

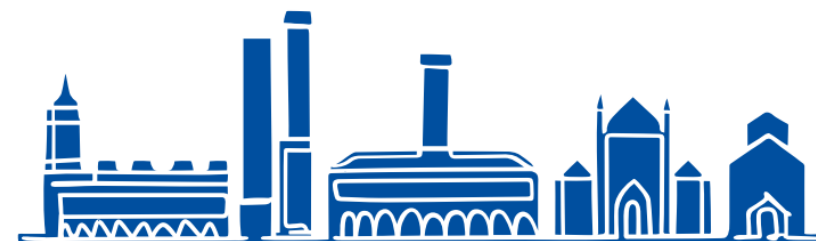
Scelta tra Cateteri Periferici Lunghi e Cateteri Midline

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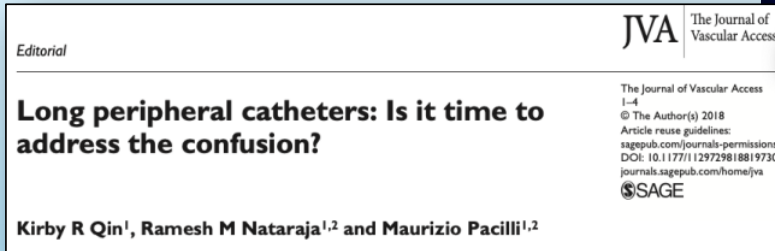
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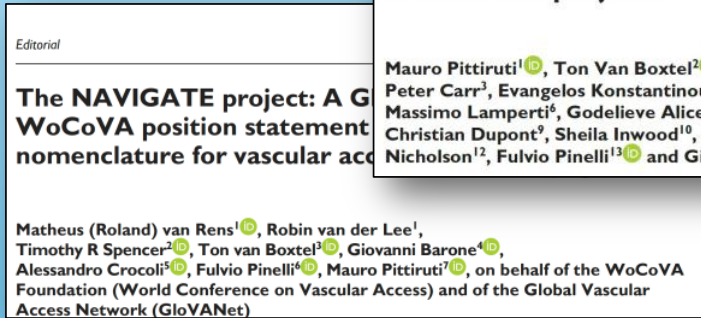


Cosa intendiamo per CVP Lungo e Catetere Midline?



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

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Short Peripheral Catheter = < 6 cm
Long Peripheral Catheter = 6 – 15 cm
Midline Catheter = > 15 cm



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SUPPLEMENT

The Michigan Appropriateness Guide for Intravenous Catheters (MAGIC): Results From a Multispecialty Panel Using the RAND/UCLA Appropriateness Method

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Peripheral IV Catheter = 3 – 6 cm
Midline Catheters = 7.5 – 25 cm

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

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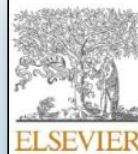
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Results

A total of 228 vascular access specialists from eight countries, including the United States ($n=208$), Australia ($n=8$), Canada ($n=5$), Brazil ($n=2$), Italy ($n=2$), China ($n=1$), Germany ($n=1$) and Mexico ($n=1$), completed the survey. Most clinicians identified their primary profession

The majority of participants (57.9%) agreed with the following classification of peripheral IV devices:

1. PIVCs: 2 to 6 cm in length, terminating distal to the axilla;
2. LPCs: 6–15 cm in length, terminating distal to the axilla;
3. MCs: 15–25 cm in length, terminating in the axilla.



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Review Article



Midline-catheters: characteristics of the devices and major complications as reported by studies included in the review.

Author, year	Catheter characteristics	Author's catheter classification
Bahl, 2021	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR-AT)	Midline-catheter
Campagna, 2018	4–5 Fr/20–25 cm (nd)	Midline-catheter
Fabiani, 2020	18 G/18 cm (PET)	Long-peripheral-catheter
Fabiani, 2020	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter
Fabiani, 2023	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter
Frondizi, 2023	4–5 Fr/20–25 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter
Lisova, 2018	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter
Locatello, 2022	4–5 Fr/20–25 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter
Tomàs-López, 2022	4 Fr/30 cm (PUR)	Midclavicular-catheter

Complications associated to midline- and long peripheral catheters in adults. Systematic review of literature and proposal for a standardized model for data collection

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26 (NA) [273]	2.5 (R-AE)	NA	0.9 (US+Co)
16 ± 10.8 [48]	10.6 (PR-C)	1.3 (DTP/TC)	1.3 (US+Co)
26 ± 22.6 [153]	6.3 (PR-C)	0.5 (DTP/TC)	1.9 (US+Co)
25.7 ± 20.4 [125]	3.4 (PR-C)	0 (DTP/TC)	0.9 (US+Co)
12.4 ± 11.2 [nd]	NA	3.2 (DTP)	1.1 (US)
10 (1–112) [112]	NA	NA	3.4 (US+Co + CD)
13.1 ± 7.7 [nd]	NA	0.3 (DTP/TC)	0.9 (US+Co)
21.8 ± 24.3 [312]	6.0 (UR)	0.2 (DTP/TC)	0.4 (US+Co)

Long-peripheral-catheters: characteristics of the devices and major complications as reported by studies included in the review.

Author, Year	Catheter characteristics	Author's catheter classification	Dwelling days mean/median [max] ^a	Catheter failure ^b (method)	CR-BSI ^b (method)	S-CRT ^b (method)
Bahl, 2021	4.5 Fr/15 cm (PUR-AT-AM)	Midline-catheter	10.1 ± 6.6 [NA]	22.8 (PR-UM/C)	0 (NHSN)	5.7 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2020	20–18 G/8–10 cm (PET)	Long-peripheral-catheter	11 ± 8.9 [54]	15.9 (PR-C)	0 (DTP/TC)	1.2 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2023	18 G/10 cm (PUR)	Long-peripheral-catheter	17.1 ± 12.3 [74]	5.1 (PR-C)	1,0 (DTP/TC)	3.1 (US+Co)
Jeon, 2022	20–18 G/8–10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	16.8 ± 13.5 [76]	26 (PR-C/NC)	1,0 (BC/TC + RS)	0.5 (US)
Johnson, 2022	10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(11; 5.5–19.5) [NA]	12.8 (PR-C)	0 (BC ^c + TC/DTP+ NOI)	0.6 (US/V)
Jones, 2022	20 G/8–10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	8 ± NA [38]	18.3 (PR-C)	NA	0.6 (US)
Bundgaard M, 2020	20–18 G/10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(8; 0–41) [41]	71.8 (PR-C)	0 (BC/TC)	2.1 (US)
Marsh, 2022	20–18 G/8–10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(4.9; 3.2–8) [NA]	69.3 (APIF)	0 (NHSN)	5.3 (US)
Nielsen, 2021	20–18 G/10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(9; 0–60) [60]	48.9 (PR)	0 (BC/TC + NOI)	0.8 (US)

Cosa li contraddistingue

	Periferico Lungo	Midline
Lunghezza	6-15	> 15
Lumi	Monolume	Bilume
Posizione della punta	Lontano dalla Vena Ascellare	Area Infraclavicolare
Urgenza/Emergenza	Si	No

Cosa li rende simili

	Periferico Lungo	Midline
Materiale	Polieterblocamide Polietilene Poliuretano	Silicone Poliuretano
Tecnica di puntura	US guidata	US guidata
Tecnica di inserzione	Seldinger Semplificata Seldinger Diretta	Seldinger Modificata Seldinger Diretta

Observational Study > J Vasc Access. 2020 Jul;21(4):449-455.

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Mini-midline in difficult intravenous access patients in emergency department: A prospective analysis

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Use of Midline Catheters for Blood Specimen Collection in Difficult Intravenous Access Patients: A Quality Improvement Project

Danielle Kennedy¹, Melissa Neri, Patricia C Pawlow

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Midline or long peripheral catheters in difficult intravenous access conditions? A comparative study in patients with acute cardiovascular disease

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> Int J Emerg Med. 2016 Dec;9(1):3. doi: 10.1186/s12245-016-0100-0. Epub 2016 Feb 4.

