

# L'ACCESSO FEMORALE ECOGUIDATO OGGI: UNA RIVOLUZIONE NELLE INDICAZIONI E NELLE TECNICHE DI IMPIANTO E DI TIP LOCATION

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# Femoral venous access: State of the art and future perspectives

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# THE 'NEW' THING....

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*Techniques in vascular access*

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

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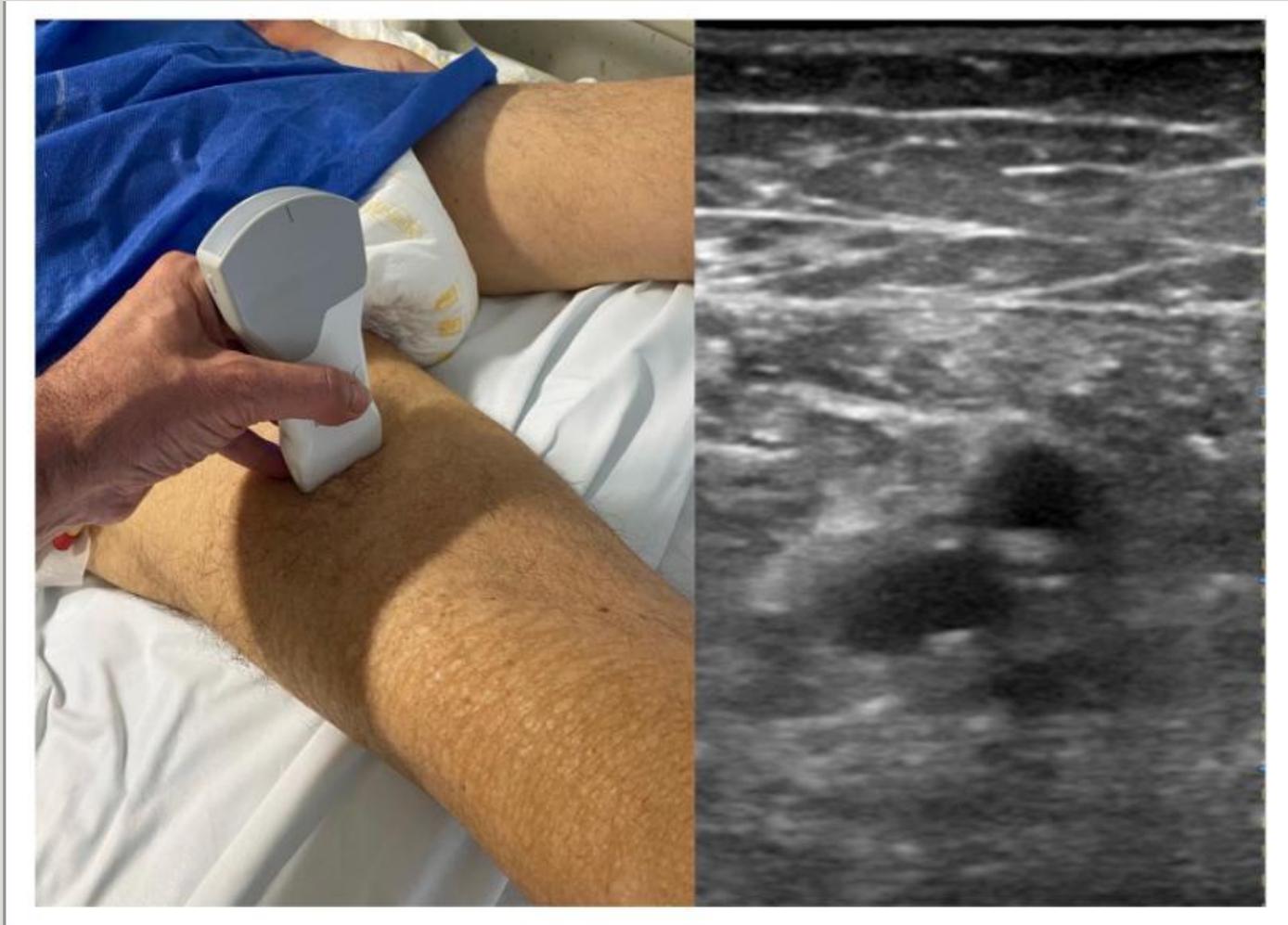
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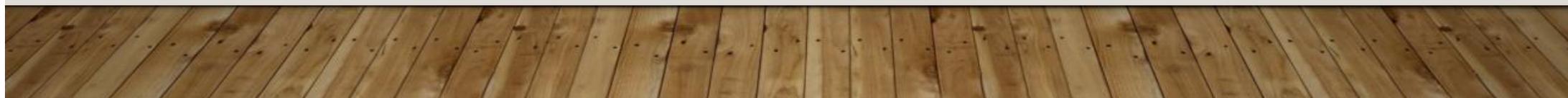
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	Intra-hospital use	Extra-hospital use
Number of patients	52	46
Sex		
- Male > 18 years old	25	20
- Male < 18 years old	2	–
- Female	25	26
Catheter size/lumens		
- 5Fr double lumen	44	6
- 4Fr single lumen	8	40
Tip position		
- Right atrium	4	–
- Mid-portion of IVC	48	46
Exit site location		
- Thigh, middle third	32	20
- Thigh, distal third	20	26

