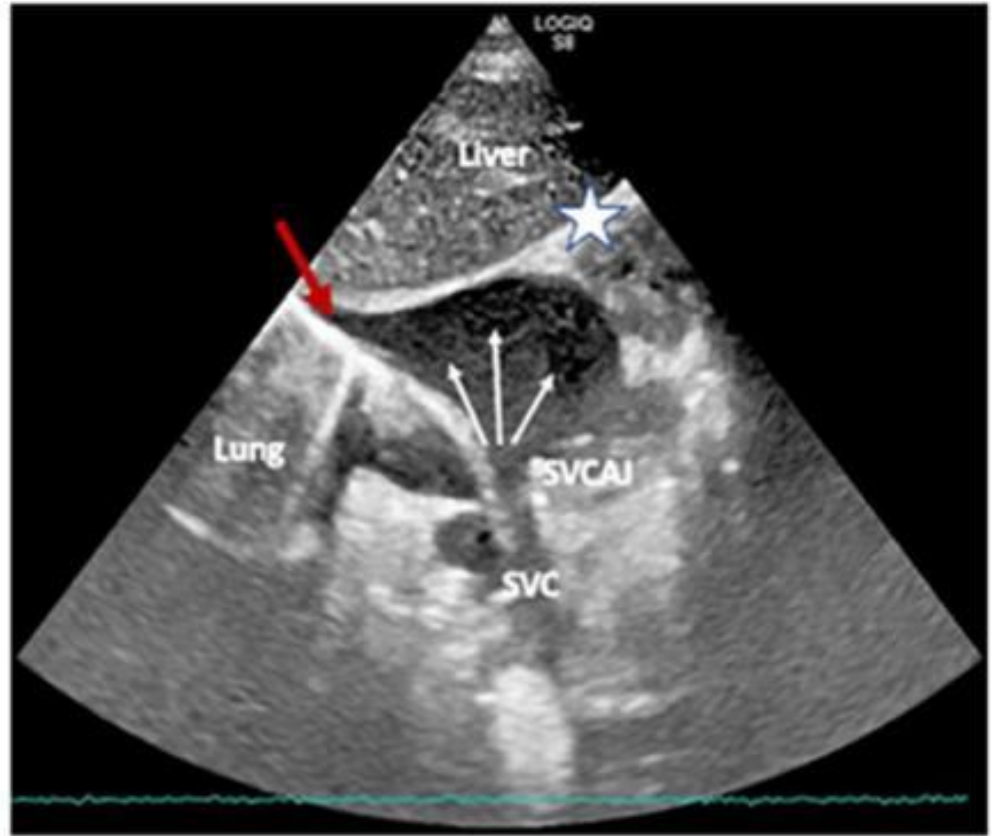
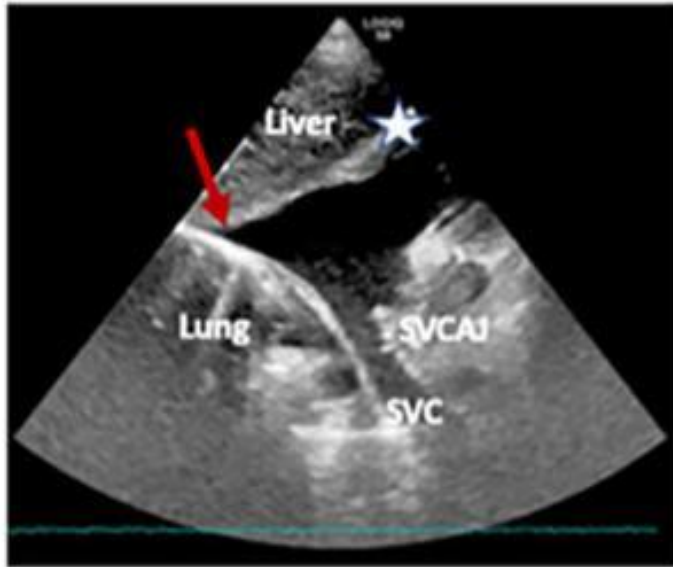
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CVC	Protocol	Probe	Windows
CICC	Tip navigation	Linear “hockey stick” probe, 10–14 MHz	Same acoustic windows as RaCeVA
	Tip location	Micro-convex probe, 4–8 MHz, or small sectorial probe, 3–7 MHz	Subcostal bi-caval view (recommended) or four-chambers apical view (as alternative option)
PICC	Tip navigation	Linear “hockey stick” probe, 10–14 MHz	Same acoustic windows as RaPeVA and RaCeVA
	Tip location	Micro-convex probe, 4–8 MHz, or small sectorial probe, 3–7 MHz	Subcostal bi-caval view (recommended) or four-chambers apical view (as alternative option)
FICC	Tip navigation	Linear “hockey stick” probe, 10–14 MHz, or micro-convex probe, 4–8 MHz	Short + long axis views of the femoral vein and external iliac vein; and short + long axis views of IVC
	Tip location	Micro-convex probe, 4–8 MHz	Subcostal longitudinal view of the IVC

