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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

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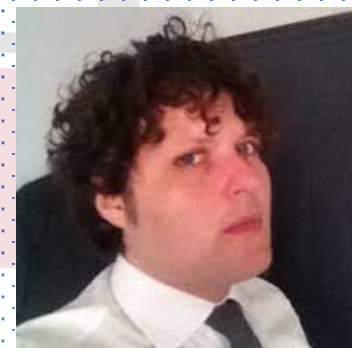
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TECNICHE DI TIP LOCATION

INTRAPROCEDURALI

ECG intracavitario
Fluoroscopia
Ecocardiografia transtoracica -
transesofagea

POSTPROCEDURALI

Radiografia del torace
Ecocardiografia
TC, RM, angiografia.....



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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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International evidence-based recommendations on ultrasound-guided vascular access

2012

WoCoVA-GAVeCeLT Consensus, Intensive Care Medicine 2012

Table 4 Recommendations on ultrasound vascular access in adults and cost-effectiveness

Ultrasound vascular access in adults

Domain code	Suggested definition	Level of evidence
D4.SD2.S1	Ultrasound guidance should be routinely used for short-term central venous access in adults	A
D4.SD2.S2	Ultrasound guidance should be routinely used for long-term central venous access in adults	A
D4.SD2.S3	PICCs should be routinely inserted at mid arm level by ultrasound guidance using micro introducer technique	A
D4.SD2.S4	Use of ultrasound guidance should be taken into consideration for any kind of peripheral intravenous line when difficult access is anticipated	B
D4.SD2.S5	Ultrasound-guided arterial catheterization improves first-pass success and should be used routinely in adults	A
D4.SD2.S6	Ultrasound can accurately detect pneumothorax and should be routinely performed after central venous catheter cannulation when the pleura could have been damaged	B
D4.SD2.S7	CEUS (contrast-enhanced ultrasound) is a valid method for detecting a central venous catheter tip in the right atrium	B
Cost-effectiveness of the use of ultrasound for vascular cannulation		
D5.S1–3	Ultrasound-guided vascular access has to be used because it results in clinical benefits and reduced overall costs of care makes it cost-effective	A



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LE BUONE PRATICHE PER GLI ACCESSI VASCOLARI

Controllo della punta

Riferimento

Limiti

RX Torace
-
Fluoroscopia

Tratto di vena compreso tra la carena e i due corpi vertebrali al di sotto della carena stessa

Ingrandimento atriale
Varianti congenite atipiche

ECG Intracavitario

Ottenimento dell'onda P massimale

Fibrillazioni, flutter, tachicardia atriale parossistica

ECOCARDIO Trans-toracico

Finestra sottocostale: visualizzazione della punta (possibile anche utilizzo di contrasto ecografico-CEUS)

Disponibilità e scarsa finestra ecografica (caratteristiche cliniche del paziente)

ECOCARDIO Transesofageo

Visualizzazione diretta della punta

Disponibilità, curva di apprendimento, invasività

2020

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GUIDELINES

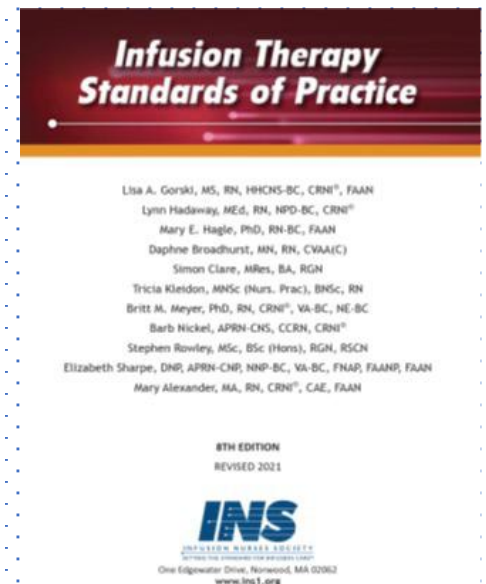
European Society of Anaesthesiology guidelines on peri-operative use of ultrasound-guided for vascular access (PERSEUS vascular access)

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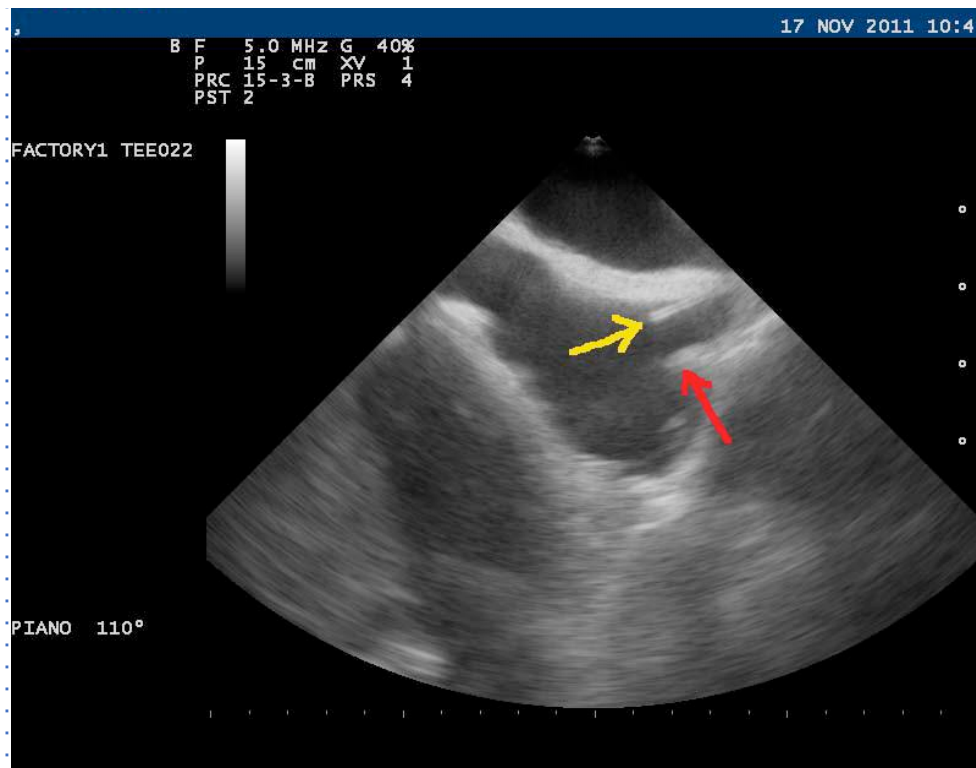
When an intracavity electrocardiogram is not applicable, we recommend using real-time ultrasound to detect and prevent central venous catheter malposition, as it has been shown to be well tolerated, feasible, quickly performed and interpreted at the bedside, and it is more accurate and faster than chest radiograph (1C).

- E. 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.³⁸⁻⁴⁷ (III)
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.^{1,2,4,11,23,24,26,27,43,44,48-61} (II)
 3. 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.^{36,43,44,46,63-65} (III)

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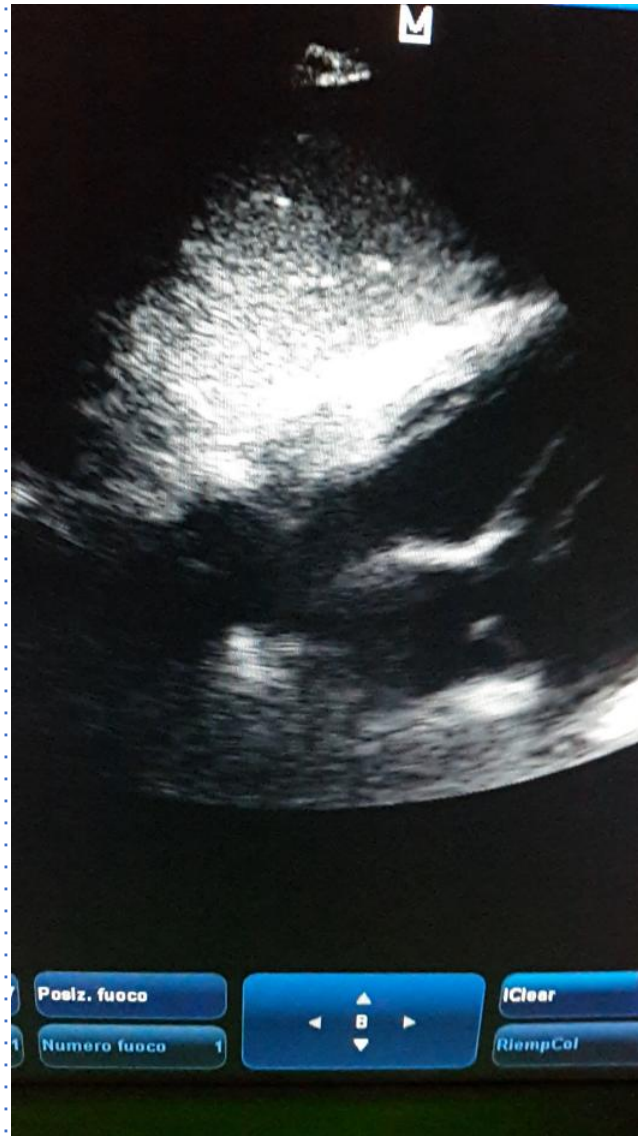