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Review

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## **Management of antithrombotic treatment and bleeding disorders in patients requiring venous access devices: A systematic review and a GAVeCeLT consensus statement**

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PT/INR > 1.5 and/or  
aPTT ratio > 1.3

No contraindication

Relative contraindication (see  
text)

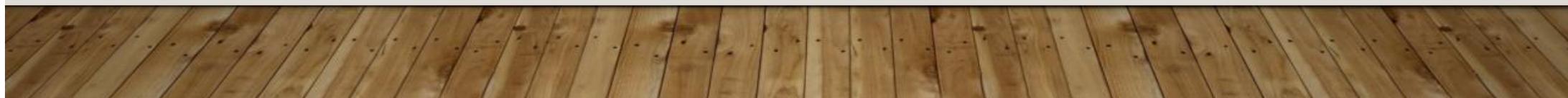
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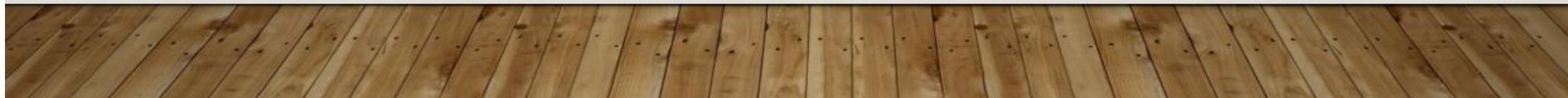
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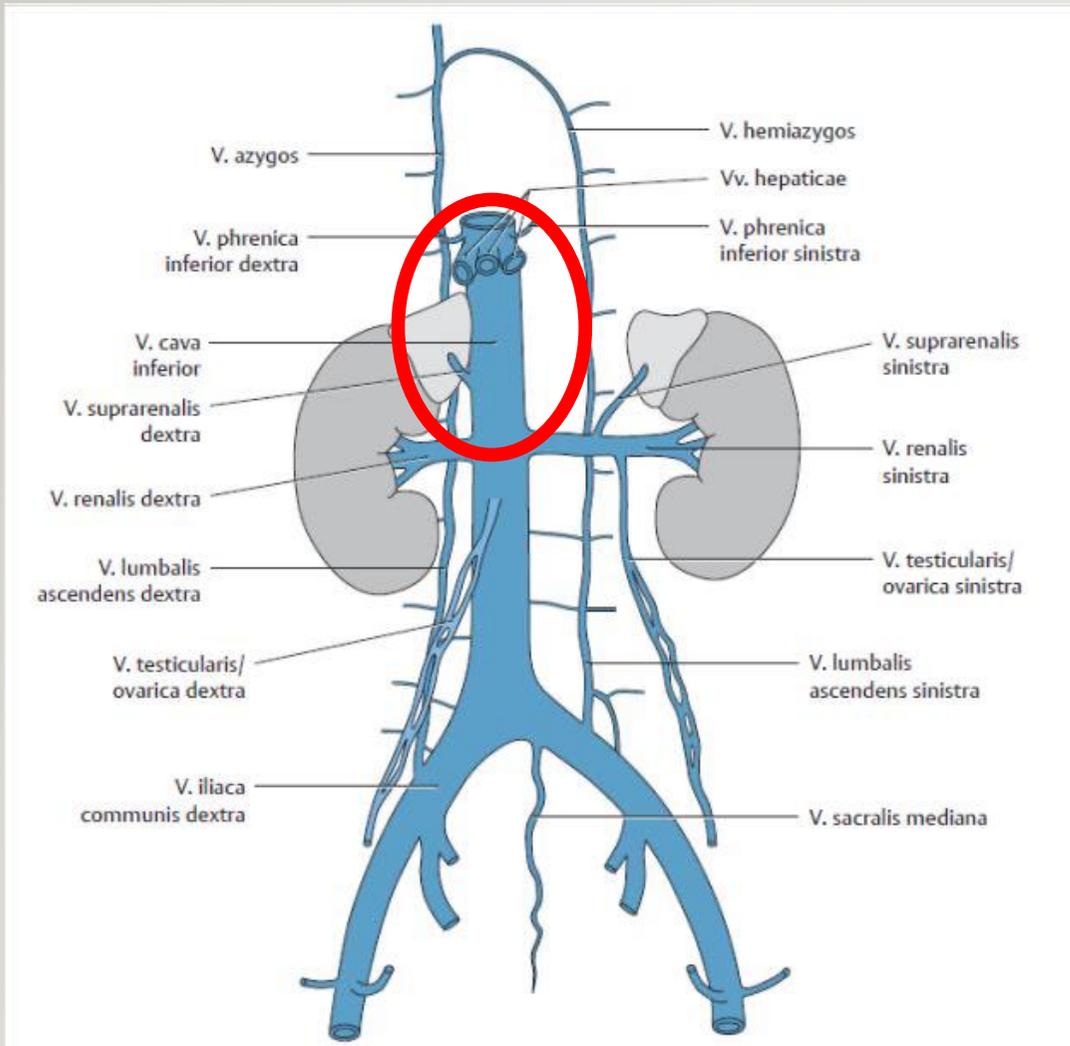
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UNA GRANDE NOVITA':  
**LA TIP LOCATION ECOGUIDATA PER I FICC**