Ultrasound-guided "short" midline catheters for difficult venous access in the emergency department: a retrospective analysis

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Observational Study > Heart Lung. 2017 Jan-Feb;46(1):46-53.

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Ultrasound-guided deep-arm veins insertion of long peripheral catheters in patients with difficult venous access after cardiac surgery

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Defining difficult intravenous access (DIVA): A systematic review

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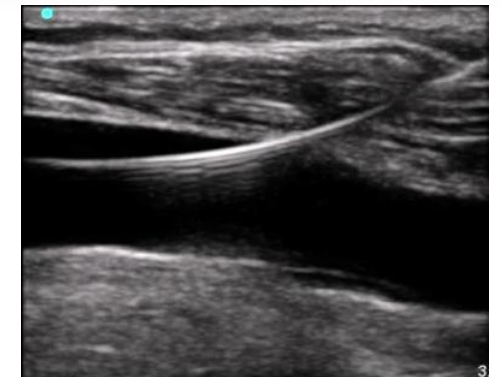
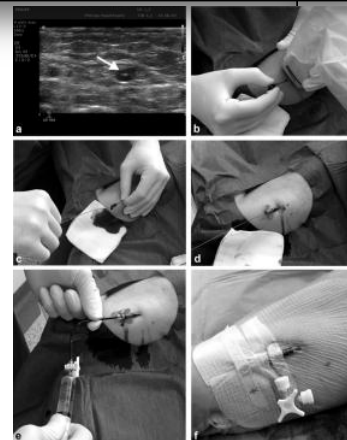
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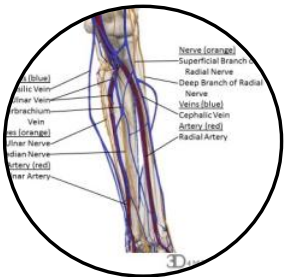
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The indications for specific PVADs are mainly based on the expected duration of treatment:

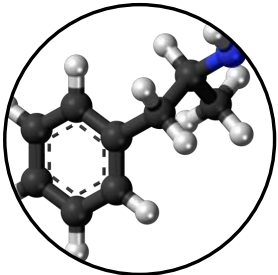
- SPCs are appropriate for emergency and/or short duration access (24-48 h)
- "integrated" SPCs are appropriate for non-emergency access, when expected duration is 2-7 days
- LPCs are appropriate in DIVA patients, or when expected duration is 1-4 weeks
- MCs are appropriate when expected duration >4 weeks.



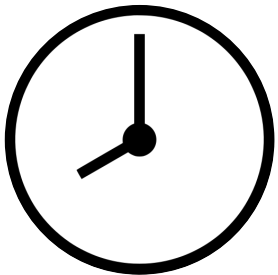
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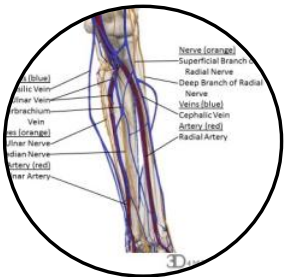
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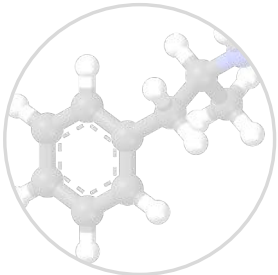
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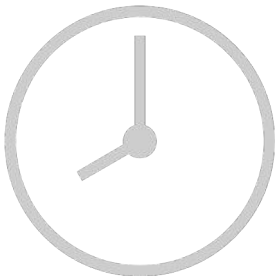
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The NAVIGATE project: A GloVANet-WoCoVA position statement on the nomenclature for vascular access devices

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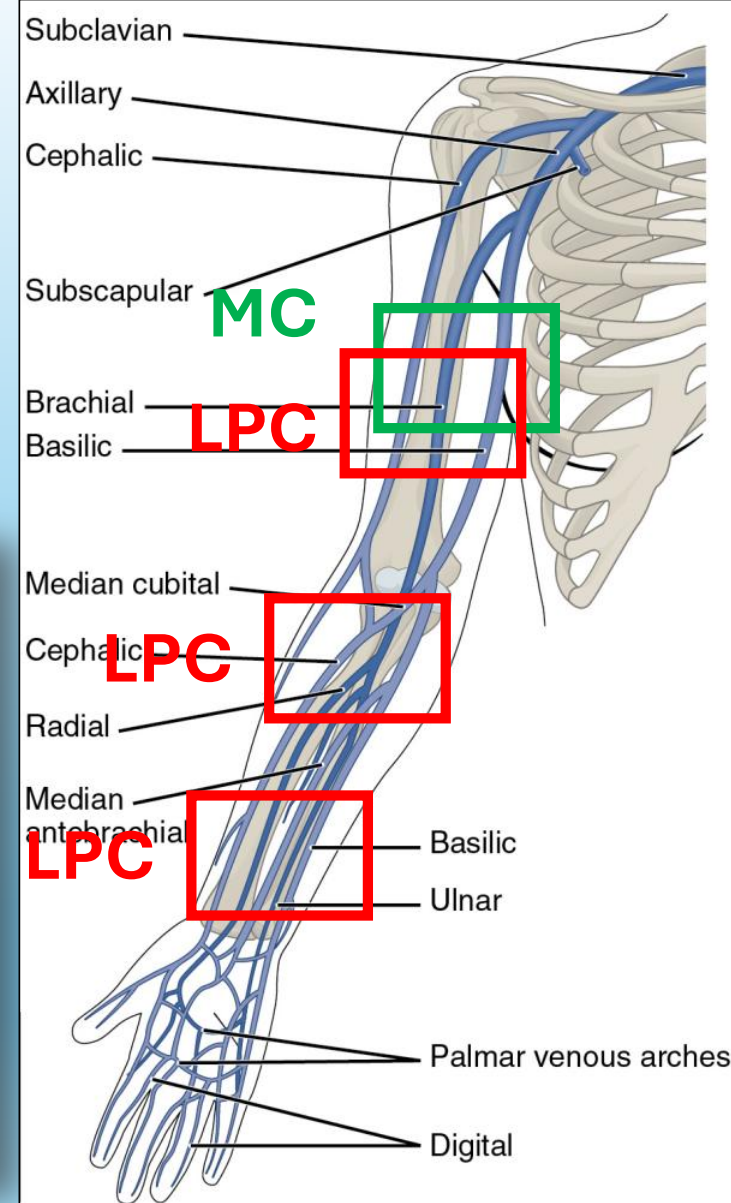
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Table 3. Terminology of venous access devices in the adult and pediatric population.