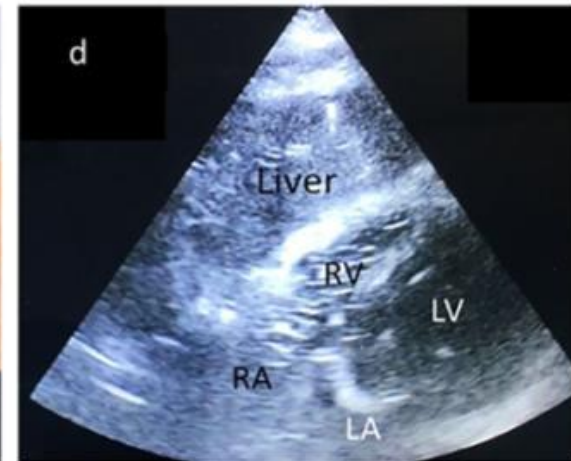
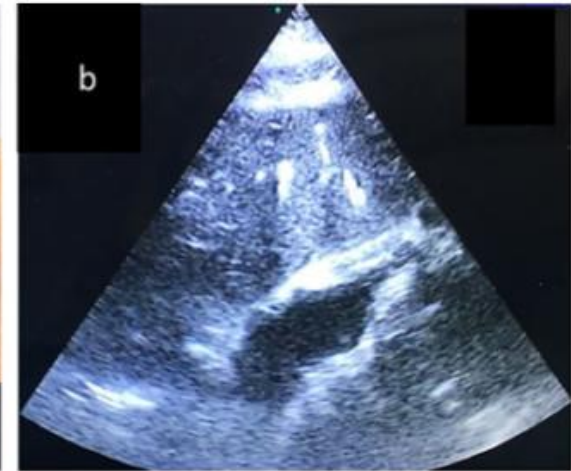
PICC: peripherally inserted central catheter; RaCeVA: rapid central vein assessment; RaPeVA: rapid peripheral vein assessment; CICC: centrally inserted central catheter; FICC: femoral inserted central catheter; IVC: inferior vena cava.



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

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**Ultrasound vs. intracavitary electrocardiography for
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Results: We studied 100 consecutive central venous catheterizations in children of age ranging from one month to 18 years. The applicability of IC-ECG based tip location was 98% and its feasibility 100%; the time required for IC-ECG was 1.9+2 minutes. The applicability of US-based tip location was 96% and its feasibility was 100%; the maneuver required 2.2+3 minutes.

Conclusions: US is an appropriate alternative method for intraprocedural tip location in children. The combined use of US and IC-ECG (both maneuvers being accurate, inexpensive, cost-effective, non-invasive, and equally fast to perform) should be recommended for tip location in pediatric patients, and it will avoid completely the use of fluoroscopy or of post-procedural x-ray.

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SILICONE E POLIURETANO - **OGGI**



Ha qualche vantaggio usare silicone invece che il poliuretano? **No**

Svantaggi dei cateteri esterni in silicone rispetto a quelli in poliuretano:

- Più fragili
- Maggior rischio di rotture del tratto esterno
- Maggior rischio di kinking
- Maggior rischio di dislocazione
- Maggior rischio complicanze occlusive
- Più costosi

ABBANDONARE I TUNNELLIZZATI CUFFIATI IN SILICONE: USARE POLIURETANO POWER INJECTABLE



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A comprehensive approach to the prevention of central venous catheter complications: results of 10-year prospective surveillance in pediatric hematology-oncology patients

