



**Names of speakers**

**Agenda**

**Topic**



## Background for today's Meeting

- **Venous access is critical for ALL cancer patients**
- **Both ChemoPorts and PICCs have a place in the Mx**
- **Irrespective of individual preference, some patients are best suited for one and not the other**



# Objective of today's Meeting is PICC

- **Understanding Global Guidelines related to PICC**
- **Understanding Indian Practices**
- **Understanding and resolving barriers**
- **Towards consensus guidelines for PICC use in India**



“Although ... venous access .... may seem minor, it can ... dramatically affect a patient’s ability to receive appropriate treatment”

Central venous catheter care for patient with cancer: ASCO clinical practice guideline:

<https://ascopubs.org/doi/full/10.1200/JCO.2012.45.5733>



**Do we need an Indian Algorithm on how to use PICC in our cancer patients?**

**YES!**

- 1. Is Awareness lacking ?**
- 2. We are not making full use of training opportunity & material ?**
- 3. Casual approach is leading to significant complications ?**
- 4. Dedicated Venous Access team needs to be strengthened ?**
- 5. Several unique Indian experiences has led to unique solutions ?**

# Understanding Global Guidelines



# LACK OF VENOUS ACCESS MAY PREVENT CONTINUUM OF CHEMOTHERAPY FOR YOUR PATIENTS



*“70% patients receiving irritant vesicant chemotherapy experiences Phlebitis”<sup>1</sup>*

*“22% patients receiving irritant vesicant chemotherapy experience Extravasation”<sup>2</sup>*

This fact comes as a surprise to most oncologists



1. Nekuzad N et al. /IJPR(2012).11(4):1065-1072

2. International Journal Of Caring Sciences;2012; May-August; Vol 5;Issue 2; 192-202

# Algorithm of Venous Access Device Selection- Global Guidelines

MAGIC (Michigan Appropriateness Guide for Intravenous Catheter)

1. Peripheral IV Cannula
2. UG guided peripheral IV Cannula

**Upto 5 days use**

3. Midline Catheters
4. Acute Central Venous Catheters

**For critically ill patients**

5. PICC
6. Tunneled catheters
7. Port

**For cancer patients receiving CT**

# Algorithm of Venous Access Device Selection- Global Guidelines

## MAGIC (Michigan Appropriateness Guide for Intravenous Catheter)

### Irritant / Vesicant Infusions

	6-14 days	15 – 30 days	> 30 days
PICC			
Tunneled Catheters			
Port			
Appropriate	Neutral	Inappropriate	Disagreement

### Frequent Phlebotomy

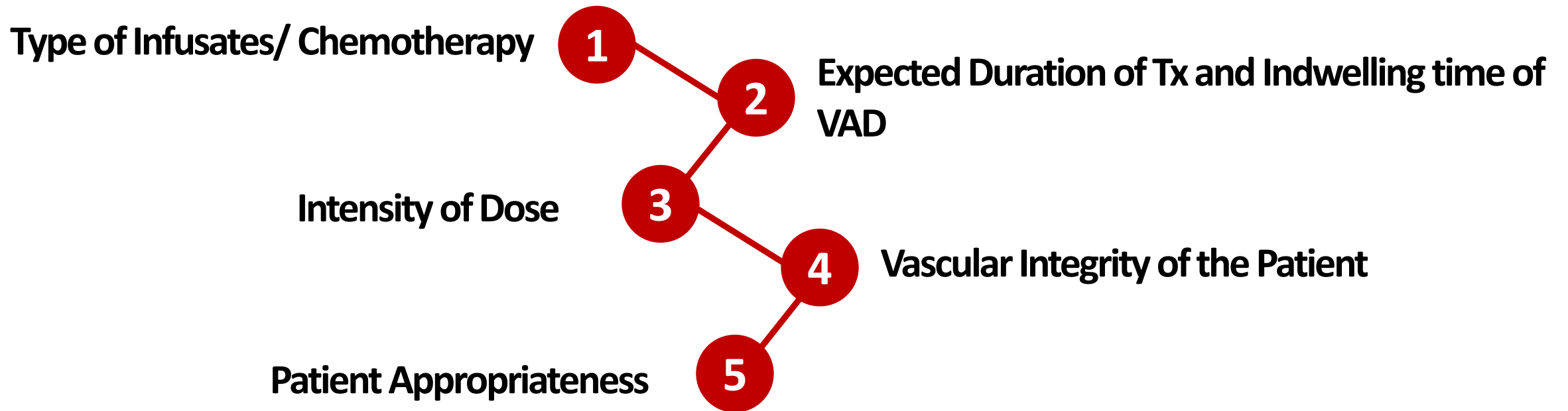
	6-14 days	15 – 30 days	> 30 days
PICC			
Tunneled Catheters			
Port			
Appropriate	Neutral	Inappropriate	Disagreement