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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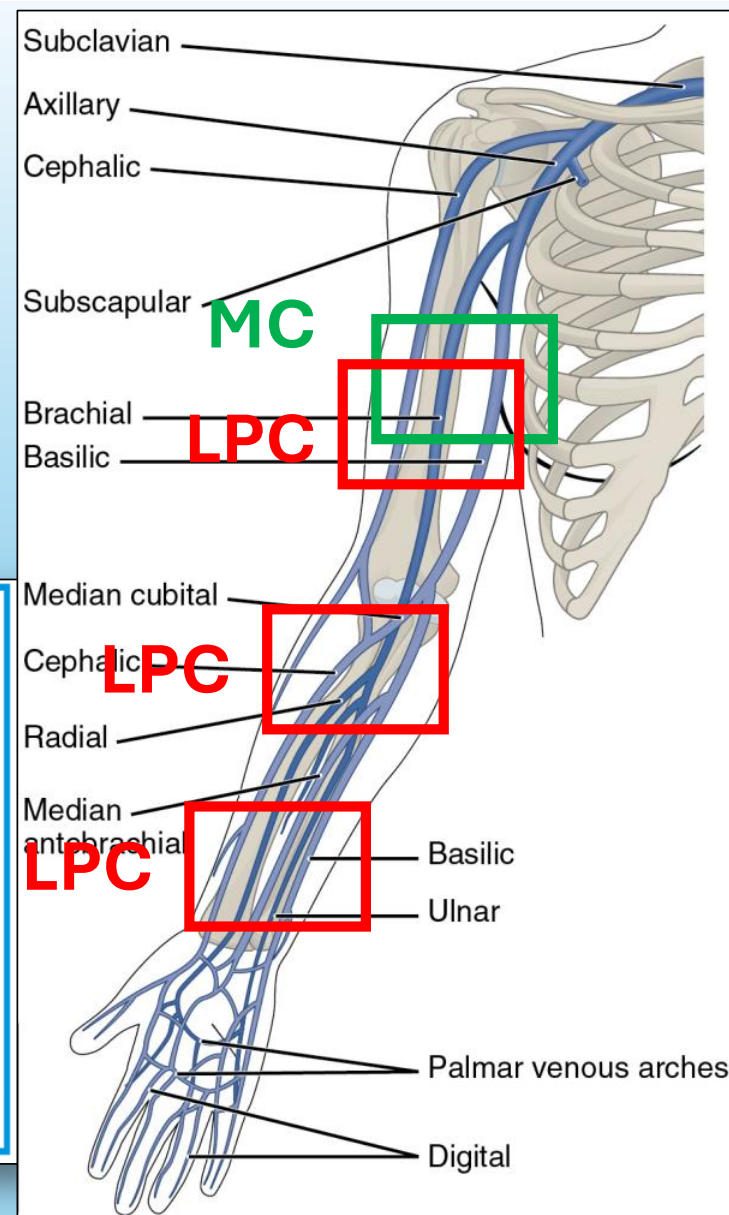
Peripheral intravenous catheters (PIVCs): are inserted into and reside in veins of the periphery that includes all extremities, the external jugular vein, and scalp veins in neonates. PIVCs are inserted into superficial veins located just under the skin in the superficial tissue, as well as deep veins located under the muscle tissue.

INS categorizes 3 types of PIVCs:

Short peripheral intravenous catheter (short PIVC): an over-the-needle catheter with a hollow metal stylet (needle) positioned inside the catheter, generally inserted in superficial veins.

Long peripheral intravenous catheter (long PIVC): inserted in either superficial or deep peripheral veins and offers an option when a short PIVC is not long enough to adequately cannulate the available vein. A long PIVC can be inserted via traditional over-the-needle technique or with more advanced procedures, such as Seldinger and accelerated Seldinger techniques.

Midline peripheral catheter (midline): inserted into a peripheral vein of the upper arm via the basilic, cephalic, or brachial vein with the terminal tip located at the level of the axilla in children and adults; for neonates, in addition to arm veins, midline catheters may be inserted via a scalp vein with the distal tip located in the jugular vein above the clavicle or in the lower extremity with the distal tip located below the inguinal crease.



Long versus conventional peripheral intravenous catheters to reduce venipunctures during hospital stay: A randomized controlled trial

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Popolazione

- NON pazienti DIVA
- NON tecnica US-Guidata

Risultati

- No differenze in venipunture successive
- No differenze in Catheter Failure
- Non differenze cliniche in PWO time

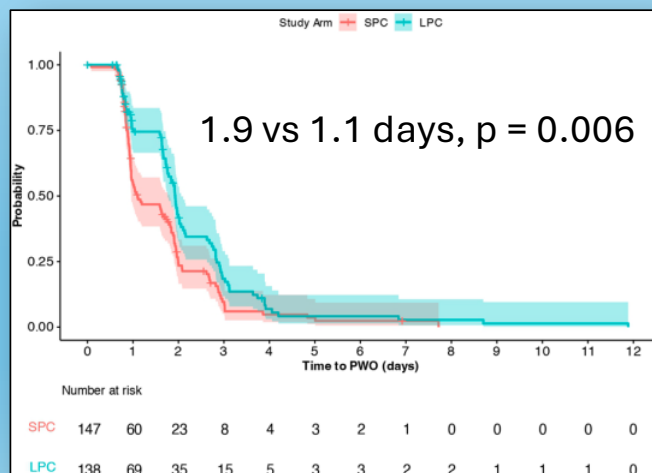
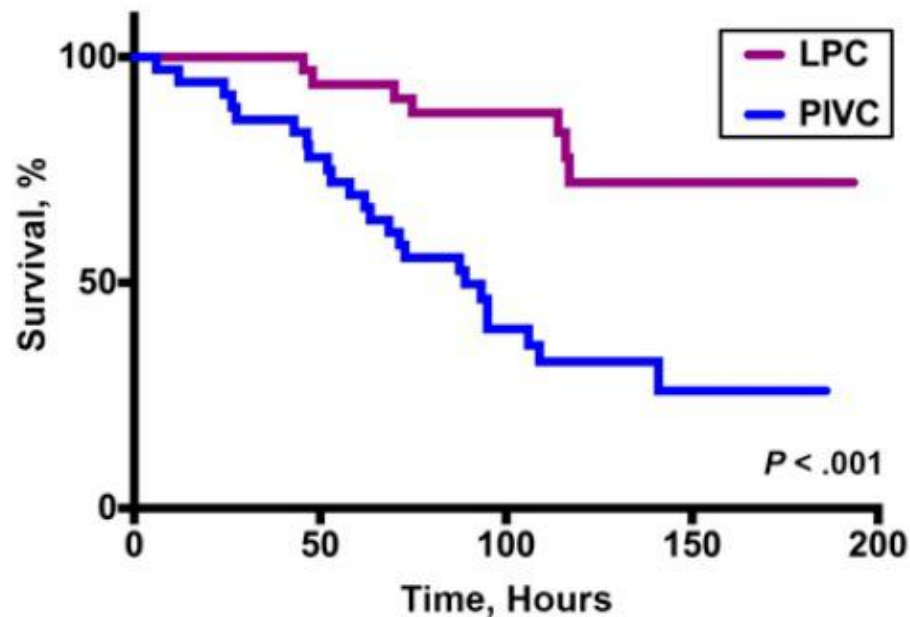


Table 3. Characteristics of vascular access management.

Vascular access management	SPC	LPC	p-Value
	n = 147	n = 138	
Reasons of catheter removal			
Catheter-days	388.5	408.7	
Complications (overall incidence rate)*	203.3	149.3	0.076
Malfunction (incidence rate)*	128.7	71.0	0.013
Phlebitis and pain (incidence rate)*	43.8	44.0	1.000
Self-removal (incidence rate)*	12.9	19.6	0.582
Occlusion (incidence rate)*	12.9	4.9	0.280
Catheter-related thrombosis (incidence rate)*	5.1	9.8	0.688

Standard Versus Long Peripheral Catheters for Multiday IV Therapy: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Short VS Long Peripheral Catheter

TABLE 2 Primary and Key Secondary Outcomes

Outcome	All (N = 72)	PIVCs (n = 36)	LPCs (n = 36)	RR (95% CI)	Significance, P
All catheters					
Duration of IVT, median (range), d	5.1 (1.9–16.1)	5.4 (3.0–16.1)	5.0 (1.9–10.8)	—	.86
No. postoperative catheters, median (range) ^a	1 (1–5)	2 (1–5)	1 (1–3)	—	.0002
Trial catheter					
Catheter duration, median (range), d	4.1 (0.3–8.1)	3.5 (0.3–7.8)	4.8 (1.9–8.1)	—	.01
Completed treatment with index catheter, n (%)	43 (59.7)	14 (38.9)	29 (80.6)	2.1 (1.4–3.3)	.0006
Catheter failure, n (%)	31 (43.1)	24 (66.7)	7 (19.4)	3.4 (1.8–7.1)	.0001
Per 1000 catheter-days ^b	—	187.9	41.0	4.6	—
Infiltration, n (%)	13 (18.1)	12 (33.3)	1 (2.8)	12.0 (2.2–70.3)	.001
Per 1000 catheter-days	—	93.6	5.9	—	—
Occlusion, n (%)	9 (12.5)	5 (13.9)	4 (11.1)	1.3 (0.4–4.0)	>.99
Per 1000 catheter-days	—	39.0	23.4	—	—
Dislodgement, n (%)	6 (8.3)	4 (11.1)	2 (5.6)	2.0 (0.5–9.0)	.67
Per 1000 catheter-days	—	31.2	11.7	—	—
Phlebitis, n (%)	2 (2.8)	1 (2.8)	1 (2.8)	1.0 (0.1–9.4)	>.99
Per 1000 catheter-days	—	7.8	5.9	—	—

P values were calculated by using the Mann–Whitney U test and Fisher's exact test. —, not applicable.