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Piergiorgio Gamba³ · Nicola Zadra⁴ · Gloria Tridello^{1,2}

2016

Over a 10-year period, 919 patients (57.3 % males and 42.7 % females) were included in the study: 538 patients (58.5 %) were affected by leukemia or lymphoma, while 381 patients (41.5 %) were affected by solid tumor or non-malignant disease. A total of 1161 newly placed long-term CVCs were inserted for a total of 413,901 CVC-days of observation. The vast majority of CVCs were partially implanted, open-ended, Broviac-Hickman type CVC (95 %). Table 2 lists main patient and CVC characteristics.

complications were managed successfully in most cases and, therefore, were associated with a very low rate of CVC removal (2.3 %). Conversely, mechanical complications, affecting 18.3 % of CVCs, were associated with the highest premature removal rate (77.4 %) and represented 74 % of all CVCs removed due to complications (164 of 223). Mechanical complications, classified as dislocation (80 %), fracture (16 %), kinking (4 %), occurred at a median time of 61 days, range 0–818 from insertion. In six cases (3 %), these episodes happened early, by 48 h from insertion.

Bacteremia affected 14.8 % of CVCs and caused a CVC removal rate of 18.6 %. Among the 172 episodes, 107 (62 %)

SILICONE VS. POLIURETANO

- Nessuna differenza in termini di **rischio infettivo**
- Nessuna differenza in termini di **rischio trombotico**
- Differenza in termini di rischio di **complicanze meccaniche** (rottture, dislocazioni), più frequenti con i cateteri in silicone
- Differenza in termini di rischio di **occlusione** (poliuretano ha minor rischio di occlusione e si associa a più facile disostruzione)

VALVOLATI VS. NON VALVOLATI

- Nessuna differenza in termini di **occlusione**
- Nessuna differenza in termini di **rischio infettivo**
- Nessuna differenza in termini di **rischio trombotico**
- Notevole differenza in termini di rischio di **malfunzione** (più frequente nei cateteri valvolati)
- Notevole differenza in termini di **costo** (più alto per i cateteri valvolati)

LA SCELTA DEL MATERIALE DEI CATETERI **OGGI**

EVITARE TUTTI I CATETERI VALVOLATI, SIA A PUNTA CHIUSA CHE A PUNTA APERTA

- Nessun vantaggio, alti costi, più alta % di complicanze





EVITARE I CATETERI IN SILICONE

- Nessun vantaggio, alti costi, più alta % di complicanze

PREFERIRE SEMPRE E COMUNQUE CATETERI POWER INJECTABLE IN POLIURETANO

Review

Vascular Access in Pediatric Oncology and Hematology: State of the Art

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Table 1. AIEOP Recommendations for VADs Positioning *.

- (1) A tunneled catheter is recommended for continuous use (A I)
- (2) For discontinuous use, a totally implanted VAD is recommended (A II)
- (3) It is recommended that the ratio of the catheter caliber to vein diameter should not exceed 1/3 (A II)
- (4) Multiple lumen VADs should be inserted only in few selected patients, based on the intensity of care and on the therapeutic program (A)
- (5) The choice of material must be based on high performance in terms of guaranteed flows and pressure resistance as well as device endurance (A II)
- (6) Insertion by surgical venous cutdown is not recommended (A I)
- (7) The ultrasound-guided technique represents the current standard for venipuncture and venous cannulation for insertion of VAD (A It)
- (8) The use of cyanoacrylate tissue glue is recommended (A II)

IL PASSATO



IL PRESENTE



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PICC = PRIMA SCELTA COME CVC NEL BAMBINO





Editorial

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In defense of the use of peripherally inserted central catheters in pediatric patients

