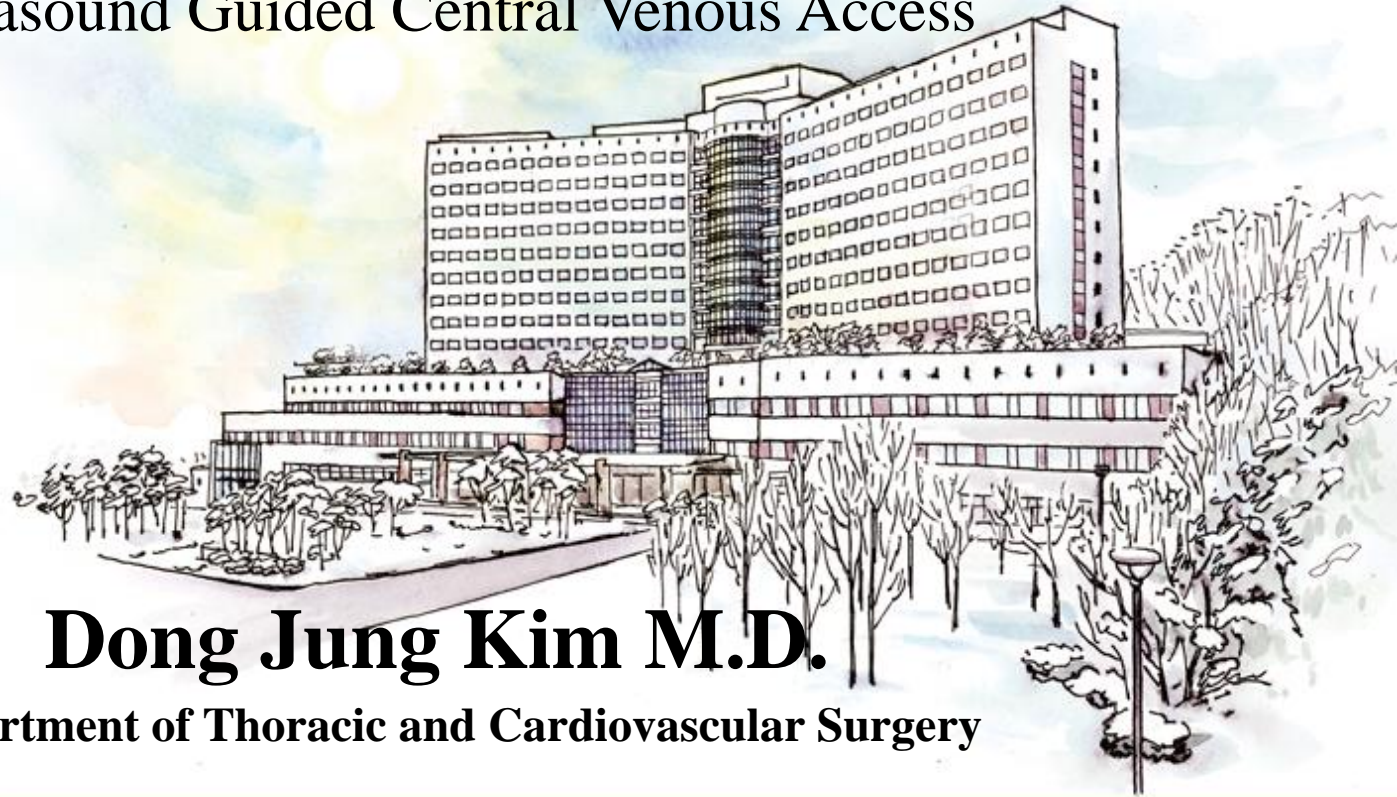


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# Vessel : SONO guided procedure

Ultrasound Guided Central Venous Access

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# Vascular ultrasound in ICU

- SONO guided procedures
  - Central line insertion (including HD catheter)
    - Internal jugular vein, Subclavian vein, Femoral vein
    - PICC (Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter)
  - Arterial catheterization
    - Radial artery, Brachial artery, Femoral artery
    - Distal perfusion in patients on VA ECMO
- Fluid responsiveness
  - Increase in common carotid artery flow with PLR