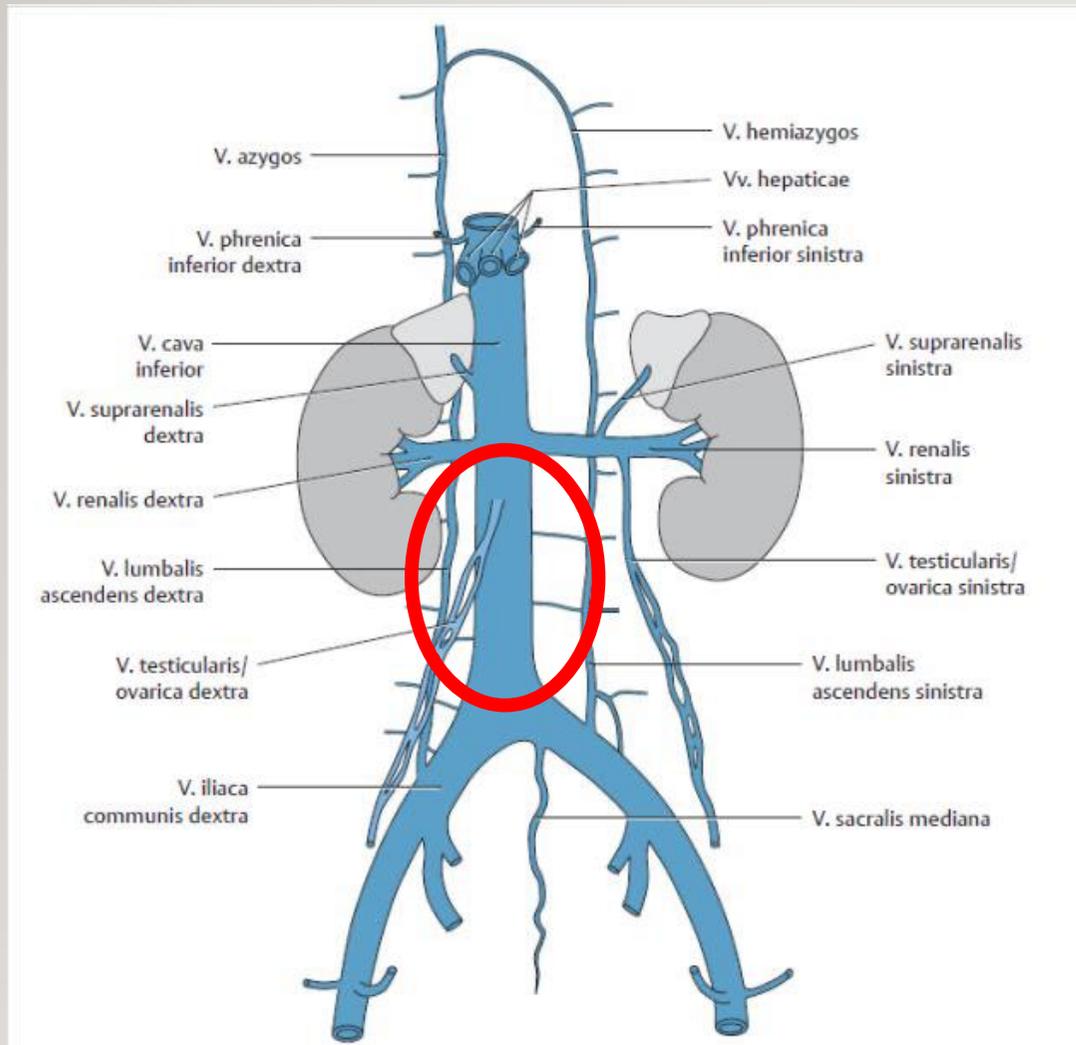
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## Vena cava inferiore sottodiaframmatica tra vene renali e vene sovrarepatiche