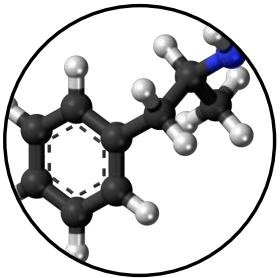
^a Total postoperative IV catheters = 110 (PIVC group = 66 catheters; LPC group = 44 catheters).

^b Total catheter-days = 298.5 d (LPCs = 170.8 d; PIVCs = 127.7 d).

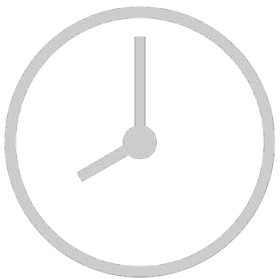
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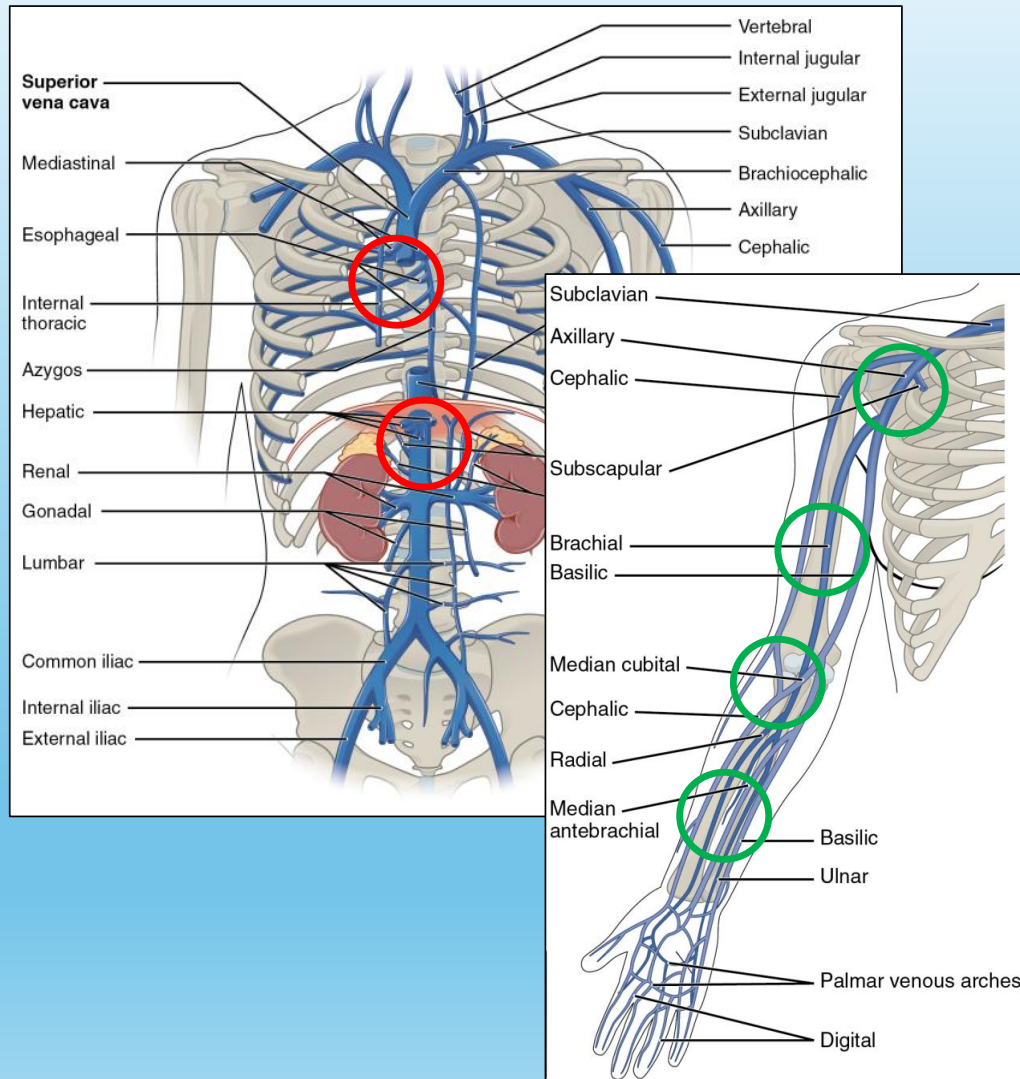
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Section 1 – Definition and classification

Venous access devices (VADs) are defined as peripheral or central based on the position of the tip of the catheter. Any VAD with the tip located in the superior vena cava (SVC) or in the inferior vena cava (IVC) or in the right atrium (RA) should be considered as a central venous access device (CVAD). This definition is arbitrary, but it is based



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(1) *short to medium term infusion of peripherally compatible solutions*

- solutions with pH 5–9
- drugs with osmolarity <600 mOsm/L
- parenteral nutrition with osmolarity <800–850 mOsm/L
- any drug or solution not associated with potential endothelial damage

C. Avoid use of short PIVC for continuous infusion of medication with irritant or vesicant properties.^{1,2,10} (I)

1. For time-critical infusions (eg, vasopressors), consider the type and dose of medication and its mode of action (vasoconstriction vs vasodilation). Where appropriate, begin the infusion through a PIVC. The PIVC should be replaced with a central venous access device (CVAD) as early as possible, balancing the acuity of the patient and the potential harm of peripheral infusion.

D. Do not use a midline for continuous infusion of vesicant therapy, PN, or other infusates with extremes of pH or osmolarity (refer to Standard 61, Parenteral Nutrition; Standard 65, Vasopressor Administration).

1. Further clinical trials evaluating the appropriate use of midlines for vasopressors (drug type and duration) are needed (see Standard 65, Vasopressor Administration).³¹ (IV)

E. Increase catheter site surveillance when administering intermittent infusions for any duration of known irritants and vesicants due to increased risk of phlebitis or extravasation (see Standard 39, Vascular Access Device Post-Insertion Care; Standard 44, Infiltration and Extravasation).^{22–24,32} (II)

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Table 2. Standard concentrations and physicochemical characterization

DRUG	CONCENTRATION	DILUENT	MEAN OSMOLALITY*	DENSITY*	MEAN OSMOLALITY*	pH	VESICANT
ACYCLOVIR (amp 25 mg/ml 10 ml) TEDEC-MELI FARMA, S.A.	5 mg/mL (500 mg/100 mL)	D5W	287±0.58	1.043	300	10.40±0.02	YES
		NS	279±2.08	1.032	288	11.04±0.03	YES
ALBUMIN HUMAN (5% vial 250 mL, 20% ALBUNORM® vial 100 mL) OCTAPHARMA	5%	-	274±1.53	1.042	286	7.12±0.02	NO
	20%	-	274±0.58	1.059	290	7.04±0.01	NO
AMIKACIN (vial 500 mg/2 mL) B.BRAUN MEDICAL, S.A.	5 mg/mL (500 mg/100 mL)	D5W	308±1.00	1.047	322	4.42±0.01	NO
		NS	283±1.53	1.034	293	4.87±0.01	NO
	10 mg/mL	-	304±2.31	1.037	316	4.55±0.03	NO