#### Summary:

1. PICC recommended for vesicant / irritants
2. PICC recommended from day 1 to long term
3. PICC recommended for patients requiring frequent phlebotomy (independent of type of infusates):
4. For long term usage , all three are possible ( PICC, Tunneled Catheter, Port ) – select based on patient factors



# Creating Indian Algorithm : What parameters to focus on?





## Type Of Chemotherapy

# Most Chemotherapy Agents Are Vesicant / Irritant or Both



## Vesicant

**Anthracyclines:** Doxorubicin, Epirubicin, Daunorubicin, Idarubicin, Dactinomycin

**Vinca Alkaloids:** Vincristine, Vinblastine, Vindesine, Vinorelbine, Vinflunine

**Alkylating Agents:** Mitomycin-C, Mechlorethamine, Carmustine



## Irritants

**DNA-intercalating Antibiotics:** Mitoxantrone, Aclarubicin

**Epipodo-phyllotoxin:** Etoposide, Teniposide

**Antimetabolites:** Fluorouracil, Floxuridine

**Alkylating Or DNA-binding:** Cisplatin, Carboplatin, Dacarbazine, Oxaliplatin

**Others** Paclitaxel, Docetaxel, Bleomycin

- **Consider CVAD for all vesicant / irritant drugs to avoid any vascular complications**
- **Preventing extravasation and thrombophlebitis**
- **Avoiding frequent pricks**
  - **Phlebotomy (Blood sampling)**
  - **Repeated infusion (including Blood products)**

**PICC**  
a fight with  
cancer

# One PICC may be One prick in patient's Tx Journey



PICC line is intended for patients requiring up to 12 months

PICC in dwelling



A PICC



**Four international authorities have endorsed use of PICC for 12 to 34 months**

arm for as long as 12 months.<sup>15</sup>





Tx duration & Indwelling Time

## Global Evidence

Support Care Cancer  
DOI 10.1007/s00520-014-2387-9

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

### Peripherally inserted central catheters in cancer patients: 5-year results of a prospective study

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Baudolino Mussa

#### Abstract

##### Purpose

Peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) are used for long-term intravenous therapy in cancer patients. The purpose of this study was to evaluate the safety and efficacy of PICCs in cancer patients receiving chemotherapy and/or home parenteral nutrition (HPN). **Methods** Since June 2007, oncology outpatient candidates for PICC insertion were consecutively enrolled and the incidence of catheter-related complications was investigated. The follow-up continued until the PICC removal.

**Results** Two hundred sixty-nine PICCs in 250 patients (98 % with solid malignancies) were studied, for a total of 55,293 catheter days (median dwell time 184 days, range 15–1,384).

All patients received HPN and 71 % received chemotherapy during the study period. The incidence of catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSIs) was low (0.05 per 1,000 catheter days), PICC-related symptomatic thrombosis was

mechanical complications were 0.63 per 1,000 catheter days. CRBSIs and PICCs were removed because of complications only in 7 % of cases. The main findings of this study were that, if accurately managed, PICCs can be safely used in cancer patients receiving chemotherapy and/or HPN, recording a low incidence of CRBSI, thrombosis, and mechanical complications; a long catheter life span; and a low probability of catheter removal because of complications.

**Conclusions** Our study suggests that PICCs can be successfully utilized as safe and long-lasting venous access devices in non-hospitalized cancer patients.