Tratto ben visualizzabile – in  
tutti i pazienti – mediante  
finestra trans-epatica



## Vena cava inferiore sottodiaframmatica tra vene iliache e vene renali

Tratto mal visualizzabile per via  
ecosopica – tranne che nei  
neonati e nei lattanti

# **Applicability and feasibility of intraprocedural tip location of femorally inserted central catheters by transhepatic ultrasound visualization of the inferior vena cava in adult patients**

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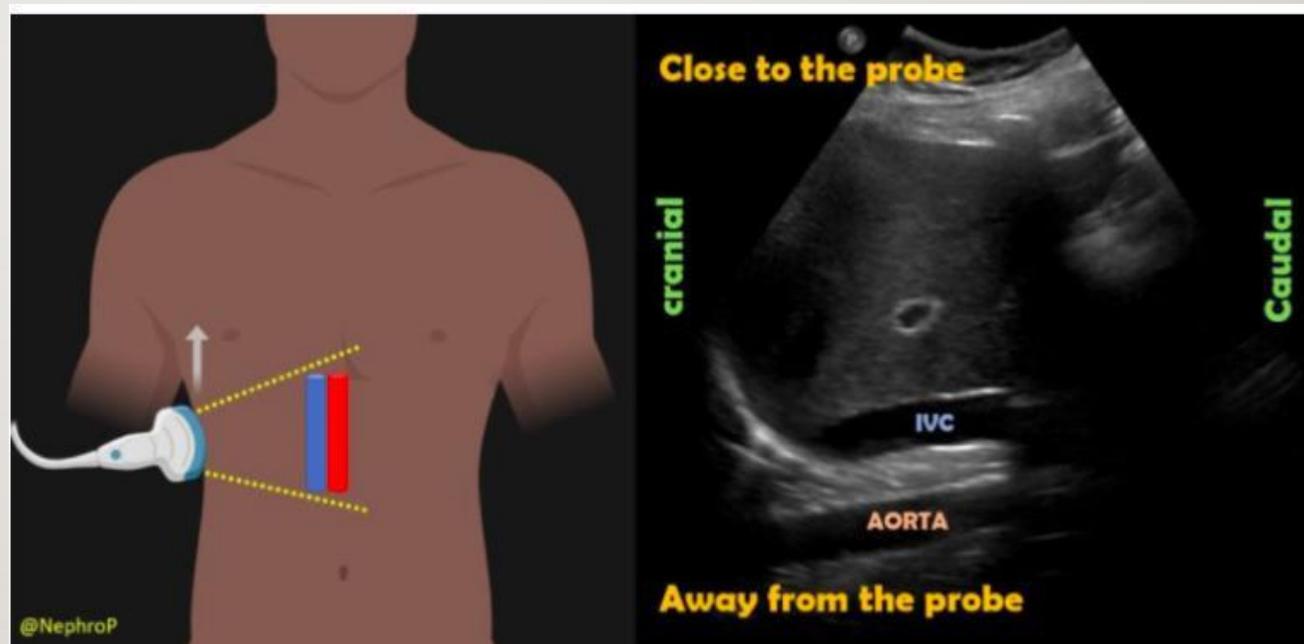
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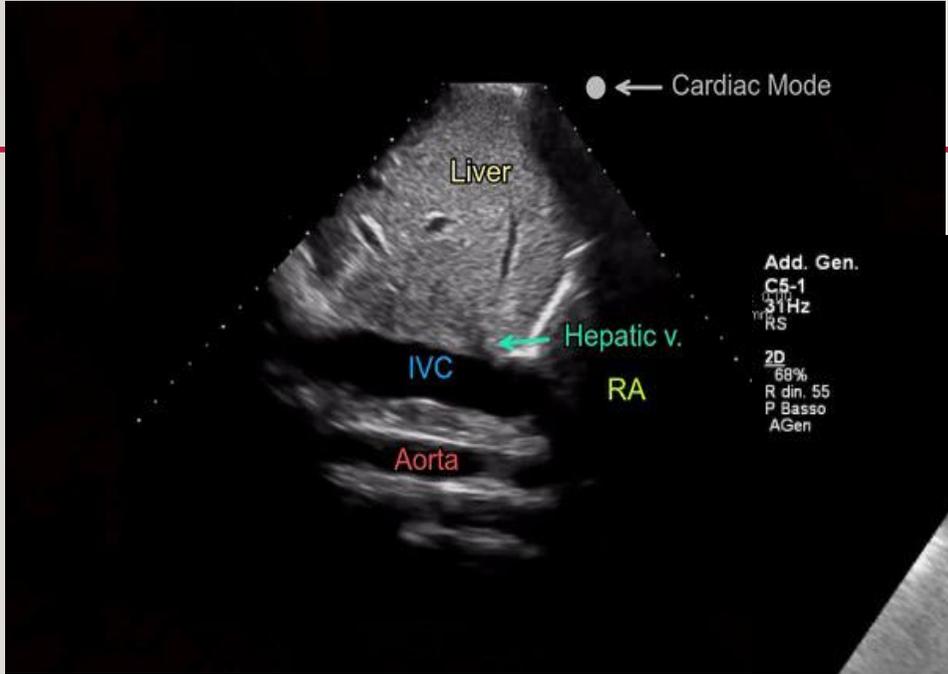
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- Convex
- Settoriale

