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Central Venous Access Device and Site Selection

Variant 1: Device selection: Acutely ill patient requiring infusion of an irritant medication, hemodynamic monitoring, and frequent blood draws for 2 weeks or shorter.

D 1	Appropriateness	COF	A L L DDI	D I DDI	D 4	3.6.19			I	Final	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nontunneled central venous catheter	Usually appropriate	Moderate	N/A	N/A	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	7	4
		References		Study	Quality										
		13 (16100130)			M										
		12 (16970212)			M										
		14 (16865322)			4										
		15 (20857280)			1										
		11 (30095499)			Good					_		_			
PICC	Usually appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	4	6
		References		Study	Quality										
		13 (16100130)			M										
		12 (16970212)			M										
		14 (16865322)			4										
		15 (20857280)			1										
		11 (30095499)		C	Good										
		17 (28665469)			4										
		16 (20574104)			1			1		1	1				
Tunneled central venous catheter	May be appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	5	5	0	0	2	1	6	6	0	0	0

			References 12 (16970212)			Quality M										
Midline catheter	May approp	be oriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	5	5	0	1	1	1	8	4	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			9 (24811603)			1										
			10 (34553435)			2										
Chest port	Usuall approp	y not oriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	1	1	11	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality					•					
			8 (23739070)			2										
Arm port	Usuall approp	y not oriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	1	1	11	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			8 (23739070)			2										

Variant 2: Device selection: Patient with acute renal failure requiring central venous access for renal replacement therapy, anticipated duration of therapy for 2 weeks or shorter.

D 1	Appropriateness	COE	A L L DDI	D I DDI	D 41	3.6.11			F	inal '	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Nontunneled dialysis catheter	Usually appropriate	Moderate	N/A	N/A	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	10
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		11 (30095499) Good													
		18 (29202728)			2										
Tunneled dialysis catheter	Usually appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	7	7	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	3	0
		References		N/A N/A / / / Study Quality											
		18 (29202728)			2										

Chest port	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	N/A	N/A	1	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Arm port	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	N/A	N/A	1	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PICC	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	N/A	N/A	1	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Variant 3: Device selection: Patient with renal failure requiring central venous access for renal replacement therapy, anticipated duration of therapy for more than 2 weeks.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRI	L Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tunneled dialysis catheter	Usually appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	12
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (16970212)			M										
		19 (30345873)			3										
Nontunneled dialysis catheter	May be appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	5	5	0	0	1	5	5	3	1	1	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (16970212)			M										
		19 (30345873)			3										
Chest port	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	N/A	N/A	1	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Arm port	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	N/A	N/A	1	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PICC	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	N/A	N/A	1	1	14	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

Variant 4: Device selection: Patient with cancer diagnosis requiring central venous access for weekly chemotherapy infusion for more than 2 weeks.

	Appropriateness	TOD.	A L L. DET	D 1 DE-	_D	3.7.11			F	inal	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chest port	Usually appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	12
		References		Study	Quality			•	•						
		28 (21652113)			3										
		27 (24218174)			M										
		23 (19179550)			1										
		20 (24005884)			1										
		24 (33788748)			3										
		22 (31005243)			1										
		26 (31044308)			Good										
		21 (31464692)		Not A	Assessed										
		25 (32479699)		Inac	lequate				ı						
Arm port	Usually appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	3	11	1	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		23 (19179550)			1										
		20 (24005884)			1										
		24 (33788748)			3										
		22 (31005243)			1										
		21 (31464692)		Not A	Assessed										
		25 (32479699)		Inac	lequate		_						1		
Tunneled central venous catheter	May be appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	6	6	1	0	0	0	6	5	3	1	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (16970212)			M										
		28 (21652113)			3										
		27 (24218174)			M										
		29 (26113804)			2										

			26 (31044308)			C	Good										
			30 (2666137)				1										
PICC	May approp	be riate	Strong	N/A		N/A	6	6	0	0	1	5	1	4	3	2	0
			References			Study	Quality										
			12 (16970212)				M										
			20 (24005884)				1										
			29 (26113804)				2										
			22 (31005243)				1										
			21 (31464692)			Not A	Assessed										
			25 (32479699)			Inac	lequate										
Nontunneled central venous catheter	Usually approp	y not riate	Limited	N/A		N/A	3	3	4	4	6	1	1	0	0	0	0
			References			Study	Quality										
			References 12 (16970212)				M										
			28 (21652113)	·		·	3										
			27 (24218174)		·	M											
			26 (31044308)				Good										

Variant 5: Device selection: Patient requiring continuous or very frequent intravenous administration of intravenous medications (excluding total parenteral nutrition) for more than 2 weeks.