**Keywords** Venous access · Venous access device · Home care · Central venous catheter · Oncology

#### Introduction

269 PICC  
250 patients  
98 % solid tumors

55,293  
catheter days

Median 184 days  
Range 15 - 1384

1384 days = 3.8 years  
In India, several centers have used PICC for 12 to 18 months



**Do we ever estimate what the patient will go through during the expected journey of systemic therapy?**

**1. No of pricks (CBC/Blood tests + CT)**

**2. Lines of therapy that patient might get (eg Lung Ca and Ovarian Ca**

**patient invariably will receive multiple lines of infusional**

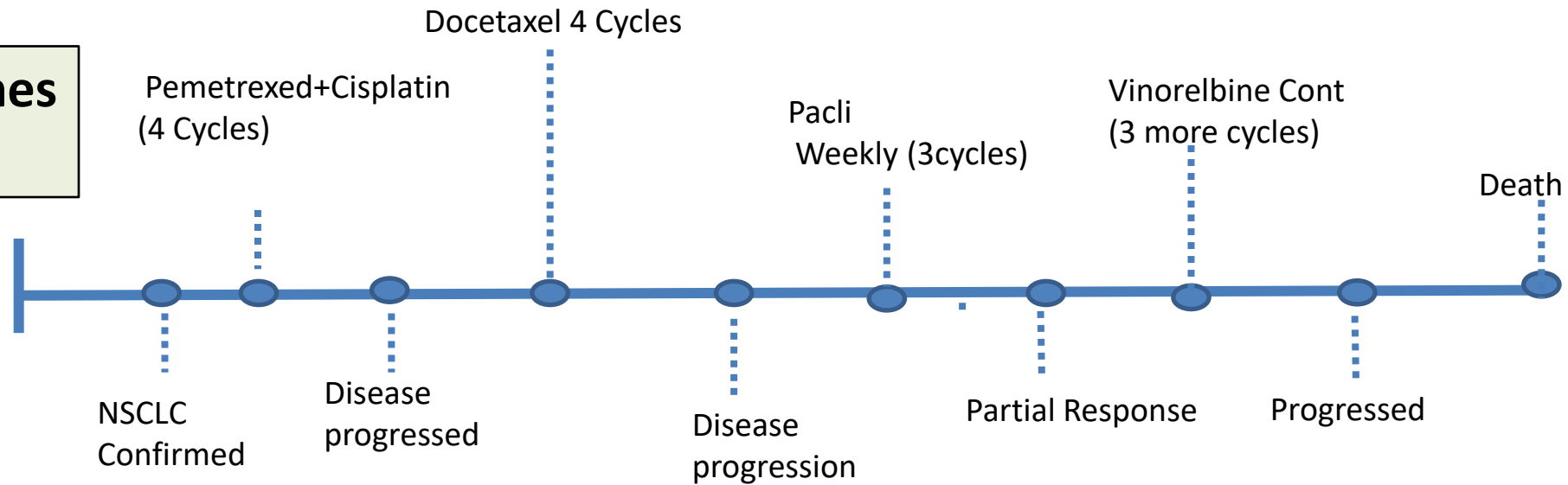
**chemotherapy – including platinum)**

**Remember both PICC and PORT can be used for long term therapy**



## ***NSCLC with no driver mutation – No over expression of PDL-1***

**Three lines  
of CT**



**72  
pricks  
in an  
Year**

**Assuming only one episode of febrile neutropenia**

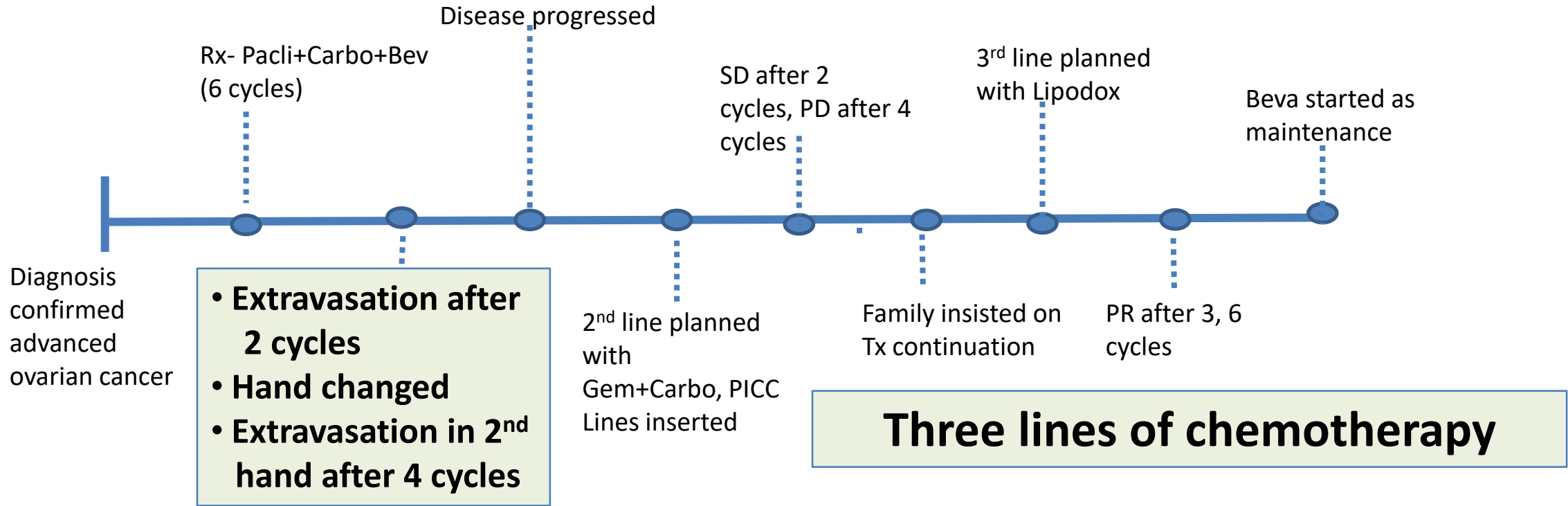
**Avg blood sampling during treatment – 25 Needle pricks**

