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# I port femorali, oggi

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# Indicazioni al port femorale

## Le stesse di qualsiasi port:

- Utilizzo ambulatoriale,
- Infrequente (meno di 1 volta a settimana),
- Maggiore di 4 mesi.

## Ma con l'impossibilità di raggiungere la VCS:

- Tumori ematologici con impegno mediastinico o laterocervicale bilaterale;
- Stenosi/trombosi delle vene del distretto toraco-cervicale;
- Casi particolari...



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# Accessi venosi femorali, due novità

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

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1. Vena femorale superficiale
2. Tip location ecografica

# 1. Vena femorale superficiale



Vena femorale comune

- Vena femorale superficiale
- Asse corto out-of-plane
  - Asse obliquo in-plane
  - No tunnellizzazione

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Matthew D. Ostroff  & Mark W. Connolly

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**Ostroff 2018**

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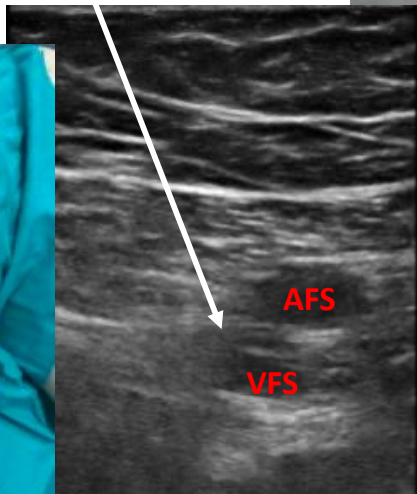
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**Wan 2018**

# Puntura asse obliquo *in-plane*

## RaFeVA Step 7

Semi-rotazione della sonda e visualizzazione della arteria femorale superficiale e della vena femorale superficiale, in asse obliquo.







# Nostra prima esperienza

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Studio retrospettivo  
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98 pazienti

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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		
- 5 Fr double lumen	44	6
- 4 Fr 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

# Indicazioni

- Pazienti agitati non-collaboranti (n=40)
- Pazienti allettati destinati a hospice (n=27)
- Ostruzione VCS (n=19)
- Epatopatia con grave anomalia coagulazione (n=4)
- Pazienti settici in NIV (Helmet) (n=2)
- Pazienti con catetere da dialisi + pacemaker (n=2)
- Pazienti con FAV + rifiuto di CICC (n=2)
- Grave coagulopatia, PICC impossibile (n=1)
- SLA + rifiuto di CICC (n=1)



## Aspetti tecnici

- Diametro VFS: 4-8 mm
- Profondità VFS: 3-6 cm
- Puntura
  - asse corto OOP (n=52), asse obliquo IP (n=46)
- Posizione della punta
  - VCI (n=94), atrio destro (n=4)

# Complicanze

- Immediate
  - 1 puntura arteriosa
  - 1 kinking
- Precoci
  - 1 kinking (necessaria sostituzione su guida)
- Tardive
  - Nessuna trombosi
  - Nessuna CRBSI
  - 1 dislocazione

# Conclusioni dello studio

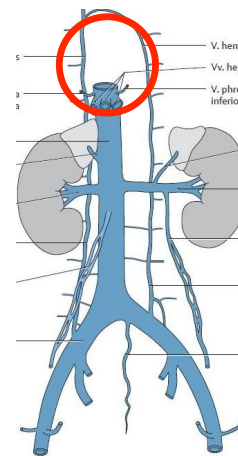
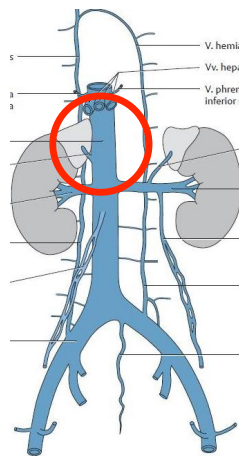
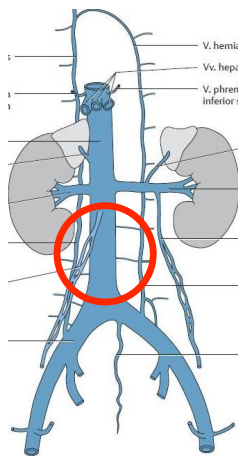
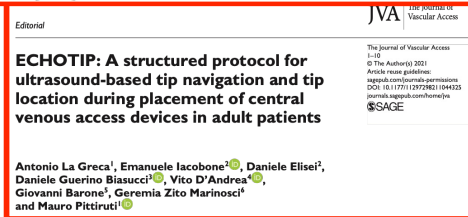
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- Nuove indicazioni per i FICC
- VFS VS VFC:
  - VFS miglior exit site
  - VFS tunnel non strettamente necessario
  - VFS minor rischio di complicanze