# Contents

- Ultrasound guided vascular access : The basics
  
- Central venous cannulation
  - Internal jugular vein
  - Subclavian vein
  - PICC insertion

# Overview

- Ultrasound guidance for CVC placement
  - Introduced in the 1980s
  - Increased success
  - Enhanced safety
  - Effectiveness in comparison to anatomic landmark based techniques

# Complication : Landmark method

Complication	Internal jugular	Subclavian	Femoral
Arterial puncture %	10.6	5.4	6.25
Hematoma %	8.4	5.4	–
Pneumothorax %	2.4	4.9	–
Hemothorax %	1.7	4.4	–
Malposition %	–	11	–
Infection rate per 1000 catheter-days	8.6	4	15.3
Thrombosis rate per 1000 catheter-days	1.2 – 3	0 – 13	8 – 34

*(Intensive Care Med 38(7):1105-1117, 2012)*

# Overview

- Ultrasound guidance for CVC placement
  - Several international guidelines advocate routine use of ultrasound guidance
  - often remains poorly taught
  - left out of training curricula
  - Inexperienced and less skilled practitioners frequently experience significant difficulties

# Advantages

- Reduce the incidence of complications
  - Inadvertent puncture and cannulation, hematoma, post. wall puncture, pneumothorax or hemothorax
  - Avoidance of primary damage
    - caused by injury to collateral structures from the needle
  - Avoidance of secondary damage
    - caused by misplaced guide wires, dilators, and catheters

# Advantages

- Preprocedural scan
  - to identify abnormal anatomy, thrombosis, or valves
- Reduces frequency of punctures and facilitates first-pass cannulation
- Postcannulation scan
  - to confirm correct placement of the guide wire and catheter in the intended vessel



# Practice guidelines

**NICE** National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence



## Guidance on the use of ultrasound locating devices for placing central venous catheters

Technology appraisal guidance

Published: 4 October 2002

[nice.org.uk/guidance/ta49](http://nice.org.uk/guidance/ta49)

# Practice guidelines

## 1 Guidance

- 1.1 Two-dimensional (2-D) imaging ultrasound guidance is recommended as the preferred method for insertion of central venous catheters (CVCs) into the internal jugular vein (IJV) in adults and children in elective situations.
- 1.2 The use of two-dimensional (2-D) imaging ultrasound guidance should be considered in most clinical circumstances where CVC insertion is necessary either electively or in an emergency situation.
- 1.3 It is recommended that all those involved in placing CVCs using two-dimensional (2-D) imaging ultrasound guidance should undertake appropriate training to achieve competence.
- 1.4 Audio-guided Doppler ultrasound guidance is not recommended for CVC insertion.