**Yet, we never think of using PICC in patients with Lung Ca requiring CT!**



# Case Study (Hypothetical case)

**58 year old Ca ovary patient with obesity and venous status compromised**



**Venous status to be checked for every patient before starting chemotherapy AND before each cycle / infusion**

# Understanding Barriers –





# Outcomes, cost comparison, and patient satisfaction during long-term central venous access in cancer patients: Experience from a Tertiary Care Cancer Institute in South India

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## ABSTRACT

**Introduction:** Prolonged treatment, frequent administration of chemotherapy, antibiotics and blood products in cancer patients requires long term venous access. Central venous catheters (CVC) inserted into the subclavian vein or internal jugular vein, peripherally inserted central venous catheters (PICC) and chemoport (CP) are

### Median catheter indwelling period

PICC	59 days (20 days – 313 days)
ChemoPort	137 days (70 days – 258 days)

was  
analyze  
patient

## Table 3: Cost comparison

	Median±SEM (Indian rupees) (US dollars)		<i>P</i>
	Group 1	Group 2	
	CVC and PICC	CP	
Total cost (Rs.)	4480±1434.49 (68.53±21.94)	24,150±11,026.22 (369.44±168.67)	<0.0001

Mann-Whitney U-test  $P < 0.0001$ , significant. PICC – Peripherally inserted central catheter; CVC – Central venous catheter; CP – Chemoports; SEM – Standard error of mean

**Table 5: Complication during insertion of central venous access devices**

	<u>Type of catheter</u>			Total <i>n</i> (%)
	CVC	PICC	CP	
<b>Major complications</b>				
Pneumothorax	4	NA*	0	4 (3.7)
Hemothorax	1	NA	NA	1 (0.93)
Malposition	5	0	1	6 (5.55)
Total				11 (10.18)
<b>Major complications</b>				
Hematoma	1	0	0	1 (0.93)
Pain (shoulder/ear)	10	0	0	10 (9.26)
Difficulty in insertion (>2 attempts)	14	0	0	14 (12.96)
Difficulty in negotiating the catheter below the clavicle	1	NA	0	1 (0.93)
Total				26 (24.08)

**Govind Babu et al:  
IJMPO original article  
– KIDWAI data**



> Br J Nurs. 2013 Oct 24-Nov 13;22(19):S9-15. doi: 10.12968/bjon.2013.22.Sup19.S9.

## Nurse-led PICC insertion: is it cost effective?

Graham Walker, Alistair Todd

PMID: 24350393 DOI: 10.12968/bjon.2013.22.Sup19.S9

### Abstract

**Aims:** Repeated attempts to cannulate a patient can expend substantial staff time. For large volume patients a catheter (PICC) may be used. However, a PICC costs three times as much as a peripheral intravenous catheter. This study aimed to compare insertion rates and complication rates in two groups (trained nurses vs radiologists).

### Materials

Patients were attached to a PICC line. The study allowed for a comparison of insertion rates and complication rates between the two groups.

### Results

The study found that the nurse group had a significantly higher insertion rate (91.6%) compared to the radiologist group (3.8%).

### Conclusion

The study concludes that nurse-led PICC insertion is likely to be the most cost-effective solution for large volume settings.