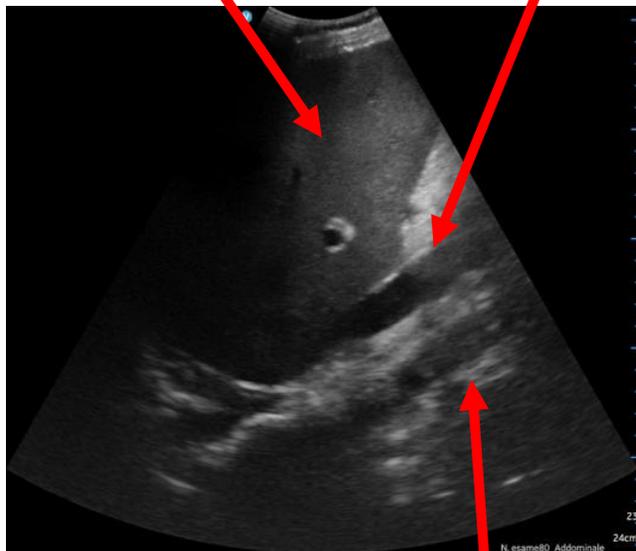
Posizione assiale  
(linea ascellare anteriore)





Fegato

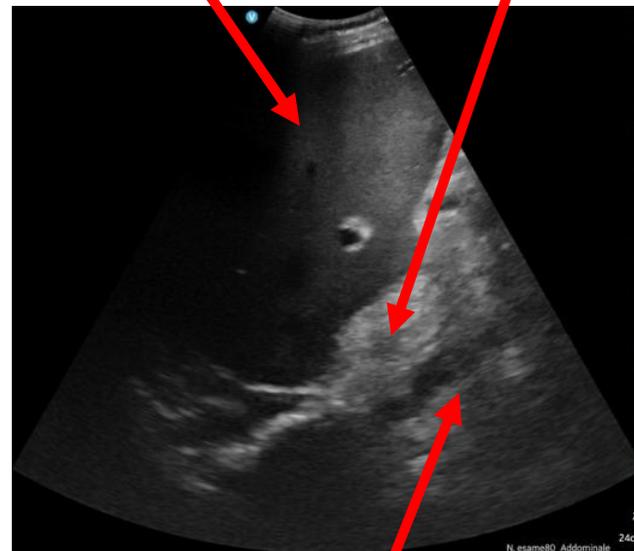
Cava inferiore



Aorta

Fegato

Cava inferiore  
con microbolle



Aorta

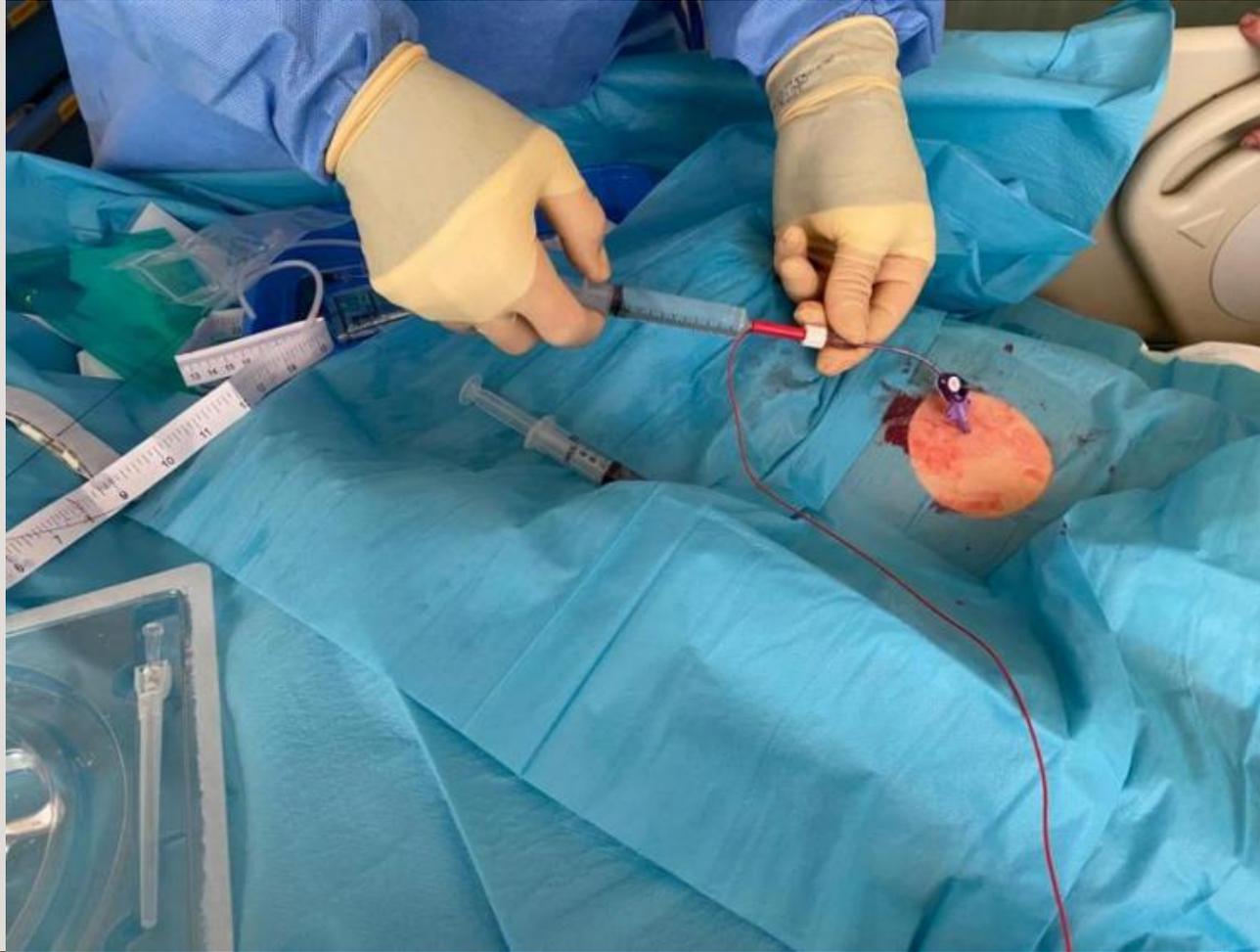