Transoesophageal echocardiographic evaluation of central venous catheter positioning using Peres' formula or a radiological landmark-based approach: a prospective randomized single-centre study[†]



- 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

British Journal of Anaesthesia, 118 (2): 215–22 (2017)

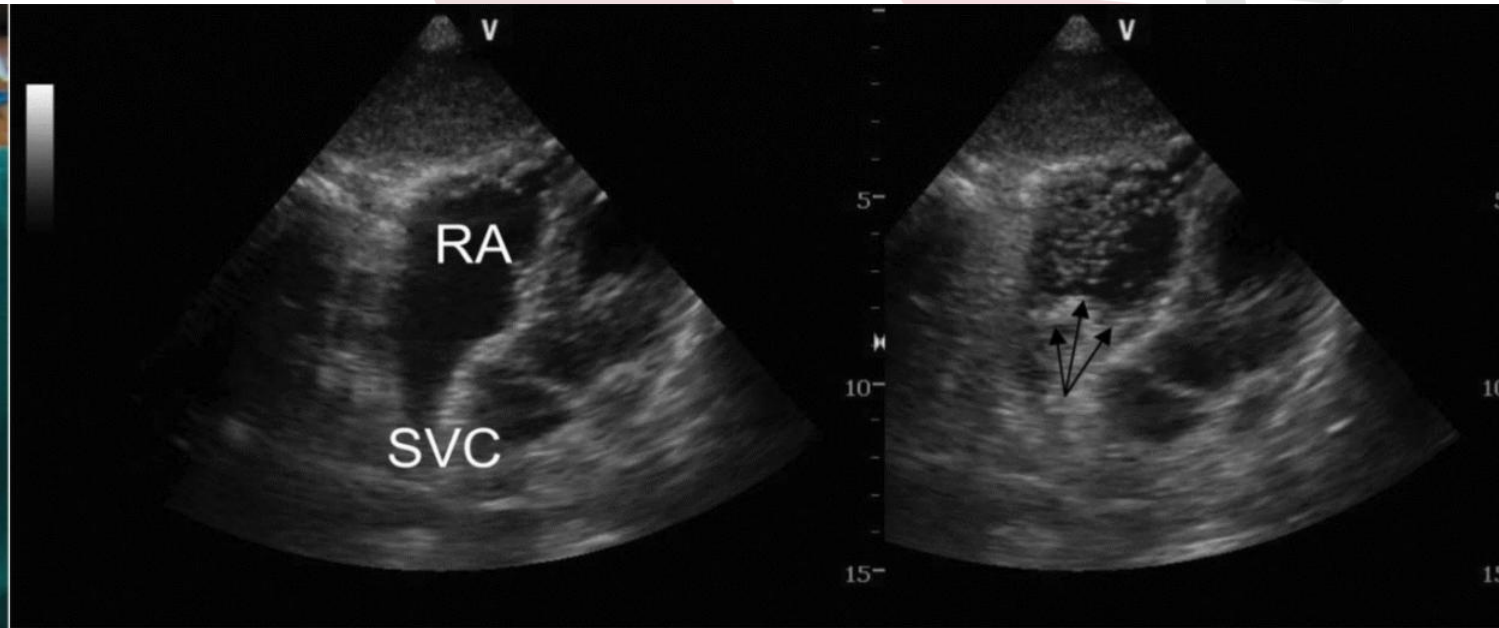


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Bedside Ultrasound can Safely Eliminate the Need for Chest Radiographs after Central Venous Catheter Placement: CVC Sono in the Surgical ICU (SICU)¹

diagnostic modalities [21–24]. On the other hand, because of difficulty in visualizing the superior vena cava, especially the lower part of SVC at the cavoatrial junction, transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) has not been well described compared with transesophageal echocardiography (TEE), a more accurate modality to localize the tip of central venous catheters [25, 26].

«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.

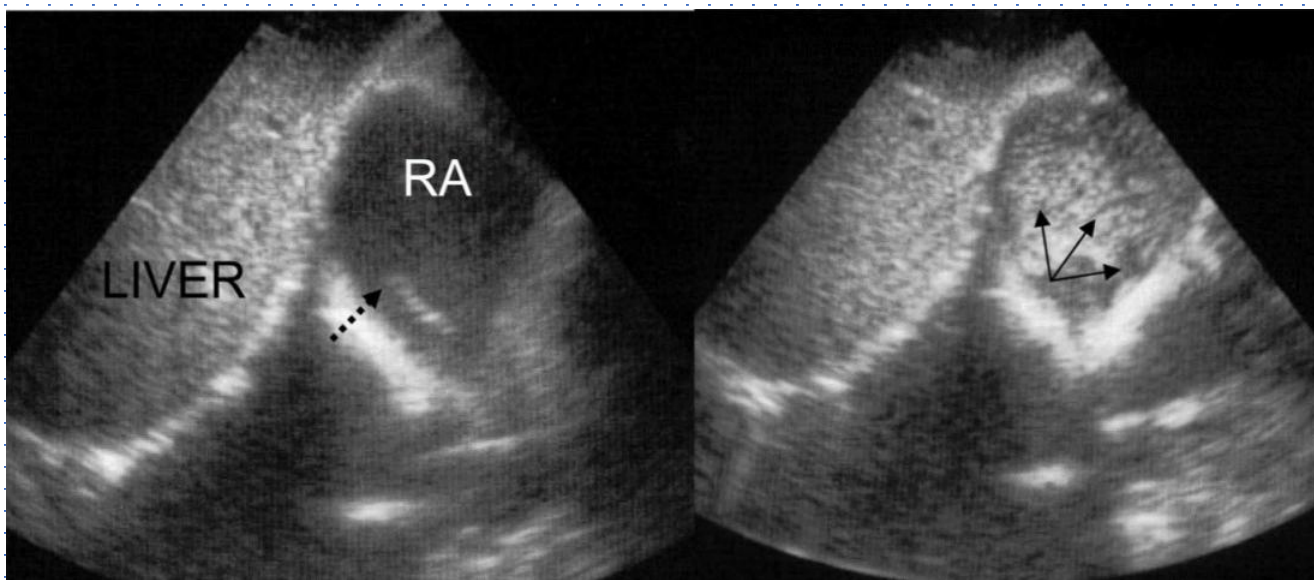
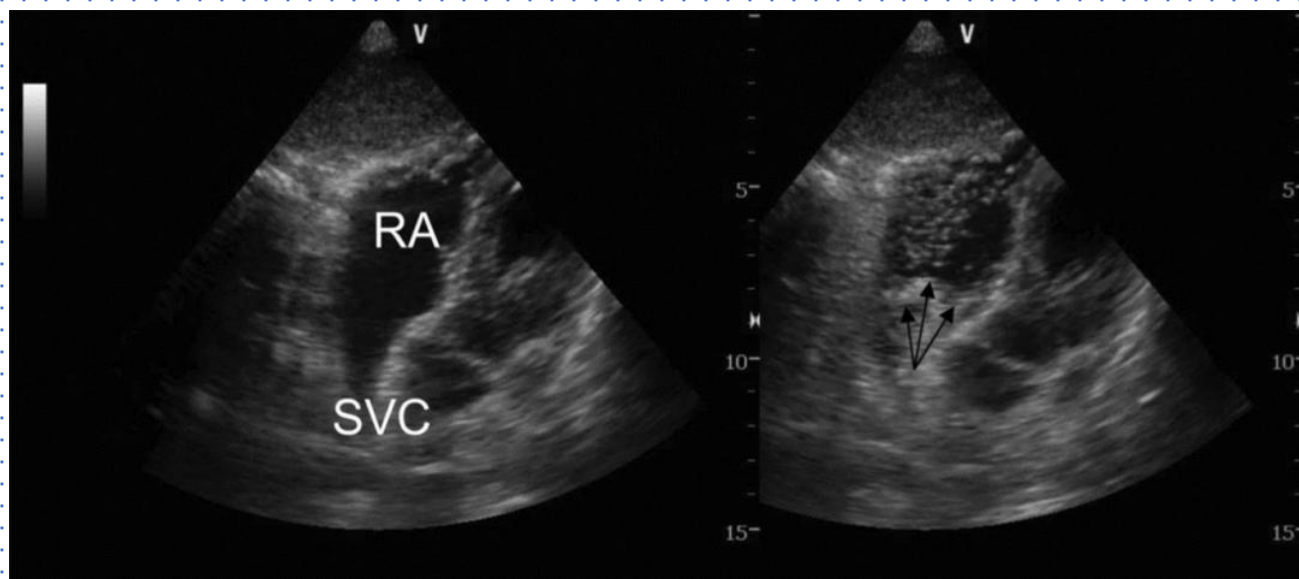
Dove tutto ha avuto inizio.....

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.