If your institution policy permits it, trained nurses can insert PICC  
Cost reduced by 60%  
Insertion rate 91.6 %  
Complication rate 3.8 %

The study found that the nurse group had a significantly higher insertion rate (91.6%) compared to the radiologist group (3.8%). The study also found that the nurse group had a significantly lower complication rate (3.8%) compared to the radiologist group (9.1%). The study also found that the nurse group had a significantly lower cost (42%) over the radiologist group. The study also found that the nurse group had a significantly higher insertion rate before insertion was higher in the radiologist group.

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## Guided or Blind Technique

EJA

Eur J Anaesthesiol 2020; 37:344–376

### GUIDELINES

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

Massimo Lamperti, Daniele Guerino Biasucci, Nicola Disma, Mauro Pittiruti, Christian Breschan, Davide Vailati, Matteo Subert, Vilma Traškaitė, Andrius Macas, Jean-Pierre Estebe, Regis Fuzier, Emmanuel Boselli and Philip Hopkins

#### Ultrasound-guided cannulation of any central vein for long-term central vascular devices

- (1) The quality of evidence on which to base recommendations is weak, with data from only randomised controlled trials with high risk of bias.
- (2) We recommend ultrasound-guided cannulation of long-term vascular access devices. This is shown to significantly reduce the risk of complications compared with blind cannulation. This recommendation applies to both central and peripheral vascular access.
- (3) We recommend that all healthcare professionals performing long-term vascular access should be trained and shown to be competent. This recommendation applies to both central and peripheral vascular access.

Eur J Anaesthesiol



ASSOCIATION FOR VASCULAR ACCESS

### POSITION PAPER

#### Ultrasound Guidance for Vascular Access by Quality Assurance

**USG guided insertion reduces all complications (mechanical, infections, thrombosis) Making it cost effective**

- The vascular access specialist or applicable healthcare clinician, must meet the education and clinical practice requirements by the designated professional board within their state of practice.



# PICC insertion

# BD India – Joining hands to strengthen your team



**Center of Excellence:-**  
5 Centers to train staff in  
PICC insertion, care &  
maintenance

**COE: Center of Excellence across country**



**online course**



**BD PICC Online course:-**

Train staff from the  
comfort of your hospital

**BD India clinical expert can also come to your center  
for onsite training & hand holding**



## PICC placer

# Creating PICC placer through COEs



### Tata Memorial Hospital –Mumbai

27 Training sessions more than 10 years

More than 100 HCPs trained on PICC placement



### RGCI- Delhi

29 Training sessions in the last 7 years

More than 77 HCPs trained on PICC placement



### HCG Cancer Center- Bangalore

6 Training sessions in last 3 years

More than 12 HCPs trained on PICC placement



### Amrita Institute of Medical Science

2 Training sessions on PICC insertion

More than 8 HCPs trained on PICC placement



### Tata Medical Center – Kolkata

4 Training sessions on PICC insertion in last 3 years

More than 12 HCPs trained on PICC placement

\*to be updated as per new trainings



PICC insertion; C&M

## Building Ecosystem across centers

In-service program for ongoing training of Nurses on Care and Maintenance

2019

- **108** ISPs; **3281** Nurses trained across India

2020

- **32** ISPs; **1221** Nurses trained across India

2021

- **10** ISPs done till now ..and still counting

PICC Insertion workshop by clinical team

2019

- **52** workshop to train nurses across India

2020

- **36** workshop to train nurses across India

2021

- **21** workshop to train nurses across India

\*to be updated as per new trainings





**Care of PICC needs adherence to all aspects of checklist – no shortcuts**

**Suture less stabilization device**

**Pre-filled saline flush**

# PICC Stabilization Device

## The BD Statlock® PICC/CVC Stabilization Device Deliver Proven Clinical Benefits

StatLock® Stabilization Devices have demonstrated many significant advantages, for both patients and healthcare providers, compared to conventional methods of catheter securement.