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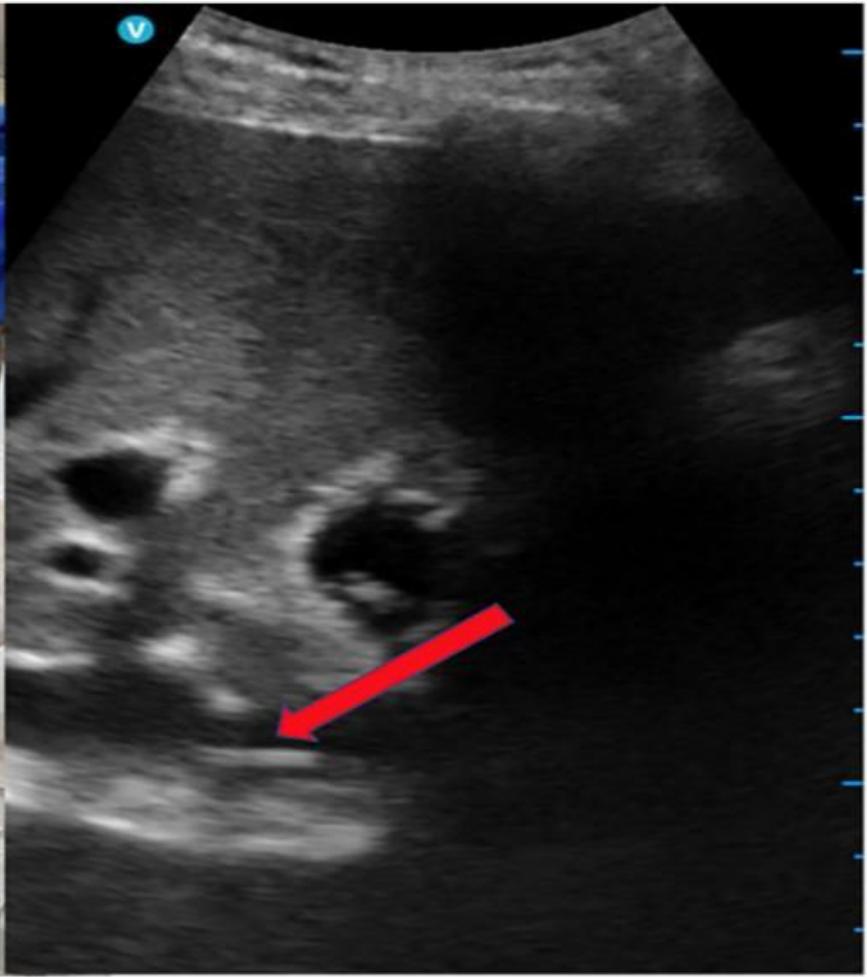
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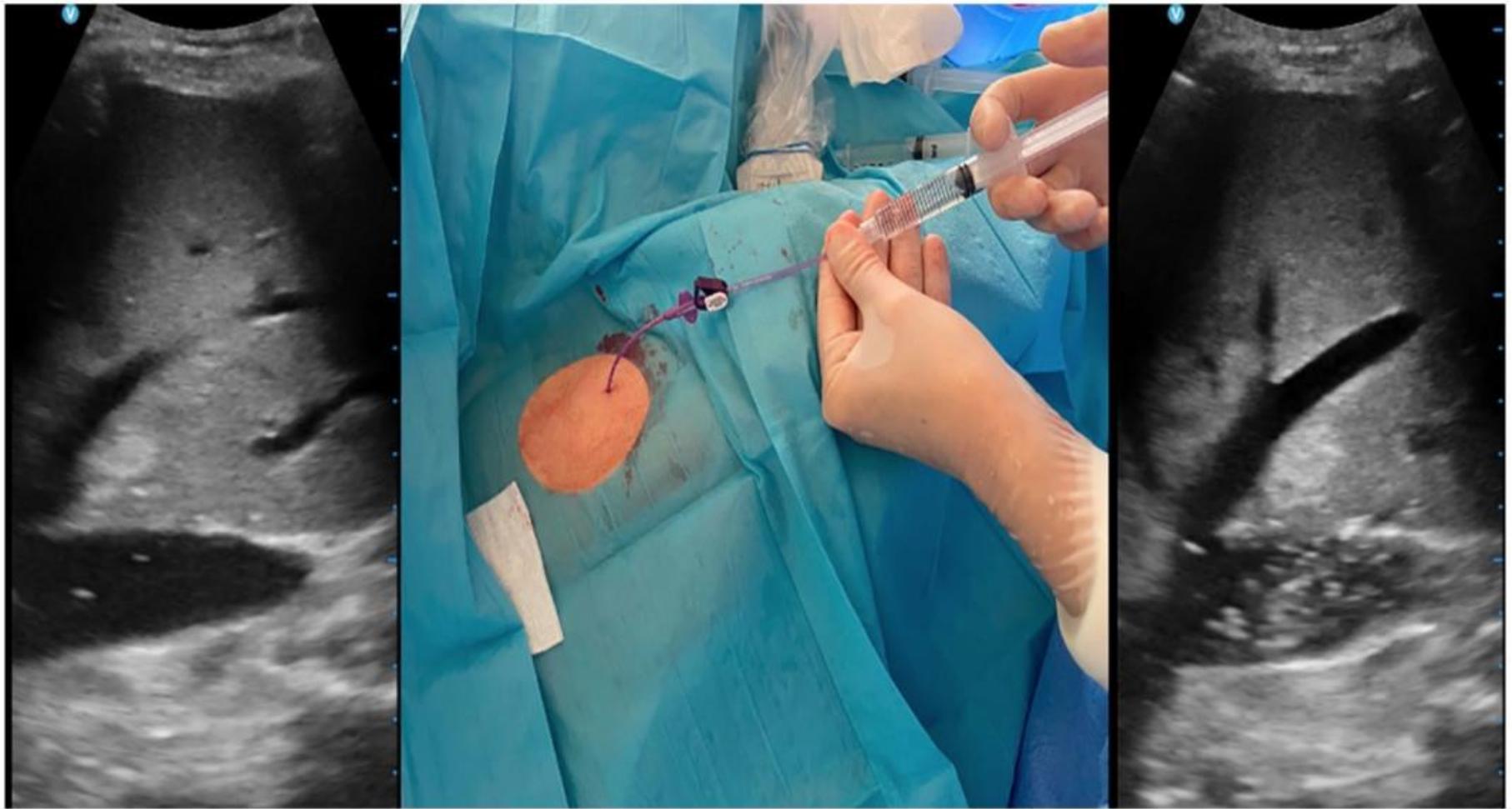
- La **comparsa delle microbolle nel tratto visualizzato** in ecoscopia permette di identificare con esattezza la posizione della punta del FICC
- La **comparsa delle microbolle con latenza**, provenienti dal basso, indica un FICC troppo corto, ma posizionato nell'asse iliaco-cavale
- La **mancata comparsa di microbolle** può indicare un FICC troppo lungo o una malposizione fuori dell'asse iliaco-cavale (ad esempio nelle vene lombari)