## 2. Tip location ecografica



E. Use tip locating methods to identify CVAD tip location during the insertion procedure (ie, “real-time”) for neonate, pediatric, and adult patients. Studies have demonstrated greater accuracy, more efficient initiation of infusion therapy, and re.

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.<sup>6,33-38</sup> (III)

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

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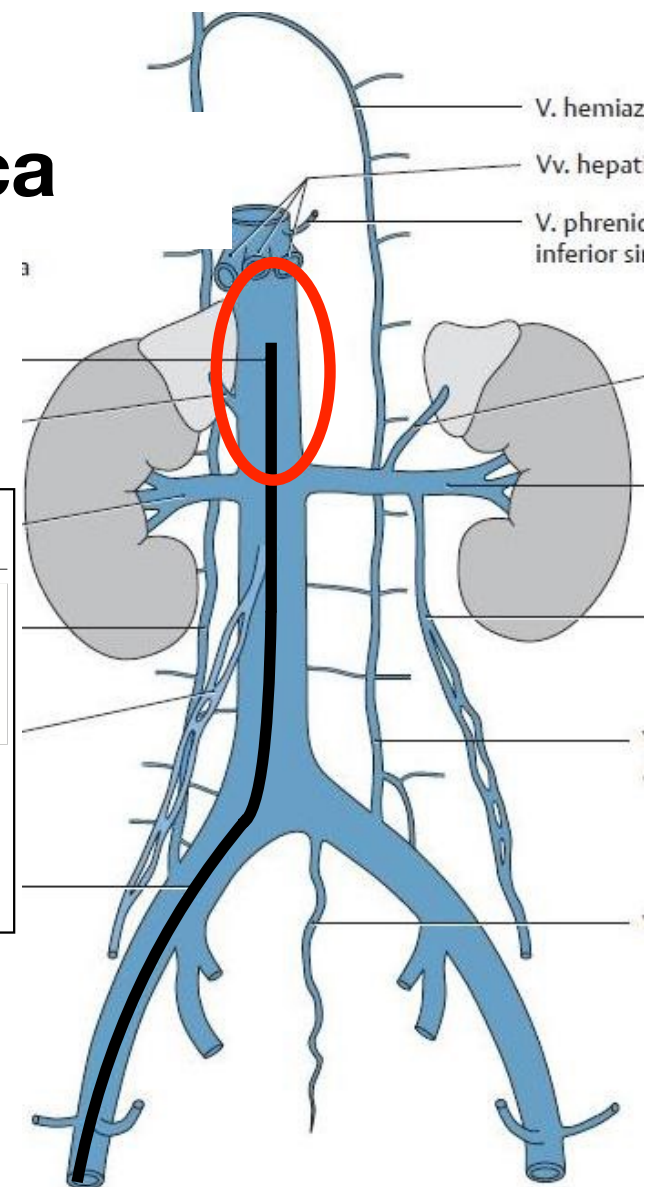
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- Finestra transepatica
- Finestra sottocostale



## Tip location con ecoscopia transepatica con bubble test





# Tip location con ecoscopia sottocostale con bubble test




## Un nuovo approccio: il FICC port

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#### Abstract

**Background:** Femoral ports are used in patients with indication to a totally implanted venous access device but with contraindication to chest-ports and brachial ports because of obstruction of the superior vena cava. In the last three decades, femoral ports have been implanted almost exclusively by cannulation of the common femoral vein at the groin, while the position of the tip has been assessed by X-ray.