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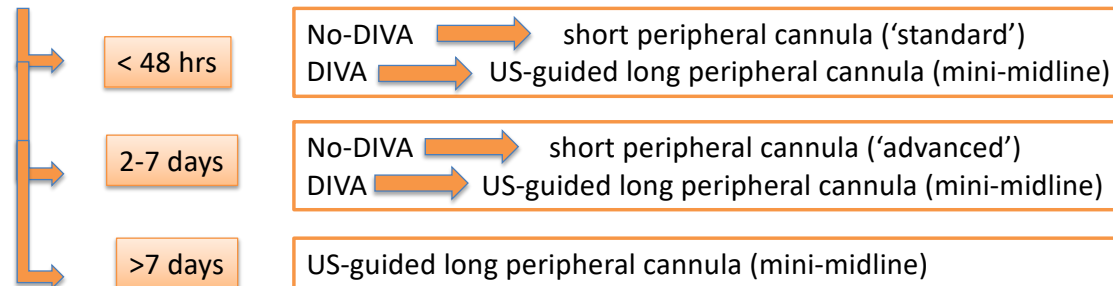
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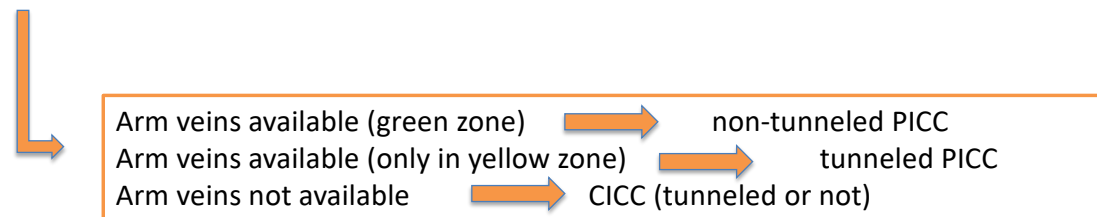
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Intra-hospital use

Peripheral access is appropriate



Central access is required





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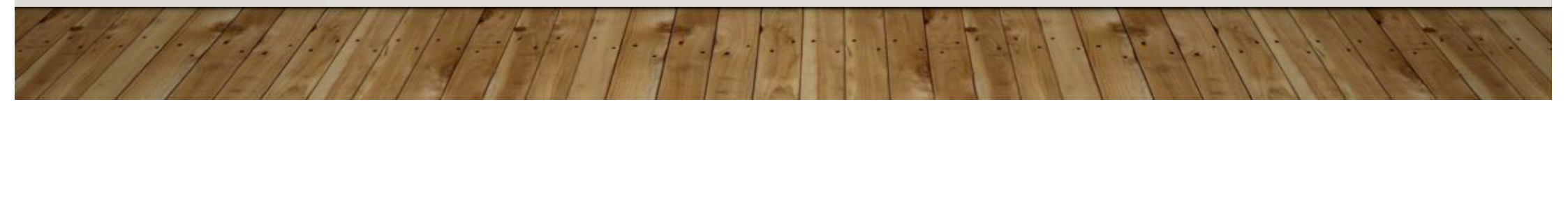
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2. The world of pediatric central venous access needs an update, by implementing materials and methods which have become (or are becoming) the standard of care in adults:

- Consistent adoption of US-guidance for all central venous access devices (PICC, CICC, FICC, ports)
- Adoption of tip location by intracavitary EKG and/or echocardiography
- Shift to power injectable polyurethane for all external catheters (the reason for still using fragile silicon catheters like Broviac and Hickman is mysterious)
- Increased use of PICCs as first option central line in all children
- Increased adoption of tunneling for all external catheters (even if non-cuffed)

TUNNELLIZZARE !