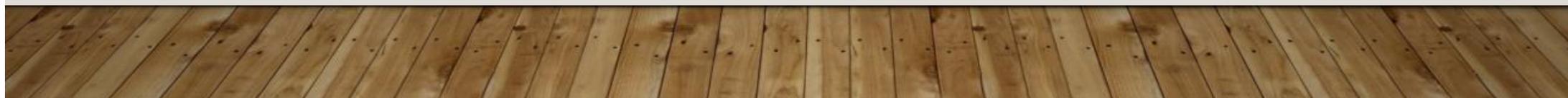




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- Il progresso più interessante degli ultimi tempi nel campo della *tip location* dei FICC
- Di sicuro successo nel prossimo futuro, grazie alla alta applicabilità e fattibilità, nonché alla facilità di esecuzione (particolarmente utilizzando sonde wireless con trasduttori multipli)
- Da integrare all'interno del protocollo ECHOTIP (scritto tre anni fa), che ancora non prevedeva questa finestra!



# TAKE HOME MESSAGE

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1. Utilizzare i FICC con approccio alla vena femorale superficiale nei pazienti con controindicazione ai PICC, anche per l'uso extraospedaliero
2. Abbandonare la *tip location* radiologica, sia quella intraprocedurale (fluoroscopia) che post-procedurale (lastra dell'addome)
3. Adottare il metodo di *tip location* intra-procedurale mediante ecografia



**Grazie  
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