**Methods:** We report our experience with a new approach to femoral ports, which includes recent methods and techniques developed in the last few years. These novel femoral ports, which we call “FICC-ports,” are characterized by (a) long femoral 5 Fr polyurethane catheter inserted by ultrasound-guided puncture of the superficial femoral vein at mid-thigh; (b) intraprocedural location of the tip in the sub-diaphragmatic inferior vena cava, using ultrasound visualization by the transhepatic and/or the subcostal view; (c) low-profile or very low-profile reservoir implanted above the quadriceps muscle, at mid-thigh.

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- VFS (dx 42, sn 5)
- Diam. 6-8 mm
- Prof. 4-6 cm
- Asse corto out-of-plane 35
- Asse obliquo in-plane 12
- Tip location in VCI sottodiaframmatica
- Lunghezza catetere 45-58 cm
- Reservoir low profile 35, very low profile 12
- LH-LNH con impossibilità di raggiungere la VCS
- Età 20-34 anni
- 33 maschi
- 14 femmine
- CHT ogni 2-3 settimane, mediamente per 6 mesi

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**Complicanze immediate-precoci**

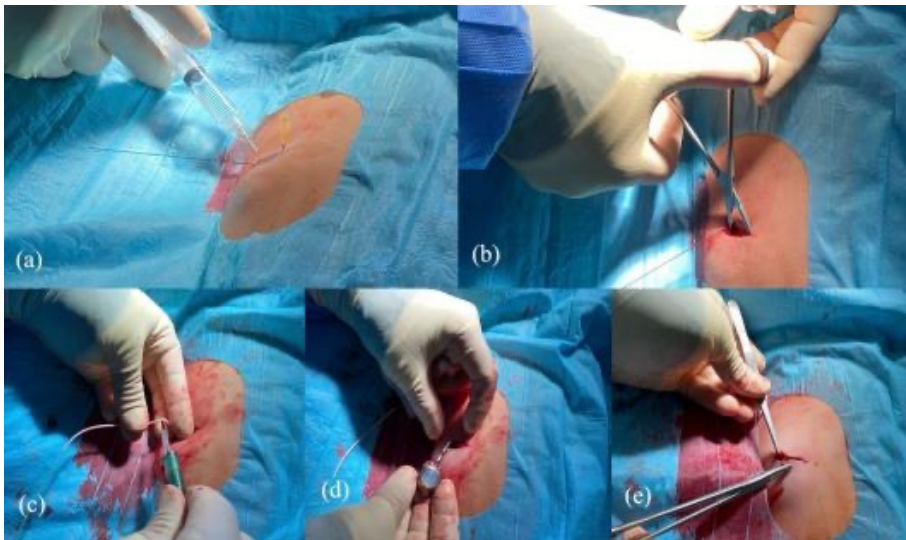
- 0 punture arteriose
- 0 punture nervose
- 0 malposizioni primarie
- 0 ecchimosi significative
- 0 ematomi

**Complicanze tardive**

- 0 CRBSI
- 2 malposizioni secondarie scoperte per PWO (1 complicata con trombosi)
- 2 PWO con catetere correttamente posizionato
- 1 kink del catetere nel sottocute

## N.B.

- Il **FICC-port** ideale è il dispositivo che viene commercializzato come **PICC-port**
  - Lunghezza e calibro adeguati (5Fr x 70cm)
  - Reservoir low profile o very low profile
  - Kit di microintroduzione sempre inclusi
- Preferibilmente in poliuretano, perché più rigido del silicone



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**Conclusion:** if there is indication to a femoral port, the implantation of a “FICC-port” is to be strongly considered in terms of safety, effectiveness, and cost-effectiveness: no immediate-early complications, minimal late complications, no X-ray exposure, low invasiveness, low cost.



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