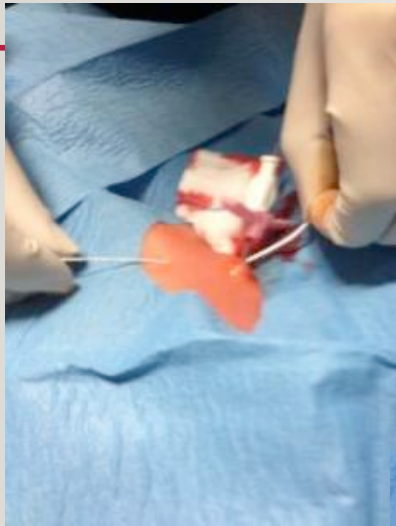
USARE LA TUNNELIZZAZIONE



TUNNELED CICC IN A CHILD



TUNNELED CICC IN NEONATE





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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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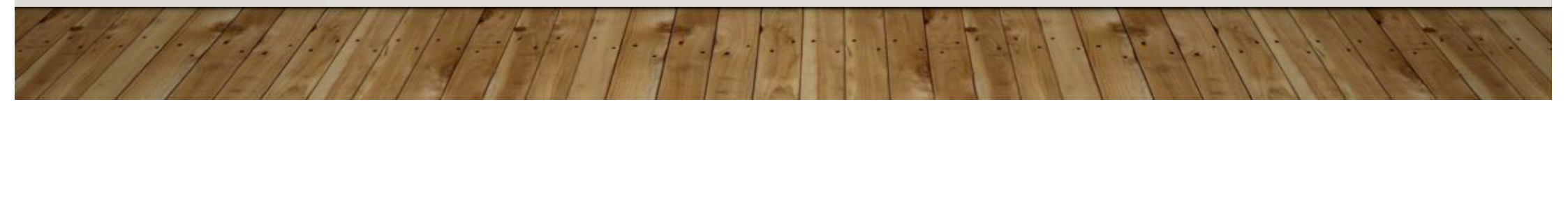
Table 1. RAVESTO—Rapid Assessment of Vascular Exit Site and Tunneling Options.

Central venous access device	Type and path of tunnel	Indications for tunneling
PICC	Tunnel to Dawson's green area	Puncture site in Dawson's yellow area; non-hospitalized patients with expected long intravenous treatment
CICC (supraclavicular puncture)	Tunnel to infraclavicular area	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.)
	Tunnel to arm	Compromised skin integrity of the chest area; oral or endotracheal secretions over chest; implanted device on ipsilateral chest; chest surgery; contracted shoulder; etc.
	Tunnel to back	Cognitive disorder resulting in device removal; contraindication to chest or arm exit site
CICC (infraclavicular puncture)	Tunnel to lower chest	Long term intravenous treatment in non-hospitalized patients (antibiotics, parenteral nutrition, chemotherapy); expected problems in management of the exit site in hospitalized patients (tracheostomy, etc.)
	Tunnel to arm	Compromised skin integrity of the chest area; oral or endotracheal secretions over chest; implanted device on ipsilateral chest; chest surgery; contracted shoulder; etc.
	Tunnel to back	Cognitive disorder resulting in device removal; contraindication to chest or arm exit site
FICC (puncture at the groin)	Tunnel to the abdomen	Non-emergency line in walking patients with contraindication to PICC/CICC
	Tunnel to mid-thigh	Non-emergency line in bedridden patients with contraindication to PICC/CICC
FICC (puncture at mid-thigh)	Tunnel to the abdomen	Non-emergency line in walking patients with contraindication to PICC/CICC
	Tunnel to distal thigh	Long term intravenous treatment in bedridden patients with contraindication to PICC/CICC

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3. Eliminate the problem of dislodgment (the main cause of loss of the central line in pediatrics) by an extensive use of subcutaneously anchored securement devices.

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Clinical experience of a subcutaneously anchored sutureless system for securing central venous catheters


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SHORT REPORT



Securement of central venous catheters by subcutaneously anchored suturless devices in neonates

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SECURE & PROTECT

STABILIZZARE IL CATETERE E PROTEGGERE IL SITO DI EMERGENZA

- 1) Ancoraggio sottocutaneo
- 2) Colla in cianoacrilato
- 3) Membrane semipermeabili ad alto MVTR

LA COLLA IN CIANOACRILATO

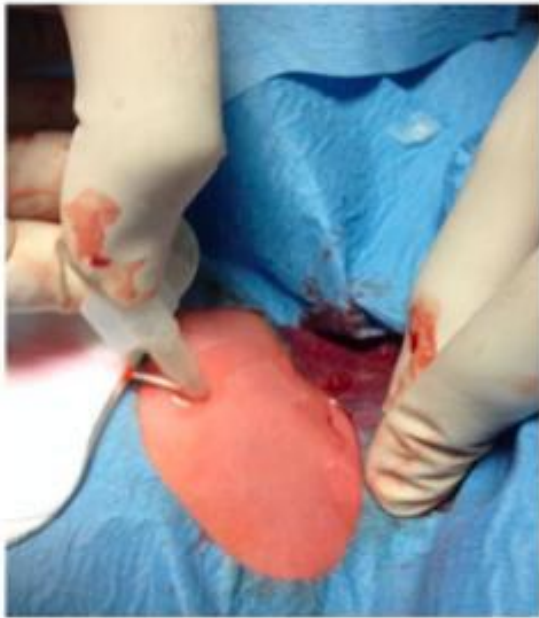


Ten years of clinical experience with cyanoacrylate glue for venous access in a 1300-bed university hospital

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Review

Vascular Access in Pediatric Oncology and Hematology: State of the Art

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Table 1. AIEOP Recommendations for VADs Positioning *.