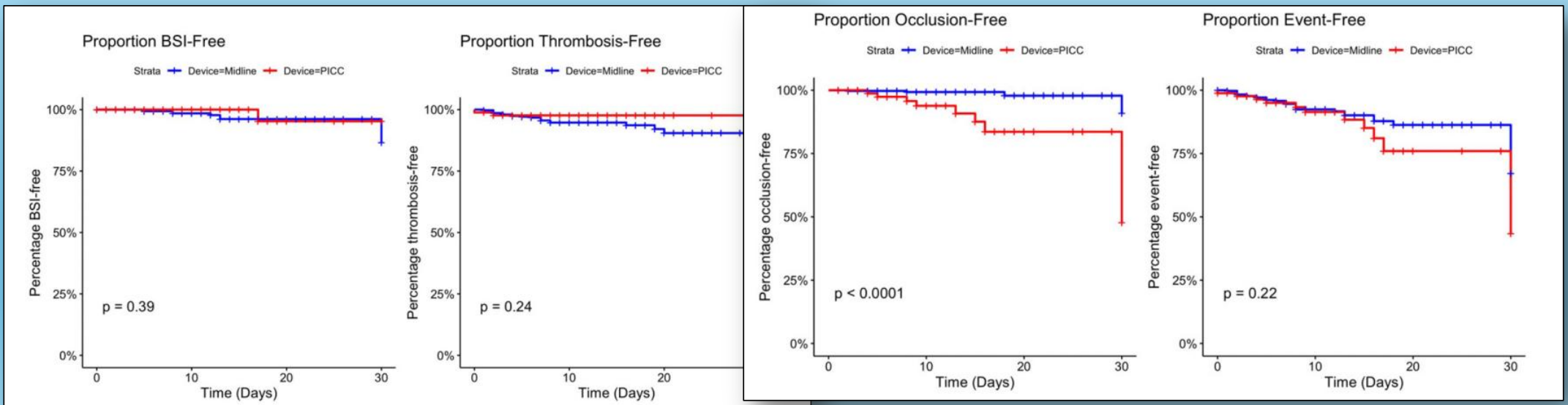
Concise Communication

Comparison of complication types in patients receiving vesicant intravenous antimicrobials or vasopressors via midlines and peripherally inserted central catheters

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Risultati

- Non differenze per Complicanze totali
- No differenze per CR-BSI
- No differenze per CRT
- Occlusioni maggiori nei PICC





The catheter-to-vein ratio at the tip level, not the catheter type, as a risk factor for a catheter failure. A retrospective comparative study of polyurethane midline and long peripheral catheters.

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Table 2

Comparison between patients and cannulated vein characteristics according to the catheter outcome.

Variable	Catheter outcome		p-value
	Success	Failure	
Patient's age (years)	67.3 ± 11.8	73.6 ± 6.6	0.049
Patient's sex (male)	141 (62.4%)	7 (50.0%)	0.355
Undergoing aAg/aCo therapy	208 (92.0%)	11 (78.6%)	0.112
Cannulated vein			0.017
Basilic	155 (96.3%)	6 (3.7%)	
Brachial	54 (93.1%)	4 (6.9%)	
Cephalic	17 (81.0%)	4 (19.0%)	
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 45% (insertion)	10 (4.4%)	2 (14.3%)	0.149
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 45% (tip)*	3 (1.3%)	2 (14.3%)	0.029
Infusion of more than two different drugs	32 (14.2%)	5 (35.7%)	0.030
Infusion of moderate-high risk drugs	93 (41.2%)	8 (57.1%)	0.240

Data are described as mean ± standard deviation or number (percentage). aAg/aCo: antiaggregant/anticoagulant. *: n = 239.



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Table 3

Variables associated with differences in catheter-failure rates

	Catheter-failure		P value
	No	Yes	
Patient characteristics			
Age (y)	70.2 ± 13.3	71.1 ± 13.6	.752
Sex (male)	145 (59.2%)	9 (37.5%)	.040
Charlson Comorbidity Index	3.3 ± 2.2	3.1 ± 2.4	.593
Department			
Cardiac surgery	131 (53.5%)	12 (50.0%)	.728
Cardiology	45 (18.4%)	6 (25.0%)	
Internal medicine	69 (28.2%)	6 (25.0%)	
Cannulated vein			
Basilic	156 (63.7%)	12 (50.0%)	.349
Brachial	60 (24.5%)	9 (37.5%)	
Cephalic	29 (11.8%)	3 (12.5%)	
Measures at the insertion level			
Catheter-to-vein ratio (%)	30.8 ± 9.7	31.8 ± 7.7	.620
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 33%	70 (28.6%)	11 (45.8%)	.079
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 45%	13 (5.3%)	1 (4.2%)	.810
Measures at the tip level			
Catheter-to-vein ratio (%)	21.5 ± 10.5	24.1 ± 11.7	.264
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 33%	27 (11.0%)	7 (29.2%)	.011
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 45%	8 (3.3%)	2 (8.3%)	.210
Average number of drugs infused per day			
Any medication	0.9 ± 0.7	1.3 ± 0.8	.021
High-risk medications only	0.2 ± 0.3	0.3 ± 0.4	.102

The association of irritant administration via midline catheters with catheter-related complications: A longitudinal cohort study

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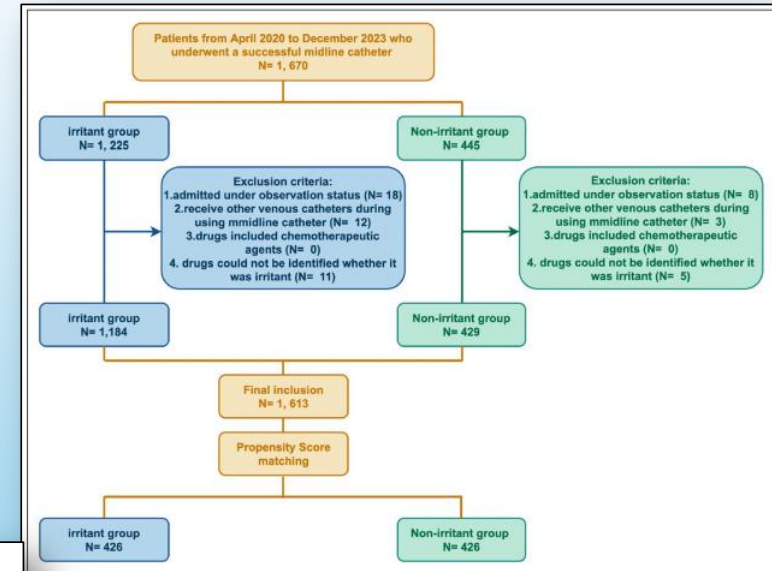



Table 2. Comparison of the incidence of catheter-related complications between the two groups.

Group	Number	Primary outcomes		Secondary outcomes			Catheter-related complication
		Catheter-associated thrombosis	Bleeding	Catheter occlusion	Exudate	Catheter dislodgement	
Irritants via MC	1184	8 (0.6%)	59 (5.0%)	41 (3.5%)	35 (3.0%)	25 (2.1%)	117 (9.9%)
Non-irritants via MC	429	2 (0.5%)	13 (3.0%)	9 (2.1%)	7 (1.6%)	7 (1.6%)	29 (6.8%)
χ^2		0.013	2.816	1.953	2.178	0.373	
p		0.909 ^a	0.093	0.162	0.140	0.541	0.062 ^b

complications between the two groups after propensity score matching.