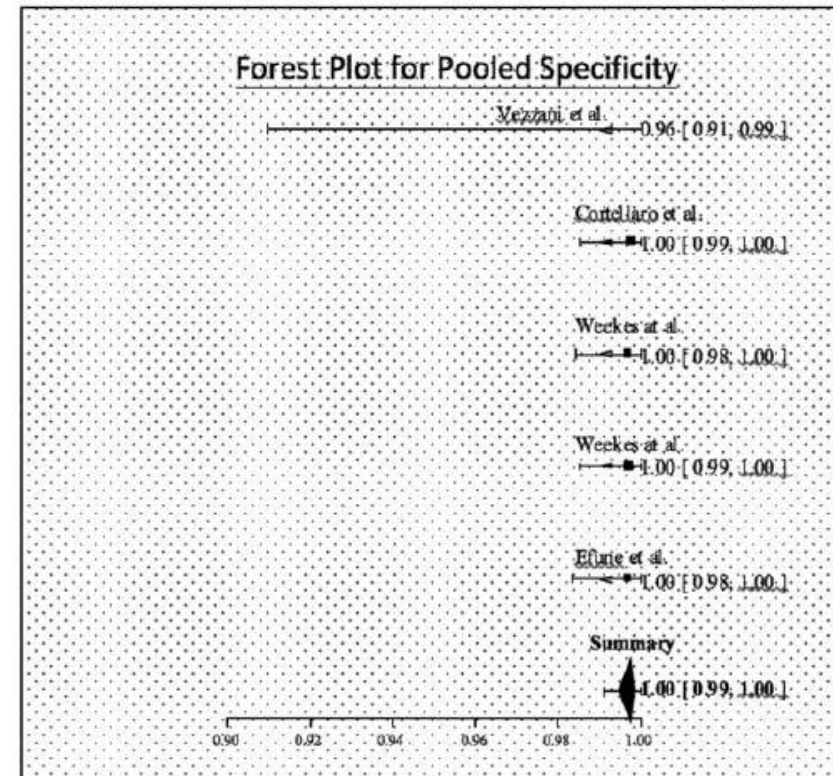
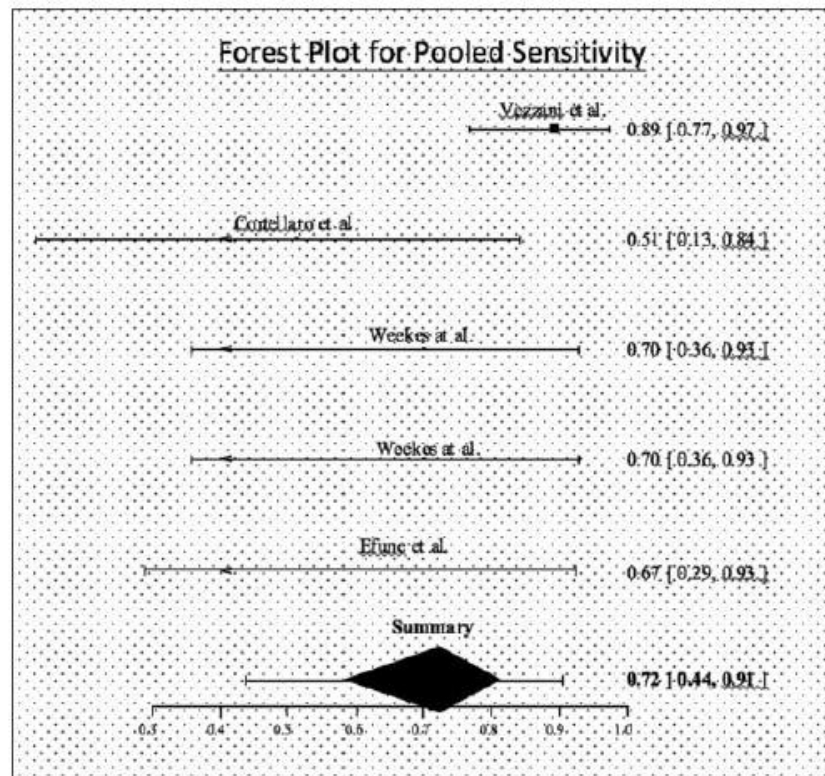
Crit Care Med 2010; 38:533–538



Use of Contrast-Enhanced Ultrasound for Confirmation of Central Venous Catheter Placement

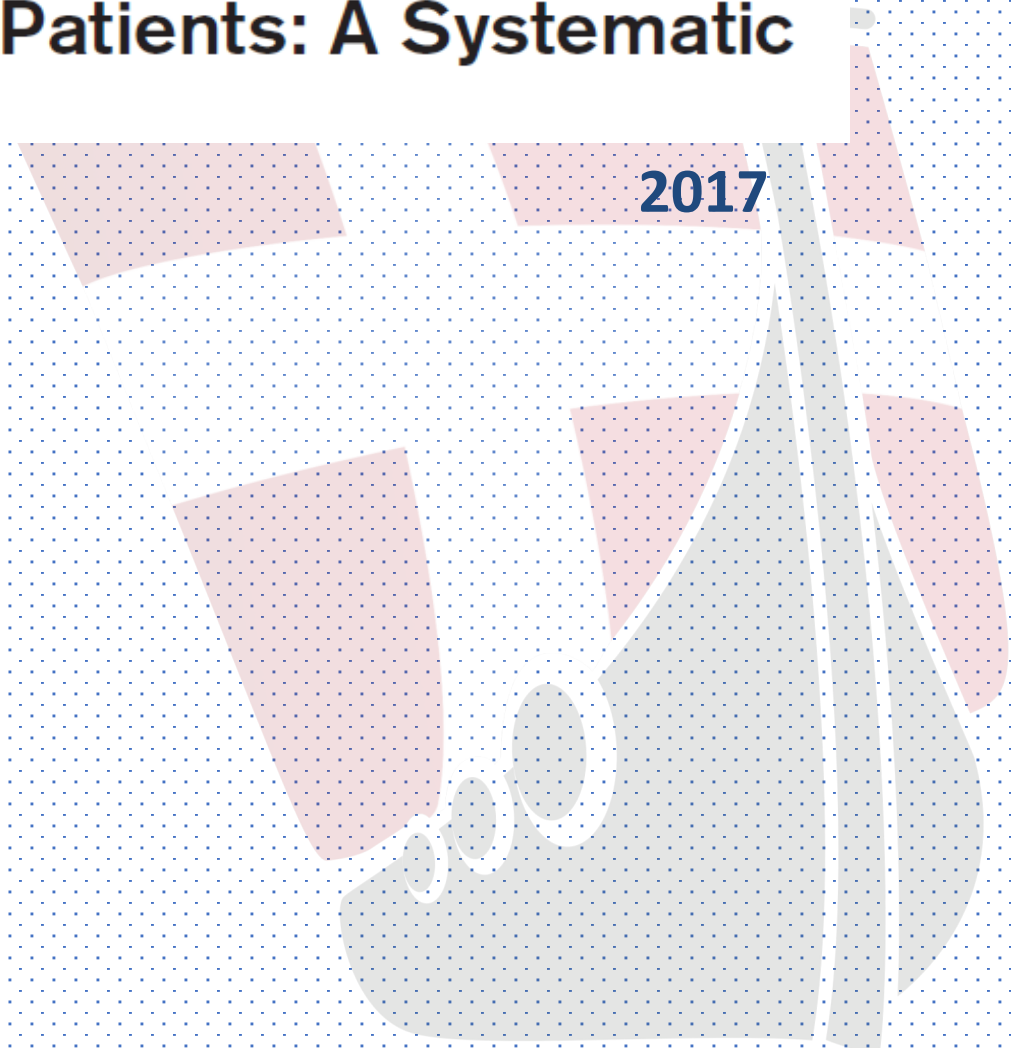
Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

J Ultrasound Med 2017; 36:2503–2510



Diagnostic Accuracy of Central Venous Catheter Confirmation by Bedside Ultrasound Versus Chest Radiography in Critically Ill Patients: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

2017

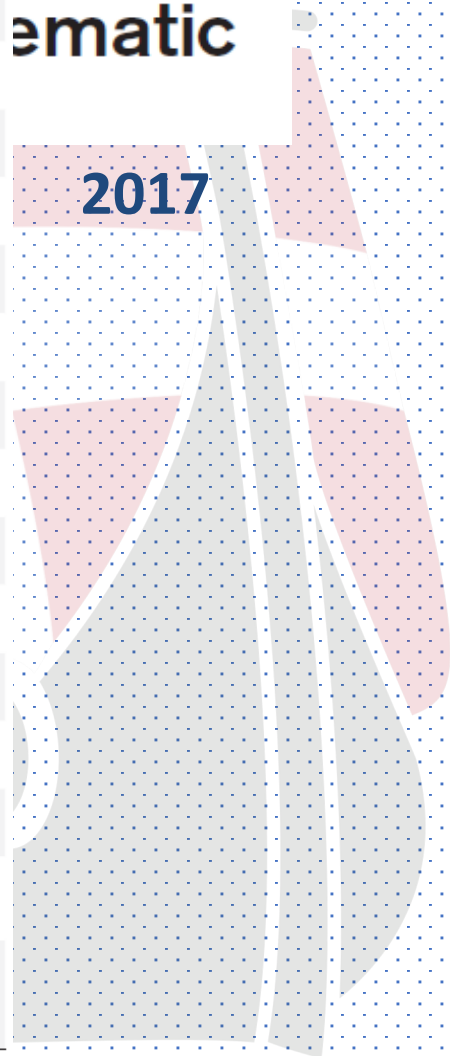
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Diagnostic Confirmation of Radio Catheter Malposition