- (1) A tunneled catheter is recommended for continuous use (A I)
- (2) For discontinuous use, a totally implanted VAD is recommended (A II)
- (3) It is recommended that the ratio of the catheter caliber to vein diameter should not exceed 1/3 (A II)
- (4) Multiple lumen VADs should be inserted only in few selected patients, based on the intensity of care and on the therapeutic program (A)
- (5) The choice of material must be based on high performance in terms of guaranteed flows and pressure resistance as well as device endurance (A II)
- (6) Insertion by surgical venous cutdown is not recommended (A I)
- (7) The ultrasound-guided technique represents the current standard for venipuncture and venous cannulation for insertion of VAD (A II)
- (8) The use of cyanoacrylate tissue glue is recommended (A II)

MEDICAZIONI SEMIPERMEABILI AD ALTA TRASPIRABILITÀ




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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

B

845

773

C

1225

1079

D

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976

E

1031

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F^b

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G SorbaView	5164	1644



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Medical Adhesives and Patient Safety: State of the Science

*Consensus Statements for the Assessment, Prevention, and
Treatment of Adhesive-Related Skin Injuries*

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Management of Central Venous Access Device-Associated Skin Impairment

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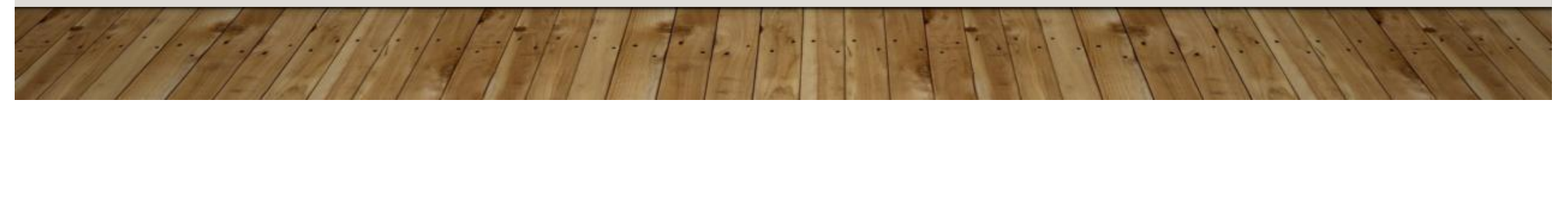


Medical adhesive-related skin injuries associated with vascular access

Jan Hitchcock and Louise Savine

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CONCLUSIONI





Pediatric Vascular Access Practice: Time for Evolution or Revolution?

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- Era il 2017...
- A cinque anni di distanza, possiamo dire che è stata una rivoluzione (ancora in atto) più che una evoluzione
- **Molte strategie tradizionali oggi non hanno più senso e devono essere sostituite da strategie più SICURE per il paziente, più EFFICACI come risultato clinico, più RAPIDE nella esecuzione, e più COSTO-EFFICACI a livello aziendale.**

OCCORRE ABBANDONARE LE VECCHIE ABITUDINI PERICOLOSE E COSTOSE

- **Abbandonare la fluoroscopia**
- **Abbandonare la venolisi**
- **Abbandonare la puntura alla cieca**
- **Abbandonare il controllo radiologico**
- **Abbandonare i punti di sutura**
- **Abbandonare i cateteri in silicone**
- **Abbandonare i cateteri valvolati**

OCCORRE INVECE FARE SCELTE 'SAGGE'

I) Utilizzare in modo 'globale' l'ecografo

- Scelta della vena
- Puntura ecoguidata
- Esclusione complicanze immediate
- Tip navigation
- Tip location
- Esclusione complicanze tardive non infettive

OCCORRE INVECE FARE SCELTE 'SAGGE'