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Procedure	Categ		SOE	Adults RRI	L	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tunneled central venous catheter	Usua approp	.*	Moderate	N/A		N/A	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	2	7	4	2
	•		References		•	Study	Quality										
			12 (16970212)				M										
			28 (21652113)				3										

27 (24218174) 26 (31044308) M

Good

PICC	Usually appropria	v ate	Strong	N/A	N/A	7	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	2	2
			References		Study	Quality										
			12 (16970212)			M										
			20 (24005884)			1										
			22 (31005243)			1										
			21 (31464692)		Not A	Assessed										
			25 (32479699)		Inac	lequate			1	1						
Chest port	May be appropria	e ate	Limited	N/A	N/A	6	6	0	0	0	2	5	8	0	0	0
			References	Study	Quality											
			12 (16970212)		M											
			8 (23739070)		2											
			25 (32479699)	Inac	lequate											
Arm port	May be appropria	e ate	Limited	N/A	N/A	4	4	0	0	1	7	7	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			12 (16970212)			M										
			8 (23739070)			2										
			25 (32479699)		Inac	lequate			,	,						
Nontunneled central venous catheter	Usually n appropria	not	Limited	N/A	2	2	2	8	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	
			References	Study	Quality											
			12 (16970212)		M											
			28 (21652113)		3											

Variant 6: Device selection: Patient requiring long-term total parenteral nutrition and another indication for central access.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

	Appropriateness								F	inal	Tabı	ılatio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tunneled central venous catheter double lumen	Usually appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	9	4
		References		Study	y Quality										
		33 (19464090)			4										
		34 (29489708)			4										
		32 (28558699)			3										
		31 (32511768)			2										
Double lumen PICC	Usually appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	7	7	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	3	4
		References		Study	y Quality										
		33 (19464090) 4													
		34 (29489708) 4													
		32 (28558699) 3													
		35 (29148004)			2										
		31 (32511768)			2										
Single lumen PICC	May be appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	6	6	0	0	0	0	5	4	5	1	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		33 (19464090)			4										
		34 (29489708)			4										
		32 (28558699)			3										
		35 (29148004)			2										
		31 (32511768)			2										
Tunneled central venous catheter single lumen	May be appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	6	6	0	0	0	1	2	8	3	1	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		33 (19464090)			4										
		34 (29489708)			4										
		32 (28558699) 3													

			31 (32511768)			2										
Chest port	May approp	be oriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	4	4	1	2	3	5	4	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			32 (28558699)			3										
			31 (32511768)			2										
Arm port	Usuall approp	y not oriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	3	3	1	2	7	3	1	1	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			32 (28558699)			3										
			31 (32511768)			2										

Variant 7: Device selection: Patient with chronic kidney disease requiring central venous catheter IV infusions for more than 2 weeks.

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Procedure	Categ	gory	SOE	Adults RRI		Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tunneled central venous catheter single lumen	Usua approp		Limited	N/A		N/A	8	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	8	3
			References			Study	Quality										
			46 (27647824)				3		_								
Tunneled central venous catheter double lumen	Usua approp		Limited	N/A		N/A	7	7	0	0	1	0	3	1	4	6	1
			References			Study	Quality										
			46 (27647824)				3										
Chest port via internal jugular vein	May approp	be riate	Strong	N/A		N/A	6	6	0	0	1	1	6	2	3	1	2
			References			Study	Quality										
			38 (2314526)				2										
			39 (1754109)				2										

Chest port via subclavian vein	Usually approp	y not riate	Strong	N/A	N/A	3	3	6	1	3	4	1	0	1	0	0
			References		Stud	y Quality										
			38 (2314526)			2										
			39 (1754109)			2								_		
Arm port	Usually approp	y not riate	Limited	N/A	N/A	2	2	8	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
			References		Stud	y Quality										
			37 (33116552)			3										
			36 (12616419)			2								_		
PICC	Usually approp	y not riate	Strong	N/A	N/A	2	2	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Stud											
			40 (15961840)													
			15 (20857280)													
			42 (29514546)			3										
			22 (31005243)			1										
			25 (32479699)		Ina	dequate										
			44 (32778223)			4										
			16 (20574104)		1		ļ									
			36 (12616419)		2											
			41 (11099241)			3										
			43 (22704142)			2										
			45 (-3195138)			4										

Variant 8: Site selection: Patient with acute illness requiring central venous catheter for anticipated therapy for 2 weeks or shorter.