Group	Number	Primary outcomes		Secondary outcomes			Catheter-related complication
		Catheter-associated thrombosis	Bleeding	Catheter occlusion	Exudate	Catheter dislodgement	
Irritants via MC	426	3 (0.7%)	22 (5.2%)	11 (2.6%)	16 (3.8%)	12 (2.8%)	42 (9.9%)
Non-irritants via MC	426	2 (0.5%)	12 (2.8%)	9 (2.1%)	6 (1.4%)	7 (1.6%)	28 (6.6%)
χ^2		0.000	3.063	0.205	4.666	1.346	3.051
p		1.000 ^a	0.080	0.651	0.052	0.246	0.105



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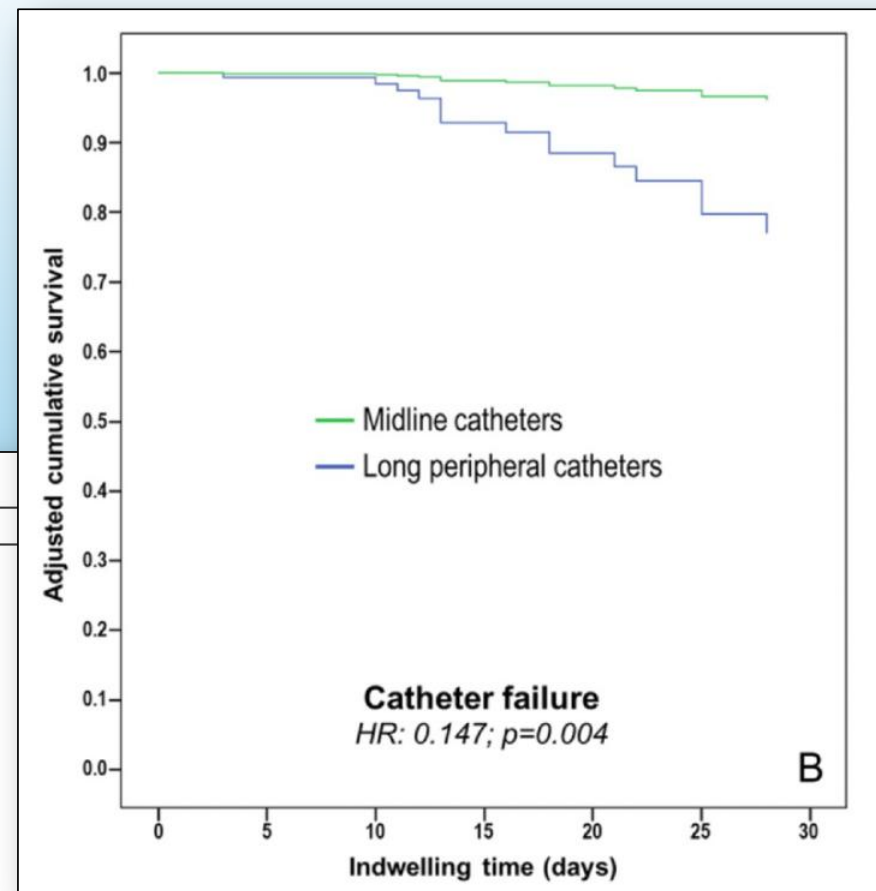
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Table
General characteristics of the study population and differences according to the catheter type

	All catheters (n. 269)	LPCs (n. 138)	MCs (n. 131)	
Patient characteristics				
Age (y)	70.3 ± 13.3	72.3 ± 11.7	68.1 ± 14.5	
Sex (male)	154 (57.2%)	73 (52.9%)	81 (61.8%)	
Charlson Comorbidity Index	3.3 ± 2.2	3.2 ± 2.0	3.5 ± 2.4	
Department				
Cardiac surgery	143 (53.2%)	66 (47.8%)	77 (58.8%)	
Cardiology	51 (19.0%)	21 (15.2%)	30 (22.9%)	
Internal medicine	75 (27.9%)	51 (37.0%)	24 (18.3%)	
Cannulated vein				
Basilic	168 (62%)	75 (44.6%)	93 (55.4%)	
Brachial	69 (26%)	32 (46.4%)	37 (53.6%)	
Cephalic	32 (12%)	31 (96.9%)	1 (3.1%)	
Measures at the insertion level				
Inner caliber of the vein (mm)	4.7 ± 1.4	4.4 ± 1.4	5.0 ± 1.4	
Depth of the vein (mm)	11.0 ± 4.0	10.3 ± 3.8	11.6 ± 4.1	
Catheter-to-vein ratio (%)	30.9 ± 9.6	32.2 ± 10.5	29.5 ± 8.3	
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 33%	81 (30.0%)	51 (37.0%)	30 (22.9%)	
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 45%	14 (5.0%)	9 (6.5%)	5 (3.8%)	
Measures at the tip level				
Inner caliber of the vein (mm)	7.3 ± 2.8	5.9 ± 2.6	8.8 ± 2.3	<.001
Catheter-to-vein ratio (%)	21.8 ± 10.6	26.5 ± 12.4	16.7 ± 4.7	<.001
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 33%	34 (13.0%)	33 (23.9%)	1 (0.8%)	<.001
Catheter-to-vein ratio > 45%	10 (4.0%)	10 (7.2%)	0 (0.0%)	.002
Average number of drugs infused per day				
Any medication	1.0 ± 0.7	0.7 ± 0.5	1.3 ± 0.8	<.001
High-risk medications only	0.2 ± 0.3	0.1 ± 0.2	0.3 ± 0.4	<.001

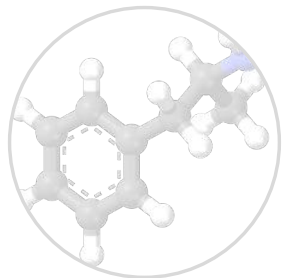
LPCs, long peripheral catheters; MCs, midline catheters.



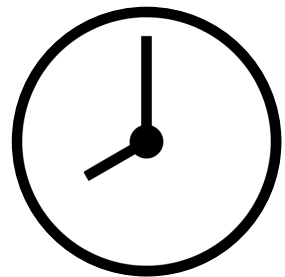
Midline, or Long Peripheral Catheter: That is the question



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Durata attesa



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Venosi periferici	Agocannula	Agocannula lunga	Midline
Lunghezza cm	2-6	6-15	>15
Inserimento	Tradizionale	Tradizionale/Ecoguida	Ecoguida
Indicazione	Terapie 5-7 giorni e Patrimonio Venoso Superficiale Integro	Terapie fino a 29 giorni o Patrimonio Venoso Superficiale Esaurito	Terapie >30 giorni
Uso Extra Ospedaliero	No	Possibile	Sì

In base alla durata?

Review

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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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The indications for specific PVADs are mainly based on the expected duration of treatment:

- SPCs are appropriate for emergency and/or short duration access (24–48 h)
- “integrated” SPCs are appropriate for non-emergency access, when expected duration is 2–7 days
- LPCs are appropriate in DIVA patients, or when expected duration is 1–4 weeks
- MCs are appropriate when expected duration >4 weeks.

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

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Table 2. Main differences between long peripheral catheters (LPC) and midline catheters (MC).

	LPC	MC
Design		
Length	6–15 cm	>15 cm
Technique of insertion		
Veins chosen for cannulation	Superficial and deep veins of forearm and arm	Deep veins of the arm
Technique of venipuncture	Direct venipuncture, or ultrasound guided venipuncture	Ultrasound guided venipuncture
Technique of catheter insertion	Catheter over needle, or catheter over guidewire (simple Seldinger technique)	Catheter through introducer (modified Seldinger technique)
Tunneling, if required	No	Yes
Position of the tip	Veins of the upper limb	Axillary vein (thoracic tract) or subclavian vein
Subcutaneous anchorage, if required	No	Yes
Performance		
Blood sampling	No	Yes
Expected duration	1–3 weeks	Months
Complications		
Risk of dislodgment	High	Low
Local thrombophlebitis	Frequent	Very rare
Risk of malfunction	High	Low

Midline Catheter :

Durata media ~ 26 giorni; Max 312

Long Peripheral Catheter:

Durata media ~ 15giorni; Max 76

Midline-catheters: characteristics of the devices and major complications as reported by studies included in the review.