- 2) Utilizzare l'ECG intracavitario**
- 3) Scegliere razionalmente il sito di emergenza (tunnellizzare!)**
- 4) Stabilizzare il catetere e proteggere il sito di emergenza**

SECURE & PROTECT:

ancoraggio sottocutaneo

colla in cianoacrilato

membrane semipermeabili ad alto MVTR

ESEMPIO DI 'SCELTE SAGGE':
IL PROTOCOLLO **ISAC-PED**

Impianto **S**icuro dell'**A**ccesso **C**entrale **P**ediatrico

Si applica a tutti i CVC inseriti in vene profonde (CICC, PICC, FICC): in pratica, a tutti gli accessi centrali ecoguidati del bambino e del neonato, con la sola esclusione di ECC e CVO

ISAC-PED


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
6. Protezione del sito di emergenza mediante colla in cianoacrilato
7. Stabilizzazione del catetere mediante 'sutureless device' e membrana trasparente semipermeabile ad alto MVTR.

Clinical trial protocol

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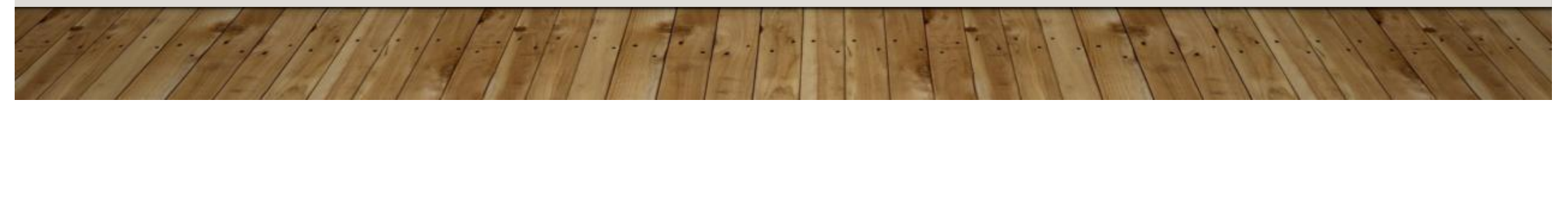
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Results: All neonates, infants and children requiring a non-emergency central line (except for umbilical venous catheters and epicutaneo-cava catheters) were included in the study. Out of 729 central line insertions, there were no immediate complications (no pneumothorax, no arterial puncture, no malposition); the incidence of early and late complications (local ecchymosis, dislodgment, local pain, exit site infection) was 3.7%; in the first 2 weeks after insertion, no catheter-related bacterial infection or catheter-related thrombosis was recorded.

Nessuna complicanza legata alla manovra di inserzione



Catheter-related complications in onco-hematologic children: A retrospective clinical study on 227 central venous access devices

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Results: A total of 227 CVADs were analyzed: 175 peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs), 50 centrally inserted central catheters (CICCs), and 2 femorally inserted central catheters. All CVADs were non-valved, non-cuffed power injectable polyurethane catheters; 81% were tunneled. Median dwelling time of CVADs was 172 days, for a total number of 39,044 catheter days. A very low incidence of both symptomatic catheter-related thrombosis (0.9%) and catheter-related blood stream infection (0.56 episodes per 1000 catheter days) was found. Unscheduled removal or guidewire replacement because of mechanic complications occurred in 15.7% of CVADs. There was no difference in terms of complications between PICCs and CICCs or between tunneled and non-tunneled catheters.

Nessuna complicanza legata alla manovra di inserzione

UNA NUOVA CONSAPEVOLEZZA

Molte complicanze a distanza sono in realtà legate a '**scelte sbagliate**' al momento dell'impianto:

- **Scelta di cateteri fragili** (ovvero in silicone), a rischio di dislocazione e rottura, e con minore performance clinica
- **Tecniche di venolisi o di puntura alla cieca**, che si associano a maggior rischio di complicanze
- **Utilizzo routinario di metodi radiologici** per la tip location, con conseguente aumento di malposizioni e posizioni sub-ottimali, che si associano a malfunzione e trombosi
- **Scelta di siti di emergenza non ideali** (collo e inguine), che si associano a maggior rischio di infezione e dislocazione
- **Fissaggio inappropriato** (ovvero con punti di sutura) che si associa a maggior rischio di infezione e dislocazione

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