Reference	Feasibility (%) ^a	Incidence of Central Venous Catheter Malposition	Sensitivity (95% CI) ^b	Specificity (95% CI) ^b	Incidence of Pneumothorax	Chest Radiograph time (Minutes), Mean (sd)	Ultrasound time (Minutes), Mean (sd)
Vezzani et al (30)	89.2	0.28	0.93 (0.76–0.99)	0.96 (0.88–0.99)	0.04	83.0 (79.0) ^c	10.0 (5.0)
Maury et al (16)	98.8	0.11	1.00 (0.66–1.00)	1.00 (0.95–1.00)	0.01	80.3(66.7) ^d	6.8 (3.5)
Zanobetti et al (31)	100	0.55	0.92 (0.85–0.96)	0.89 (0.81–0.95)	0.02	65.0 (74.0) ^e	5.0 (3.0)
Cortellaro et al (32)	100	0.085	0.33 (0.04–0.78)	0.98 (0.92–1.00)	–	288.0 (216.0) ^e	4.0 (1.0)
Matsushima and Frankel (33)	71	0.17	0.50 (0.19–0.81)	0.98 (0.89–1.00)	0.00	75.3 (–) ^f	10.8
Bedel et al (34)	96	0.06	0.83 (0.36–1.00)	1.00 (0.96–1.00)	0.00	103.0 (81.0) ^f	1.76 (1.3)
Baviskar et al (35)	100	0.00	–	–	–	–	0.75
Duran-Gehring et al (36)	92	0.065	0.33 (0.01–0.91)	1.00 (0.92–1.00)	0.04	299.0 (–) ^e	5.0
Weekes et al (37)	96.6	0.03	0.75 (0.19–0.99)	1.00 (0.97–1.00)	–	–	–
Wen et al (38)	100	0.01	1.00 (0.16–1.00)	1.00 (0.98–1.00)	–	28.3 (25.7) ^c	3.2 (1.1)
Syed et al (39)	100	0.50	1.00 (0.16–1.00)	1.00 (0.16–1.00)	–	–	–
Madhulika et al (40)	100	0.24	1.00 (0.86–1.00)	1.00 (0.95–1.00)	0.00	–	–
Gekle et al (41)	100	0.00	–	–	–	30.0 (–) ^f	8.9
Weekes et al (42)	97.4	0.03	0.75 (0.19–0.99)	1.00 (0.98–1.00)	0.00	20.0 (30.0) ^c median (IQR)	1.1 (0.7) median (IQR)
Meggiolaro et al (43)	100	0.45	0.53 (0.38–0.68)	0.95 (0.86–0.99)	0.00	67.0 (42.0–84.0) ^e median (IQR)	10.0 (7.0–20.0) median (IQR)

Chest Radiograph

2017



Reference	Design ^a	CVC, <i>n</i>	CVC Site	Primary Outcome Measure	Secondary Outcome Measure	Operator Experience ^b	Ultrasound Technique
Vezzani et al (30)	Prospective	111	IJ/SC	Malposition, pneumothorax	Time to confirmation	Experienced	Vascular and cardiac views, agitated saline used
Maury et al (16)	Prospective	81	IJ/SC	Malposition, pneumothorax	Time to confirmation	Inexperienced	Vascular and cardiac views, nonagitated saline used
Zanobetti et al (31)	Prospective	210	IJ/SC	Malposition, pneumothorax	Time to confirmation	Both experienced and inexperienced	Vascular and cardiac views, nonagitated saline used
Cortellaro et al (32)	Prospective	71	IJ/SC	Malposition	Time to confirmation	Both experienced and inexperienced	Cardiac views, agitated saline used
Matsushima and Frankel (33)	Prospective	69	IJ/SC/ peripherally inserted central catheter	Malposition, pneumothorax	Time to confirmation	Inexperienced	Vascular and cardiac views, nonagitated saline used
Bedel et al (34)	Prospective	98	IJ/SC	Malposition	Pneumothorax, time to confirmation	Experienced	Cardiac views, nonagitated saline used
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Wen et al (38)	Retrospective	202	IJ	Malposition	Time to confirmation	Both experienced and inexperienced	Cardiac views, agitated saline used
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Bedside ultrasound to detect central venous catheter misplacement and associated iatrogenic complications: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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)
Supraclavicular 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)			

Real-time ultrasound-guided placement of peripherally inserted central venous catheter without fluoroscopy

2018

Table 3. Tip malposition found by ultrasonography and X-ray.

Total number of tip malpositions found by ultrasonography	78
Strayed into ipsilateral internal jugular vein	74
Coiled in subclavian vein	4
Detection rate of tip malposition with ultrasonography	82.1% (78/95)
Total number of tip malpositions after X-ray	17
Coiled in subclavian vein	7
Strayed into internal jugular vein	6
Inserted too distal (in right atrium)	2
Strayed into contralateral subclavian vein	2
Success rate (%) of ultrasound-guided tip navigation	98.2% (937/954).
Success rate (%) of ultrasound-guided tip location	98.0% (935/954).
Adjustment rate (%) after X-ray	1.8% (17/952)
Final success rate (%) of PICC placement	99.8% (952/954)

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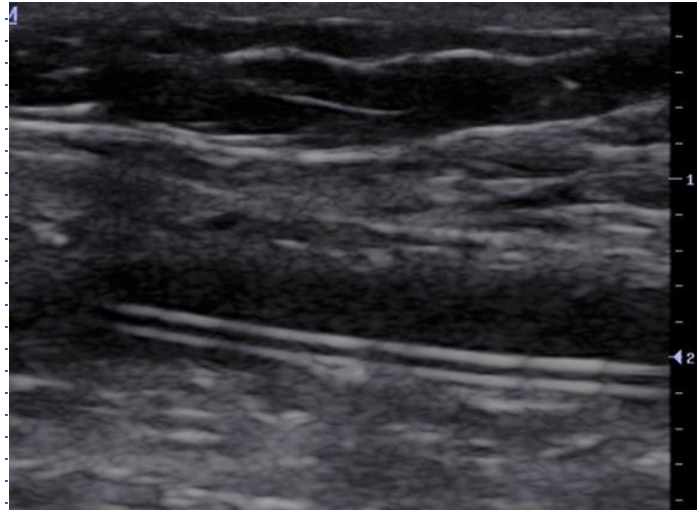
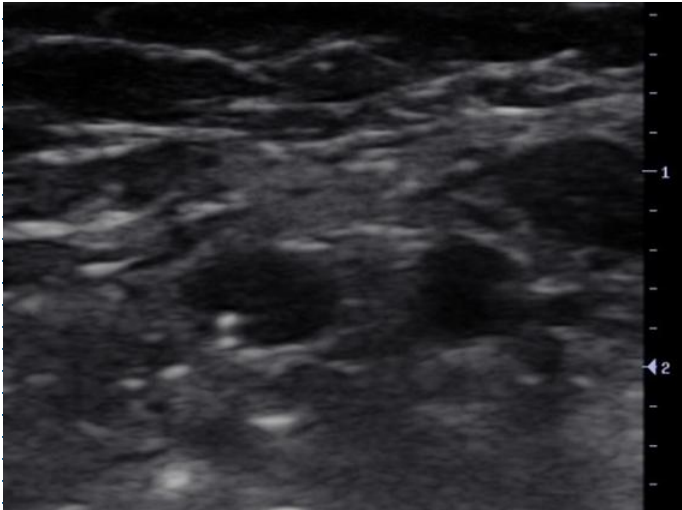
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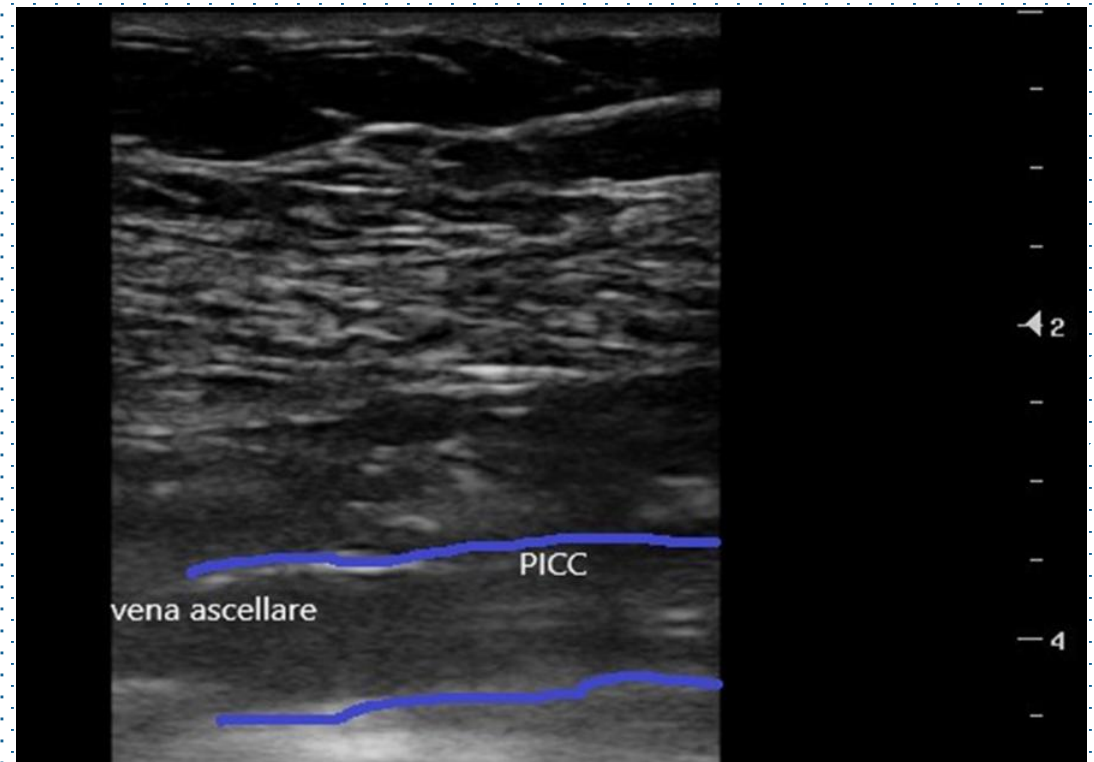