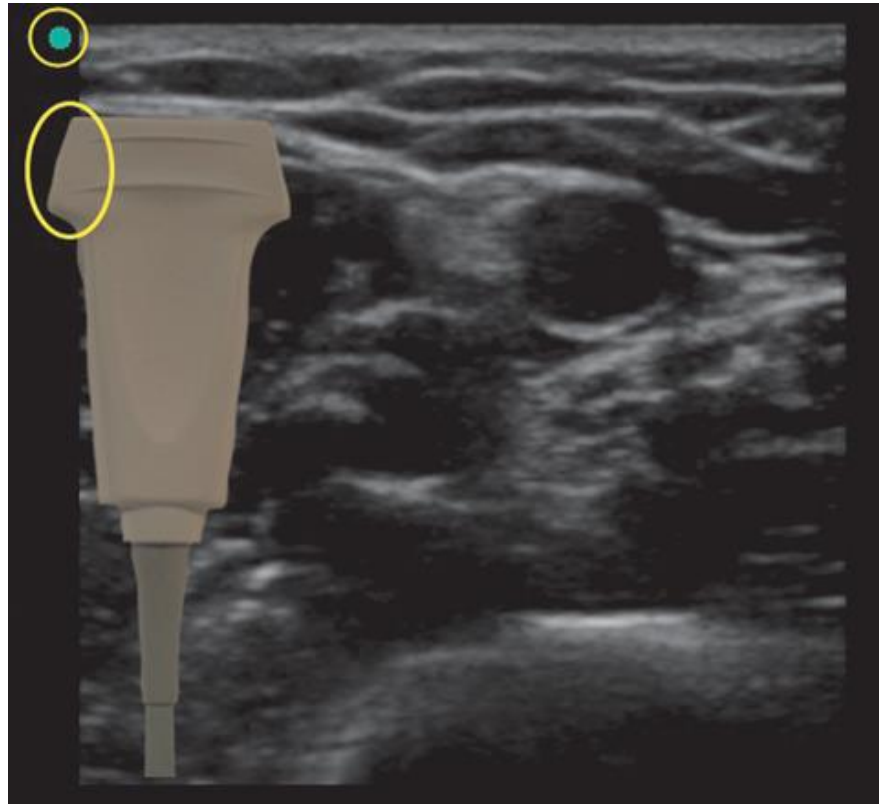
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# Ultrasound transducer



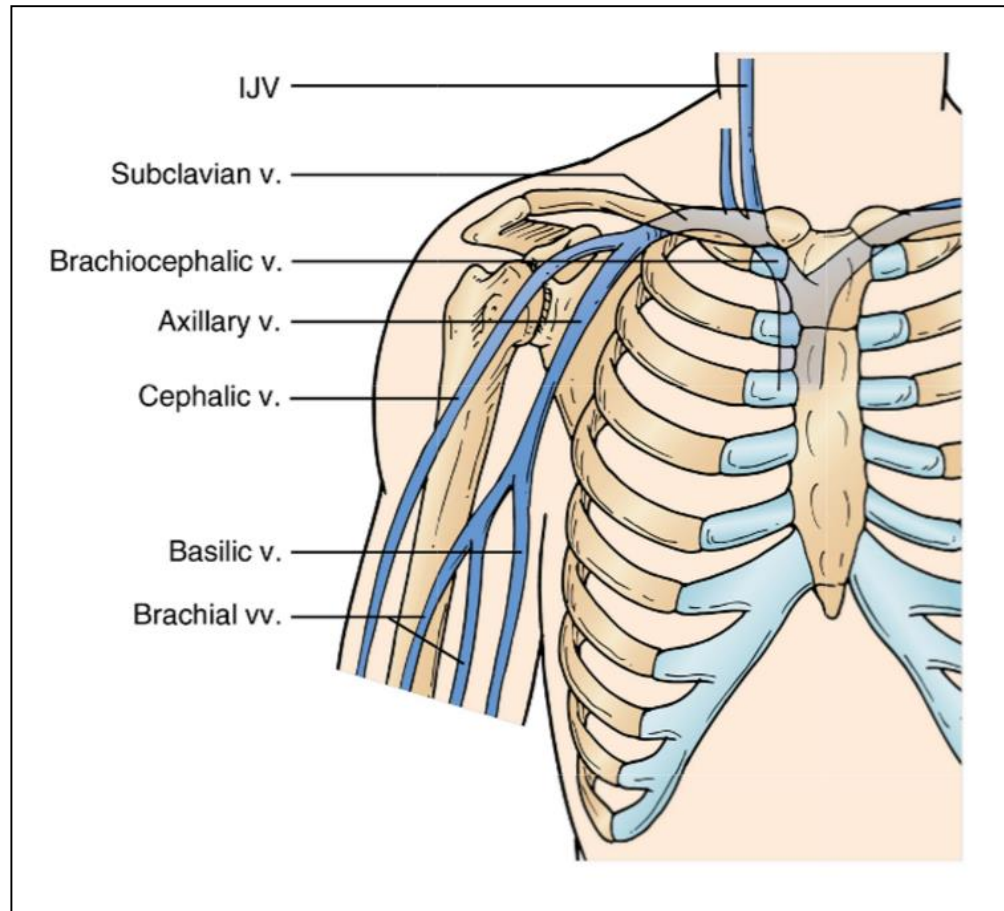
- Center : linear 5-12 mHz transducer, most often used for vascular imaging
- Left : Hockey stick, can be useful in tight locations
- Right : curved, lower frequency, greater tissue penetration in obese patients