Duranduna	Appropriateness	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median			F	inal T	[abu]	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SUE	Adults KKL	Peus KKL	Kaung	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Right or left internal jugular vein	Usually appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	10

Procedure	Appropriate Category	eness y SOE	Adults RR	L Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2				ations		8	9
		References		Study	y Quality										
		56 (16280064))	-	2										
		58 (26398070))		1										
		52 (29992634))		3										
,		62 (30231668))		3										
Right or left subclavian vein	Usually appropriat	te	N/A	N/A	7	7	1	0	0	0	1	5	4	3	2
		References		Study	y Quality							•			
		56 (16280064))												
		57 (11495620))												
		61 (22419292))		M										
		58 (26398070))		1										
		52 (29992634))		3										
		62 (30231668))	1	3				1						
Upper extremity vein	Usually appropriat		N/A	N/A	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	2	5
		References		Study	y Quality										
		13 (16100130))		M										
		12 (16970212))		M										
		14 (16865322))		4										
		15 (20857280))		1										
		11 (30095499))	(Good										
		51 (29148000))		2			1	1						
Right or left external jugular vein	May be appropriat		N/A	N/A	6	6	0	0	1	0	1	7	4	2	1
		References		Study		•					'				
		52 (29992634))		3										

						1								
	53 (25198827)			4										
	54 (24306665)			2										
May be appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	5	5	1	0	0	2	6	6	1	0	0
	References		Stu	dy Quality										
	56 (16280064)			2										
	57 (11495620)			1										
	61 (22419292)			M										
	60 (8001386)			1										
	55 (9831940)													
	58 (26398070)			1										
	59 (29924154)			2										
	51 (29148000)													
Usually not appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	2	2	8	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
	References		Stu	dy Quality]								
	47 (14514812)			2	1									
Usually not appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	2	2	7	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
	References	· ·	Stu	dy Quality										
	49 (7747727)			2										
	50 (30281060)			3										
	48 (24190069)			4										
	Usually not appropriate Usually not	Strong Strong	N/A References 56 (16280064) 57 (11495620) 61 (22419292) 60 (8001386) 55 (9831940) 58 (26398070) 59 (29924154) 51 (29148000) Usually not appropriate	Strong	Strong	54 (24306665) 2 May be appropriate Strong N/A N/A 5 5 References Study Quality 56 (16280064) 2 56 (16280064) 2 2 57 (11495620) 1 1 61 (22419292) M 60 (8001386) 1 55 (9831940) 2 2 58 (26398070) 1 2 59 (29924154) 2 2 Usually not appropriate Limited N/A N/A N/A 2 2 Usually not appropriate Limited N/A N/A N/A 2 2 Usually not appropriate Limited N/A N/A N/A 2 2 References Study Quality 49 (7747727) 2 2 50 (30281060) 3 3 3	St (24306665) 2	Strong N/A N/A 5 5 1 0	Strong	Strong N/A N/A S S S S S S S S S	St (24306665) Strong N/A N/A S S S 1 0 0 2 6	May be appropriate Strong N/A N/A 5 5 1 0 0 2 6 6	Strong	May be appropriate Strong N/A N/A 5 5 1 0 0 2 6 6 1 0

Variant 9: Site selection: Patient with chronic kidney disease or end-stage renal disease requiring central venous catheter.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Right or left internal jugular vein	Usually appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	10

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		References		Stud	y Quality										
		61 (22419292)			M		-								
		38 (2314526)			2										
		39 (1754109)			2										
Right or left femoral vein	May be appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	6	6	0	0	0	0	3	10	2	1	0
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		57 (11495620)			1										
		61 (22419292)			M										
		60 (8001386)			1										
		58 (26398070)			1										
		64 (30359982)			1										
Right or left external jugular vein	May be appropriate	Limited	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	4	9	2	0	0		
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		53 (25198827)			4										
Right or left subclavian vein	May be appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	4	4	0	3	1	8	3	0	0	0	0
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		38 (2314526)			2										
		39 (1754109)				_									
Inferior vena cava	May be appropriate	Strong	N/A	N/A	4	4	0	1	4	5	5	0	0	0	0
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		49 (7747727)			2										
		63 (33318464)			2										
		50 (30281060)			3										
		48 (24190069)			4										
Hepatic vein	Usually not appropriate	ally not Limited N/A			3	3	2	4	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
		References			y Quality										

			47 (14514812)			2										
Upper extremity vein	Usually approp	y not oriate			N/A	2	2	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			40 (15961840)			4										
			15 (20857280)			1										
			42 (29514546)			3										
			22 (31005243)			1										
			44 (32778223)			4										
			16 (20574104)			1										
			36 (12616419)			2										
			41 (11099241)			3										
			43 (22704142)			2										

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Appendix Key

A more complete discussion of the items presented below can be found by accessing the supporting documents at the designated hyperlinks.

Appropriateness Category: The panel's recommendation for a procedure based on the assessment of the risks and benefits of performing the procedure for the specified clinical scenario.

SOE: Strength of Evidence. The assessment of the amount and quality of evidence found in the peer reviewed medical literature for an appropriateness recommendation.

- **References:** The citation number and PMID for the reference(s) associated with the recommendation.
- Study Quality: The assessment of the quality of an individual reference based on the number of study quality elements described in the reference.

RRL: Relative Radiation Level. A population based assessment of the amount of radiation a typical patient may be exposed to during the specified procedure.

Rating: The final rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

Median: The median rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

Final tabulations: A histogram showing the number of panel members who rated the procedure as noted in the column heading (ie, 1, 2, 3, etc.).

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