short axis view

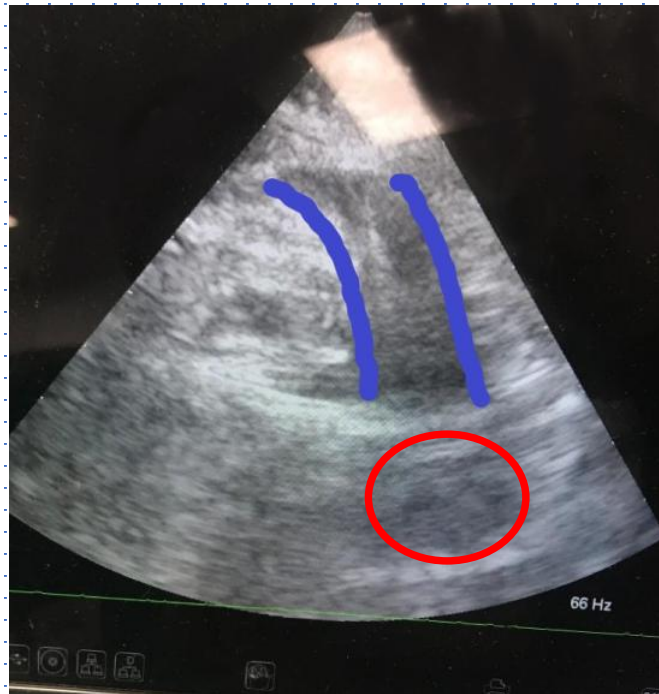
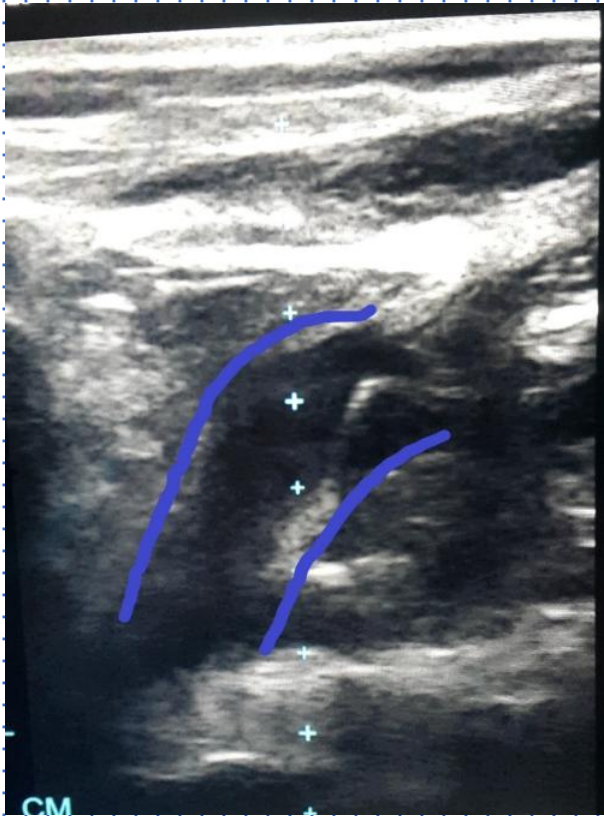


long axis view

VISUALIZATION OF THE CATHETER IN THE VEINS OF THE ARM UP TO AXILLARY VEIN

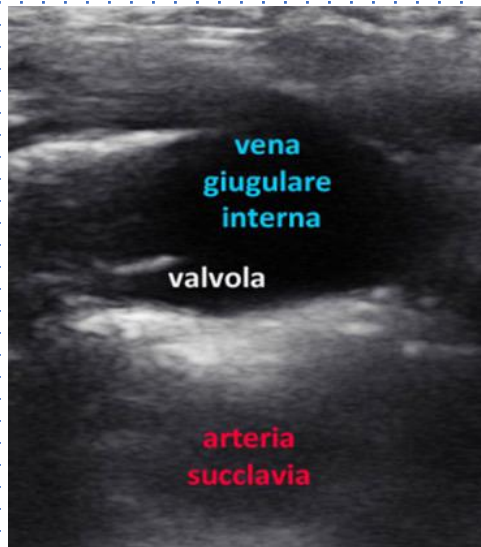


Controllo del catetere nella vena anonima-vena cava superiore



Ultrasound confirmation of central venous catheter position via a right supraclavicular fossa view using a microconvex probe

Assenza del catetere nelle vene omo-controlaterali



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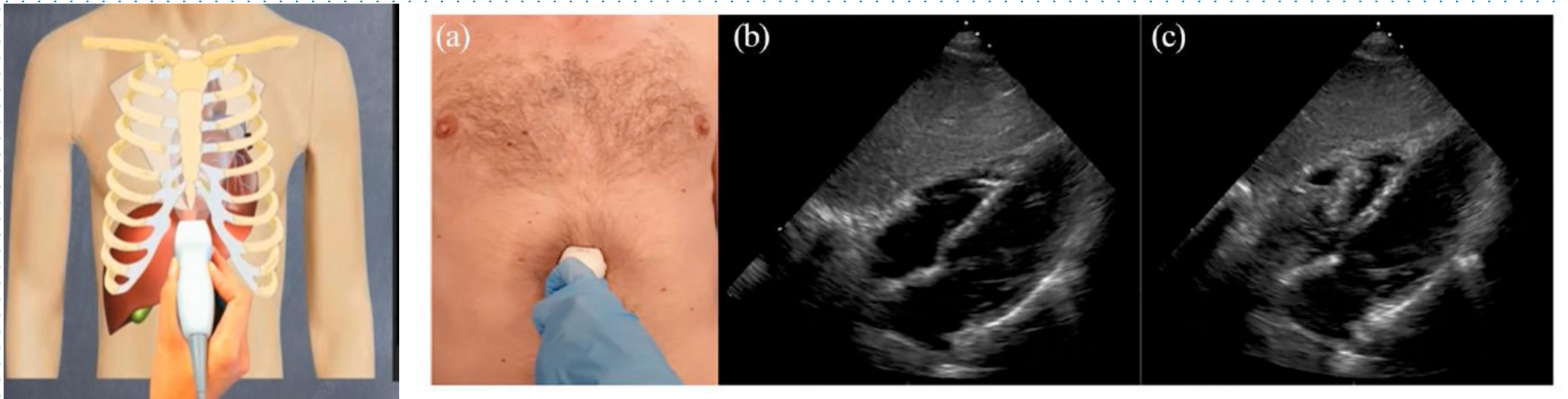
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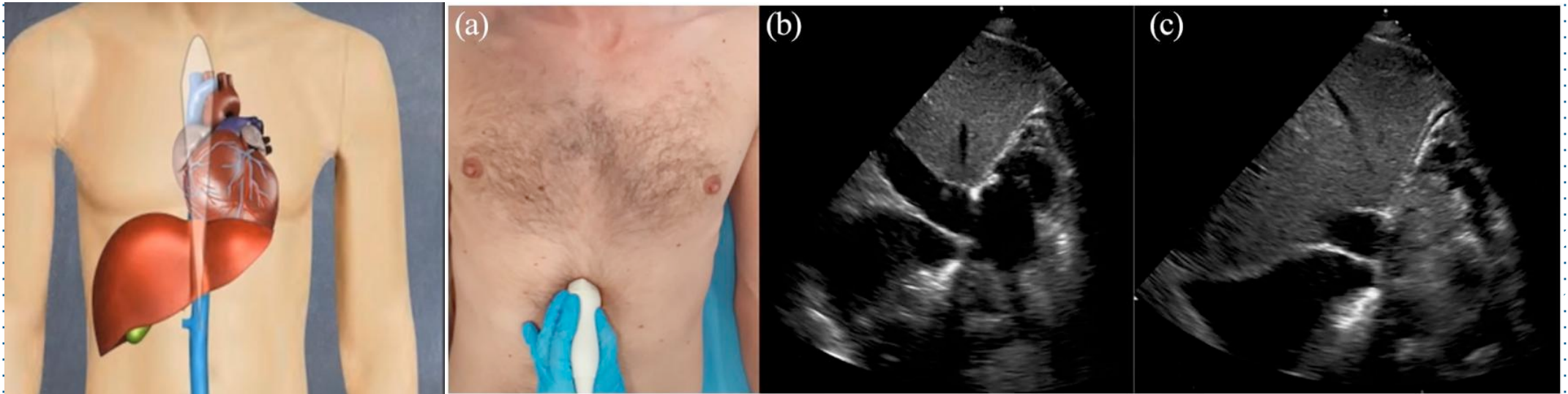
	Probe	Technique
Tip navigation	7–12 MHz linear probe (femoral vein and external iliac vein)	Visualization of the deep vessels of the lower limb according to RaFeVA
Tip location	3–8 MHz convex probe (common iliac vein and IVC) 2–6 MHz sectorial probe As alternative option: 3–8 MHz convex probe	Visualization 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