Author, Year	Catheter characteristics	Author's catheter classification	Dwelling days mean/median [max] ^a	Catheter failure ^b (method)	CR-BSI ^b (method)	S-CRT ^b (method)
Bahl, 2021	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR-AT)	Midline-catheter	11.2 ± 6.6 [nd]	20.8 (PR-UM/C)	0 (NHSN)	4.7 (US+Co)
Campagna, 2018	4-5 Fr/20-25 cm (nd)	Midline-catheter	26 (NA) [273]	2.5 (R-AE)	NA	0.9 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2020	18 G/18 cm (PET)	Long-peripheral-catheter	16 ± 10.8 [48]	10.6 (PR-C)	1.3 (DTP/TC)	1.3 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2020	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	26 ± 22.6 [153]	6.3 (PR-C)	0.5 (DTP/TC)	1.9 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2023	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	25.7 ± 20.4 [125]	3.4 (PR-C)	0 (DTP/TC)	0.9 (US+Co)
Frondizi, 2023	4-5 Fr/20-25 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	12.4 ± 11.2 [nd]	NA	3.2 (DTP)	1.1 (US)
Lisova, 2018	4 Fr/20 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	10 (1-112) [112]	NA	NA	3.4 (US+Co + CD)
Locatello, 2022	4-5 Fr/20-25 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	13.1 ± 7.7 [nd]	NA	0.3 (DTP/TC)	0.9 (US+Co)
Tomàs-López, 2022	4 Fr/30 cm (PUR)	Midclavicular-catheter	21.8 ± 24.3 [312]	6.0 (UR)	0.2 (DTP/TC)	0.4 (US+Co)

Long-peripheral-catheters: characteristics of the devices and major complications as reported by studies included in the review.

Author, Year	Catheter characteristics	Author's catheter classification	Dwelling days mean/median [max] ^a	Catheter failure ^b (method)	CR-BSI ^b (method)	S-CRT ^b (method)
Bahl, 2021	4.5 Fr/15 cm (PUR-AT-AM)	Midline-catheter	10.1 ± 6.6 [NA]	22.8 (PR-UM/C)	0 (NHSN)	5.7 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2020	20-18 G/8-10 cm (PET)	Long-peripheral-catheter	11 ± 8.9 [54]	15.9 (PR-C)	0 (DTP/TC)	1.2 (US+Co)
Fabiani, 2023	18 G/10 cm (PUR)	Long-peripheral-catheter	17.1 ± 12.3 [74]	5.1 (PR-C)	1,0 (DTP/TC)	3.1 (US+Co)
Jeon, 2022	20-18 G/8-10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	16.8 ± 13.5 [76]	26 (PR-C/NC)	1,0 (BC/TC + RS)	0.5 (US)
Johnson, 2022	10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(11; 5.5-19.5) [NA]	12.8 (PR-C)	0 (BC ^c + TC/DTP+ NOI)	0.6 (US/V)
Jones, 2022	20 G/8-10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	8 ± NA [38]	18.3 (PR-C)	NA	0.6 (US)
Bundgaard M, 2020	20-18 G/10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(8; 0-41) [41]	71.8 (PR-C)	0 (BC/TC)	2.1 (US)
Marsh, 2022	20-18 G/8-10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(4.9; 3.2-8) [NA]	69.3 (APIF)	0 (NHSN)	5.3 (US)
Nielsen, 2021	20-18 G/10 cm (PUR)	Midline-catheter	(9; 0-60) [60]	48.9 (PR)	0 (BC/TC + NOI)	0.8 (US)

Major Article

Midline or long peripheral catheters in difficult to cannulate veins: A comparative study in patients with acute cardiac failure