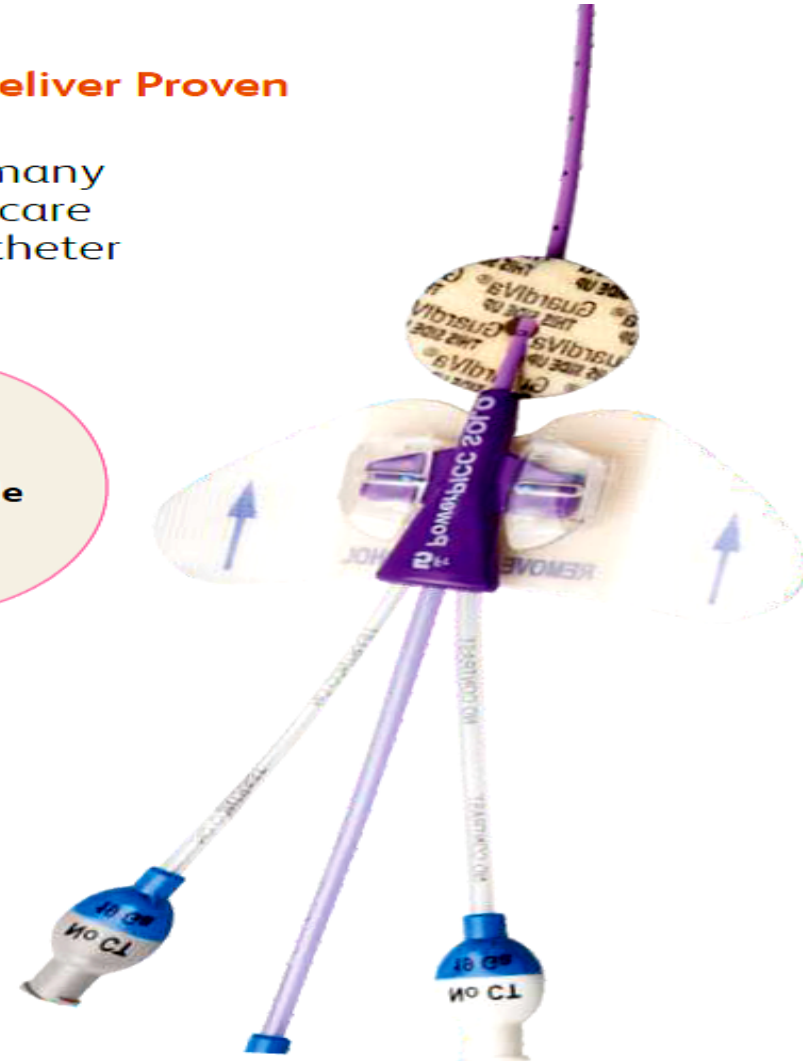
Eliminates  
need for  
suture

Eliminate  
accidental  
needlesticks<sup>6</sup>

Reduce  
unschedule  
restarts<sup>6</sup>

Reduce catheter  
complications<sup>2</sup>

Increase catheter  
dwell times<sup>2</sup>



# Pre filled saline Flush

## Improve patient outcomes

### Unique Syringe Design

- Single use pre-filled flush positively reduces the risk of infections
- Designed to eliminate syringe-induced blood reflux\*
- Designed to prevent solution from entering a non-sterile area of the syringe\*\*

## Assured sterility

- **Terminal sterilization** for maximum sterility assurance level (SAL  $10^{-6}$ ) of solution and fluid path

## Reduce the risk of medication errors

### Clear Labeling

- Greater visibility of syringe contents
- Bold print for clarity
- Color and bar coded for easy identification and verification
- Addresses The Joint Commission's requirement for medication labeling<sup>6</sup>



## Reduce the risk of catheter damage

### Standard 10 mL Syringe Diameter

- Generates significantly lower pressure (PSI) compared to standard 3 mL syringes\*\*
- All sizes comply with PICC manufacturer flushing recommendations

## Reduce waste and costs

### Stubby Syringe Profile

### Selecting smaller size syringes (3, 5 mL) for peripheral lines:

- Reduces storage and disposal costs
- Minimizes environmental waste

# Summary (1)

**CVADs recommended for ALL vesicant and/or irritant infusates**

- **Also Chemo agents having ph < 5 or > 9**
- **Infusates with Osmolarity > 600 msOm/L**
- **TPN**
- **Blood and blood products**

## Summary (2)

- **Need to make habit of formally checking (and documenting) venous status for every patient who will be starting chemotherapy**
- **Every center must provide option of ChemoPort AND PICC**
- **Contrary to common misconception, PICC has been successfully used for short, intermediate as well as long term therapy (more than 1 year)**
- **Benefits in BOTH continuous AND intermittent chemotherapy**



**PICCC**

a fight with  
**cancer**

**Thank you**



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