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Subcostal (longitudinal) four-chamber view: placement of the probe (a), visualization of the heart chambers (b), and visualization of the microbubbles in the right atrium (c).

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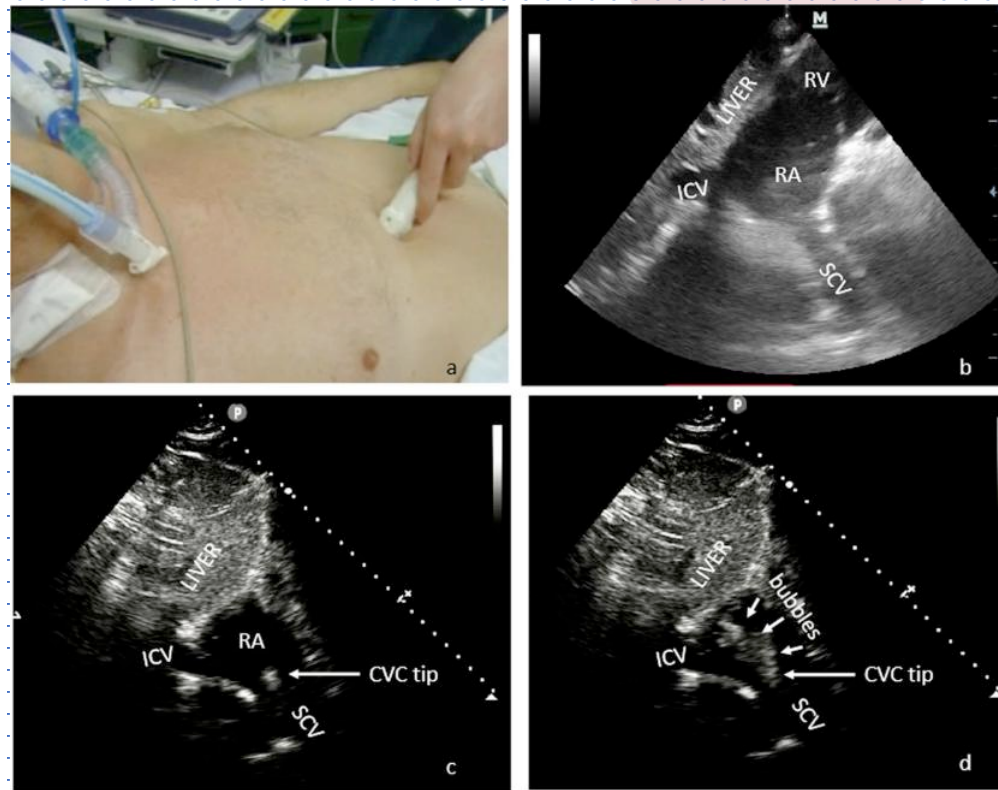


Subcostal (oblique) bi-caval view: placement of the probe (a), visualization of the superior vena cava, inferior vena cava, and right atrium (b), and visualization of the microbubbles in the right atrium (c).

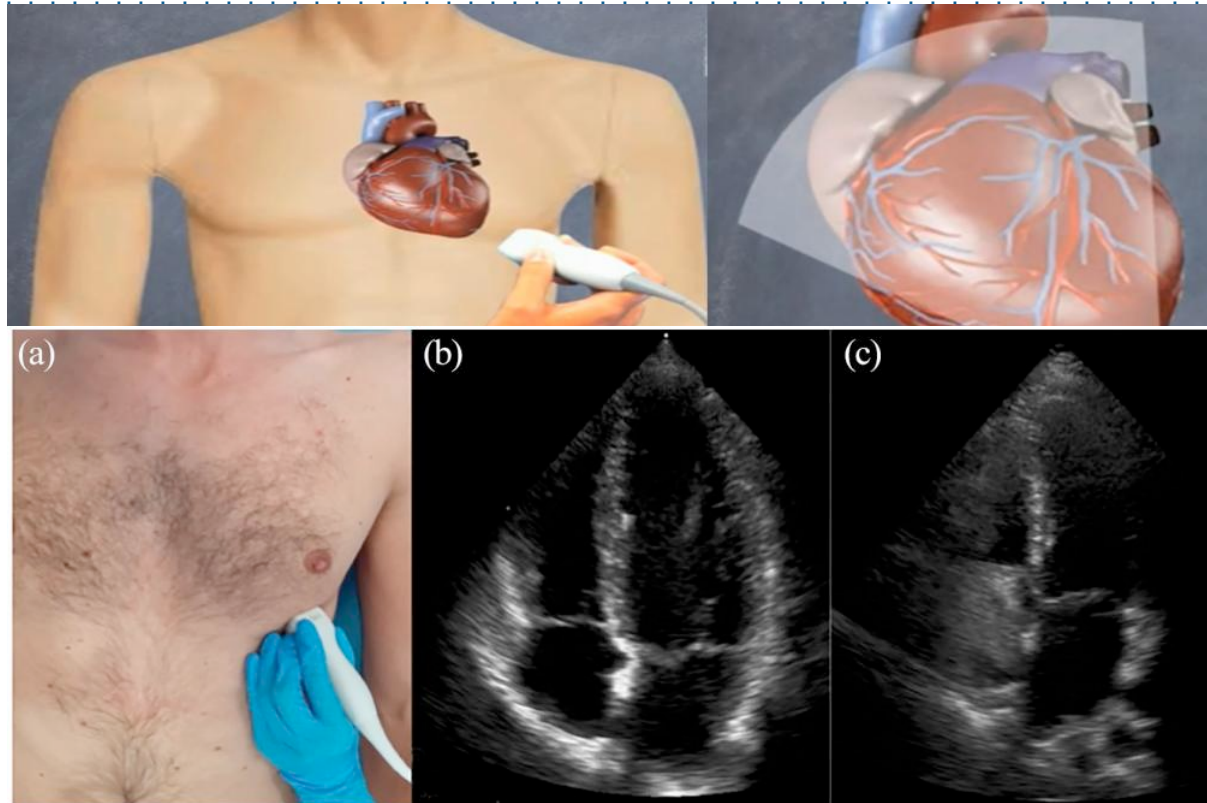
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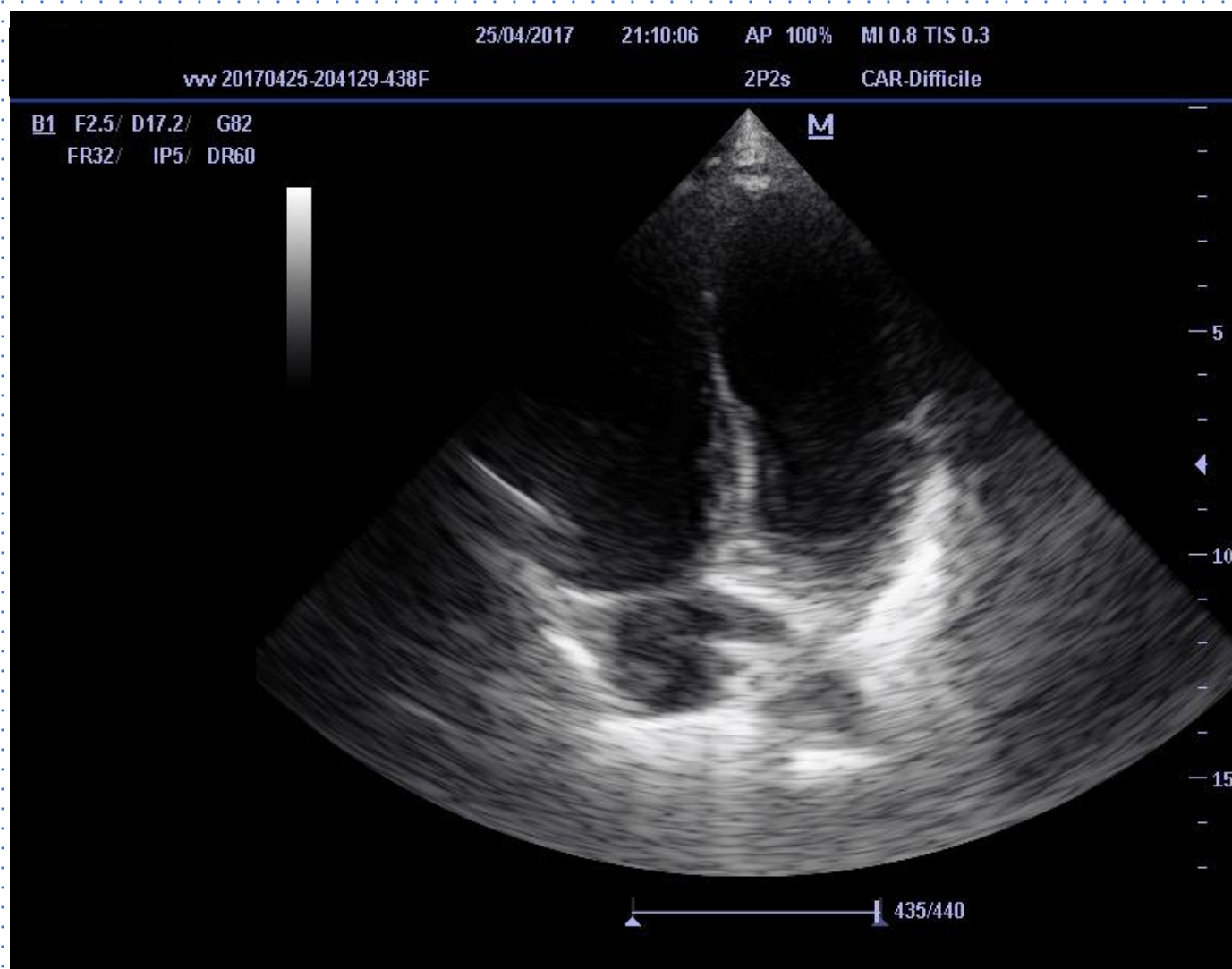
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Transthoracic apical four-chamber view: placement of the probe (a), visualization of the heart chambers (b), and visualization of the microbubbles in the right atrium (c).