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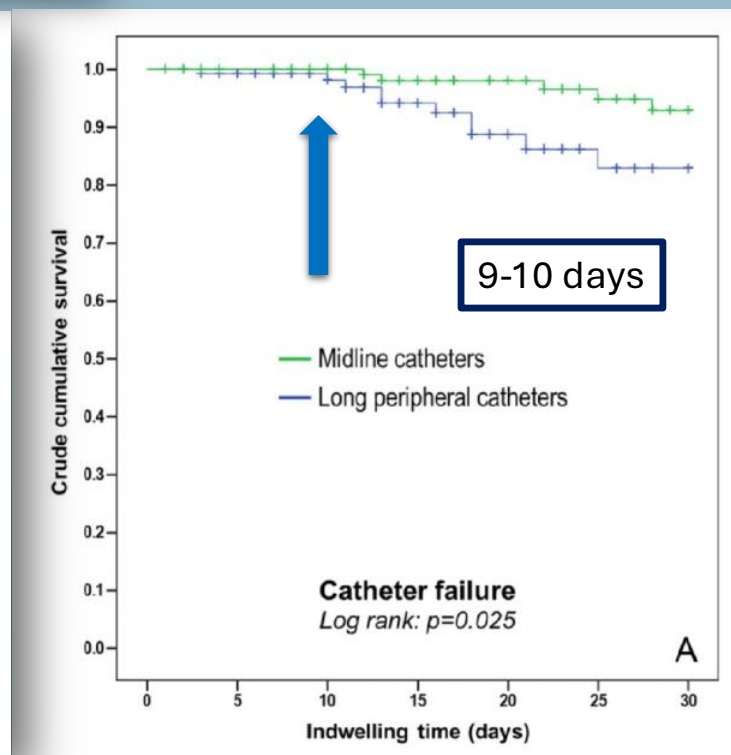
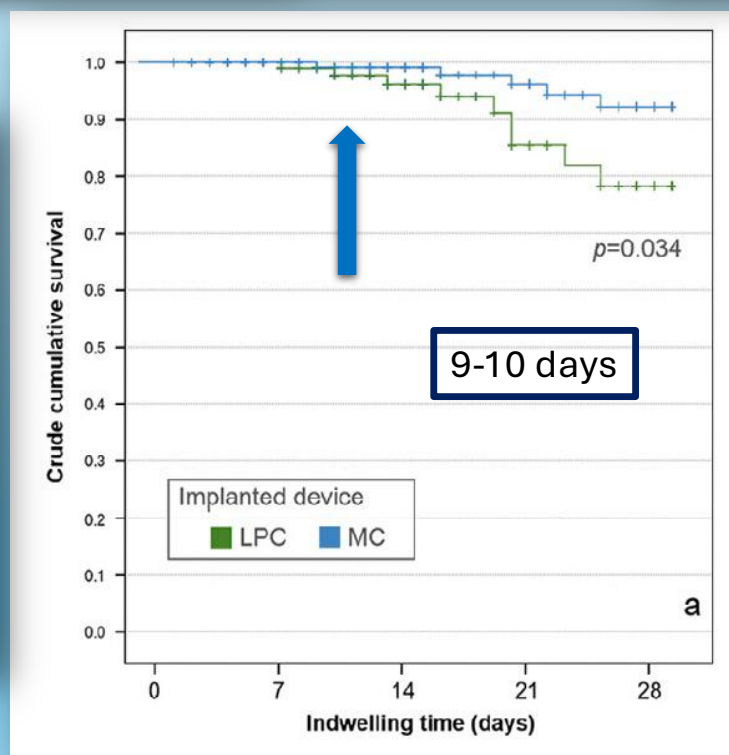
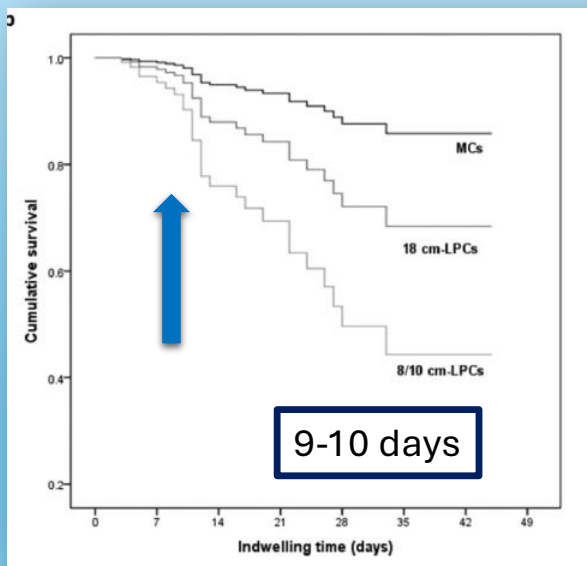
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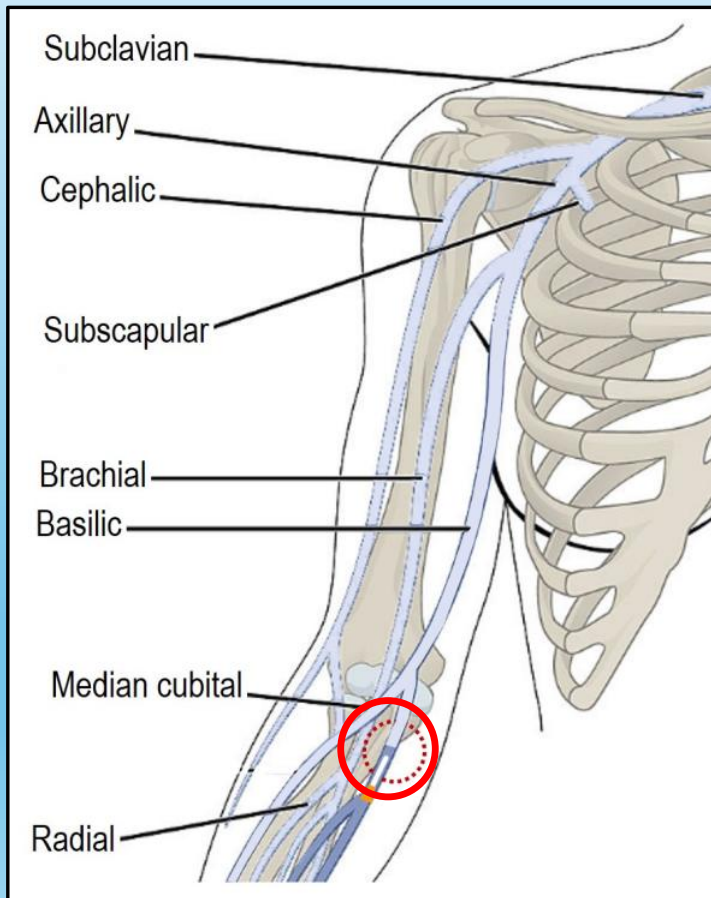
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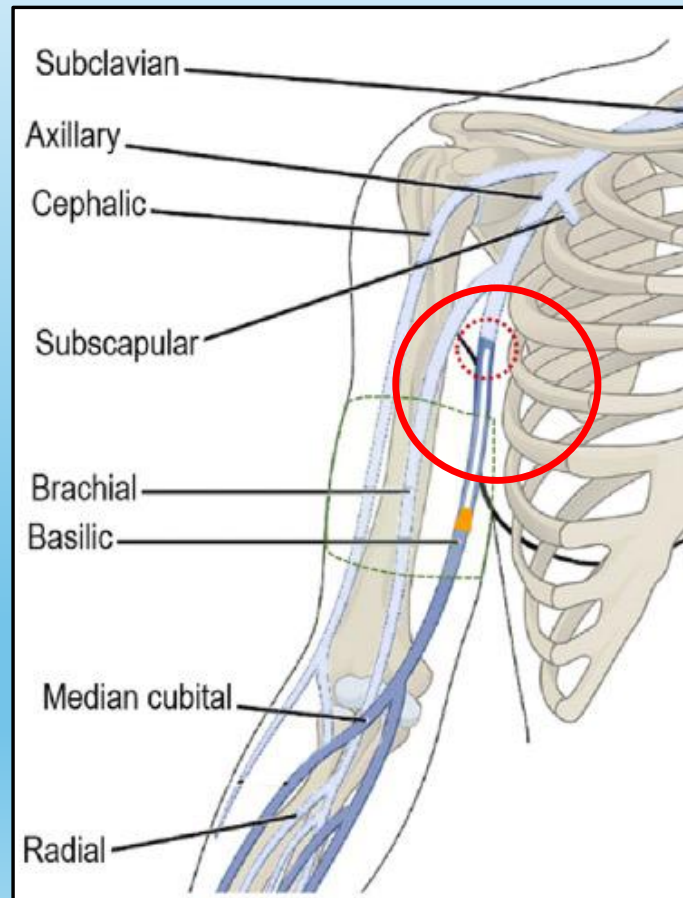


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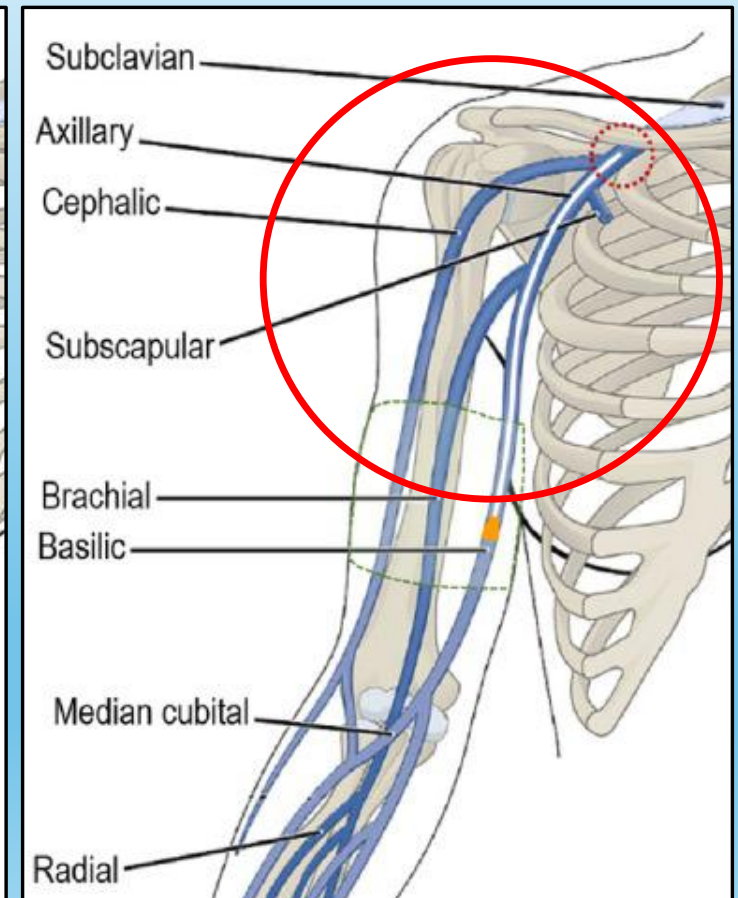
Short Peripheral Catheter



Long Peripheral Catheter



Midline Catheter



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1. Ampia e diffusa errata classificazione e nomenclatura nella letteratura scientifica → errata attribuzione delle complicanze;
2. Probabilmente la sede ottimale dei LPC e dei MC è sempre la - green zone di Dawson. Scegliendo l'avambraccio esclusivamente per SPC;
3. La somministrazione di farmaci irritanti attraverso i MC è oggetto di discussione (ancora scarsa letteratura a disposizione), probabilmente permissiva in selezionati contesti clinici e per tempi ristretti;
4. Probabilmente i MC sono la migliore soluzione per pazienti che necessitano di piani terapeutici più lunghi e complessi, riservando i LPC per pazienti DIVA con terapie a breve termine (max 7-10 gg).





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