The utility of transthoracic echocardiography to confirm central line placement: An observational study

Table 2 Success of transthoracic echocardiographic identification of the right atrium (RA), injected microbubbles, and guidewire by skill level of sonographer and overall

	Adequate RA view			Identified microbubbles			Identified guidewire		
	<i>n/n</i>	% (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value*	<i>n/n</i>	% (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value*	<i>n/n</i>	% (95% CI)	<i>P</i> value*
Expert vs Novice									
Expert	62/65	95 (87 to 99)		61/65	94 (85 to 98)		62/65	95 (87 to 99)	
Novice	32/35	91 (77 to 98)		30/35	86 (70 to 95)		29/35	83 (66 to 93)	
<i>P</i> value†	0.42			0.27			0.06		
Overall	94/100	94 (87 to 98)	< 0.0001	91/100	91 (84 to 96)	< 0.01	91/100	91 (84 to 96)	< 0.01



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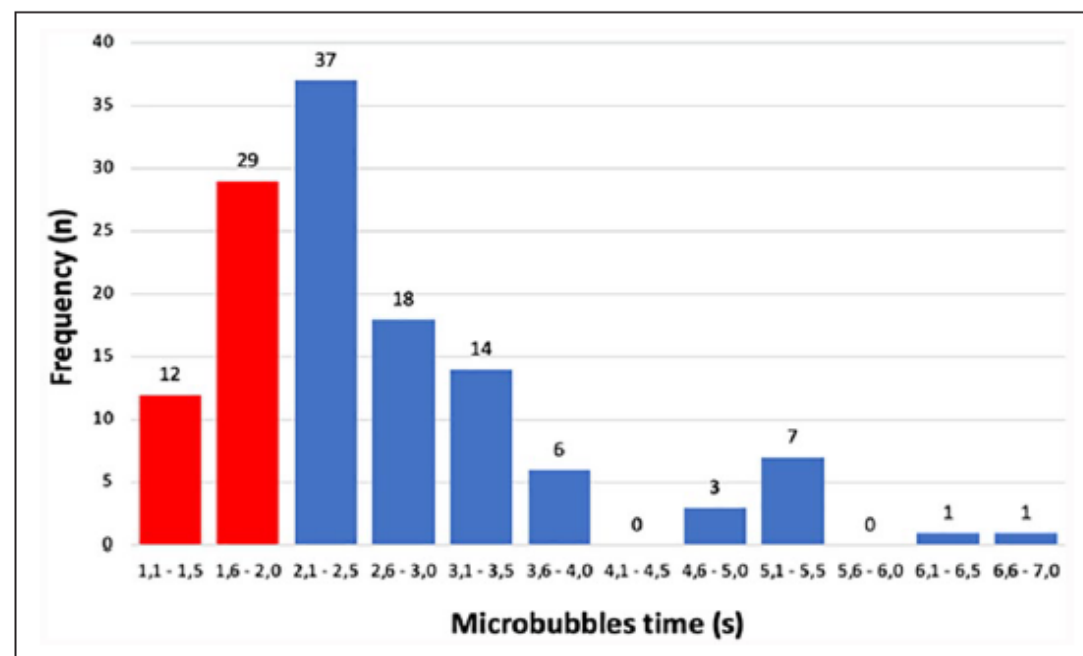
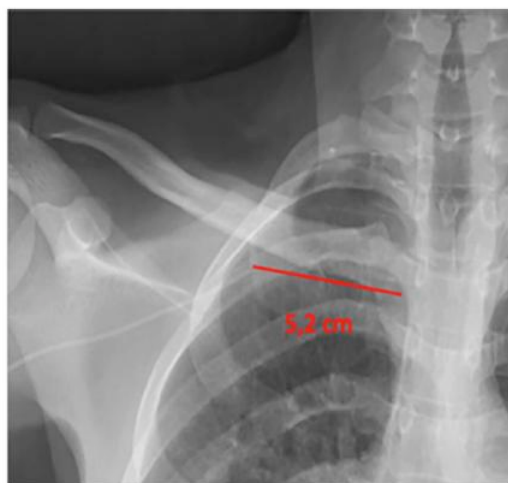
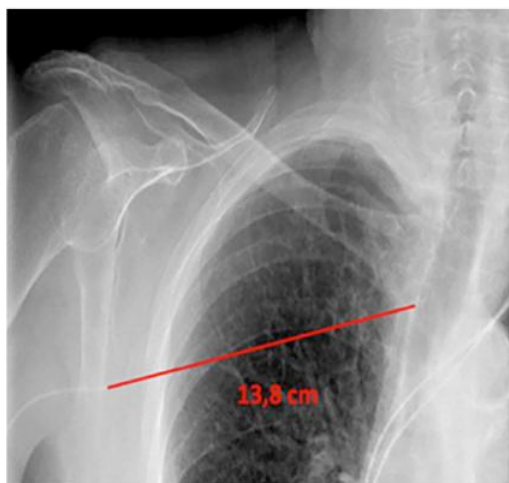
Contrast enhanced ultrasound vs chest X-ray to determine correct central venous catheter position

Table 4

Characteristics of patients not recognized by CEUS

Patients	Clinical presentation	BMI	Line access site	CEUS results	CEUS time of visualization	interpretation	CXR results
1	Hematemesis in cirrhosis	22	Right IJV	laminar flow	<2 s	Correct tip placement	Right subclavian vein
2	Hemoperitoneum in cirrhosis	31	Left IJV	laminar flow	<2 s	Correct tip placement	Right brachiocephalic vein
3	Urosepsis	23	Left IJV	laminar flow	<2 s	Correct tip placement	Left brachiocephalic vein
4	Pneumonia	24	Right IJV	laminar flow	<2 s	Correct tip placement	Right atrium

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



Two seconds, originally proposed by Vezzani, is too long

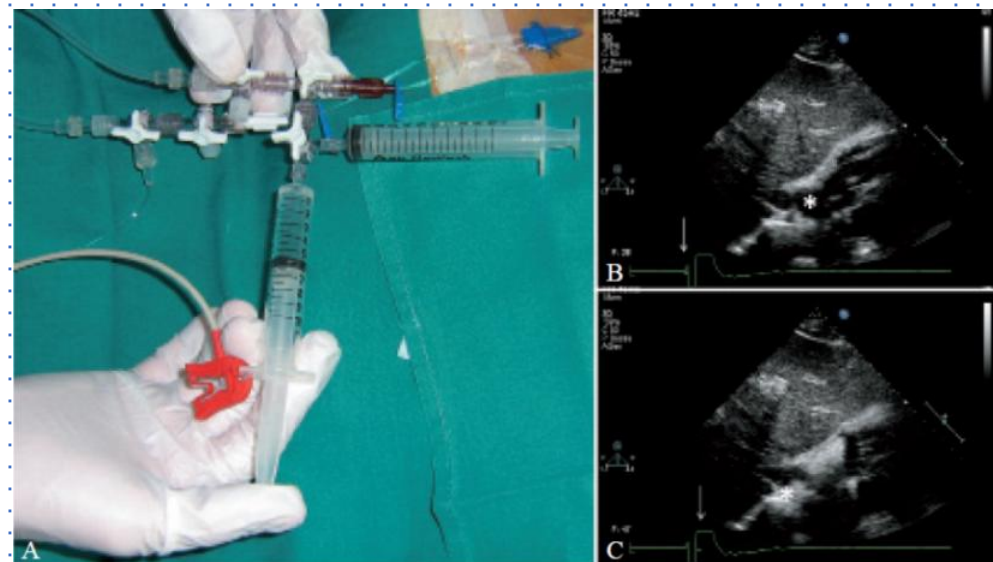


ORIGINAL RESEARCH CONTRIBUTION

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.

**2014**

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

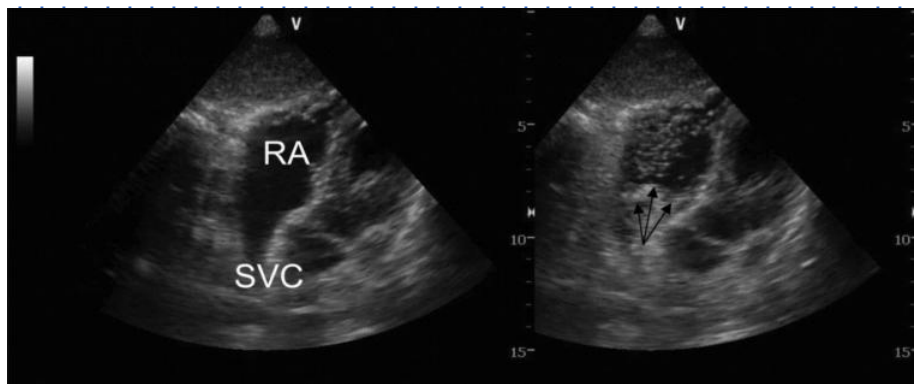
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The mean time of appearance of the bubbles is one second or even less

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 ($p > 0.05$).



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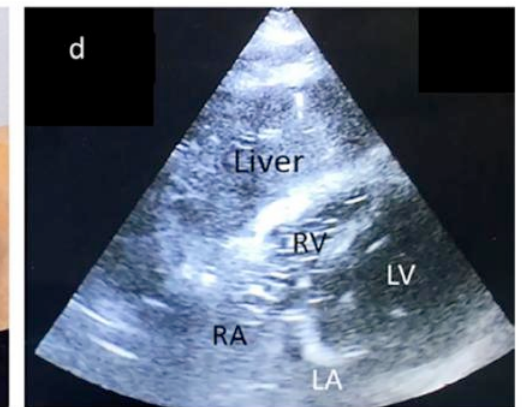
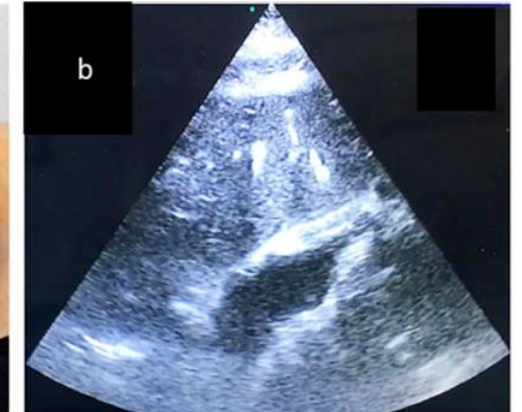
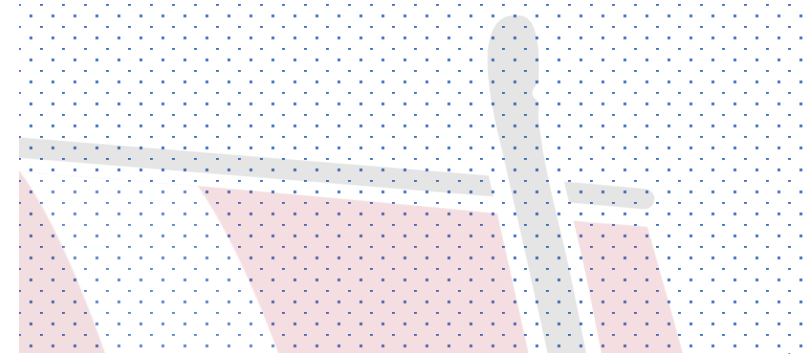
Conclusion

In conclusion, TTE with bubble test is feasible, safe, and accurate in verifying bedside correct tip location at the CAJ in patients with atrial arrhythmia. When the tip is in the correct position, the appearance of bubbles in the right atrium is immediate, and the time from the injection is much fewer than 2 s. Tip location by TTE can also be applied in PICC, but further studies may be needed to confirm its use in this type of catheter.

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

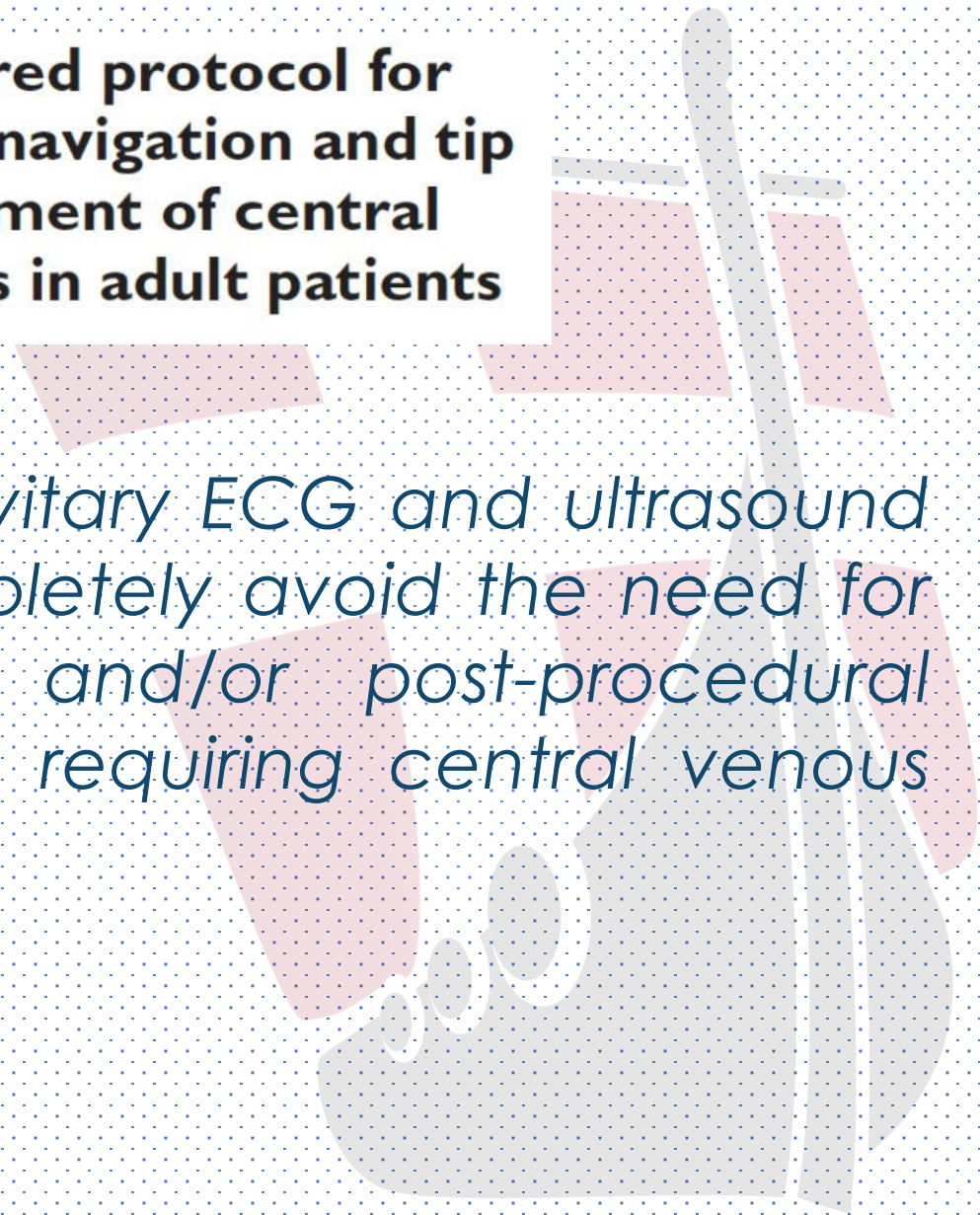
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ECHOTIP: A structured protocol for ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location during placement of central venous access devices in adult patients

The combined use of intracavitary ECG and ultrasound based tip location may completely avoid the need for intraprocedural fluoroscopy and/or post-procedural chest X-ray in adult patients requiring central venous catheterization.....





There is still a lot that we can do...