# Probe orientation



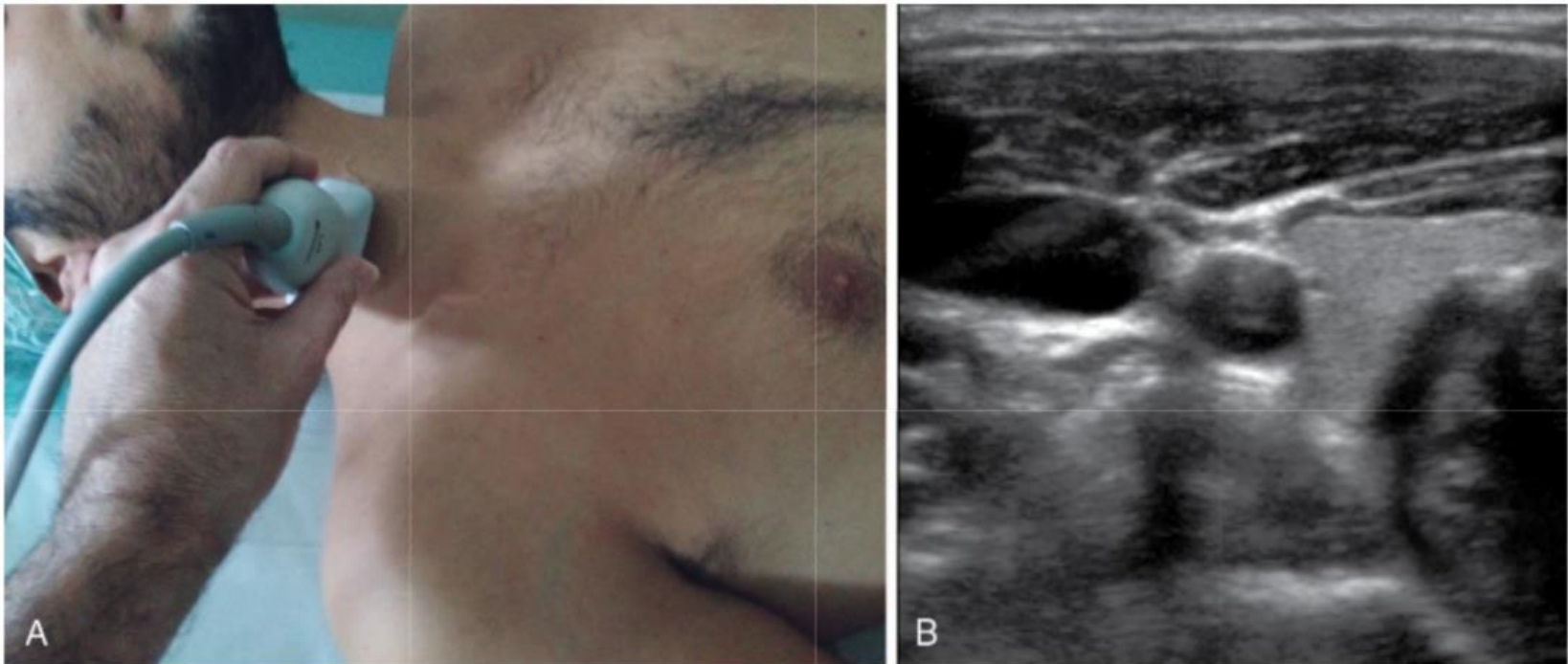
US probe marker and marker on the US machine screen are aimed in the same direction

# Venous anatomy



*(Critical Care Ultrasound, 1e)*

# Central vein assessment (1)

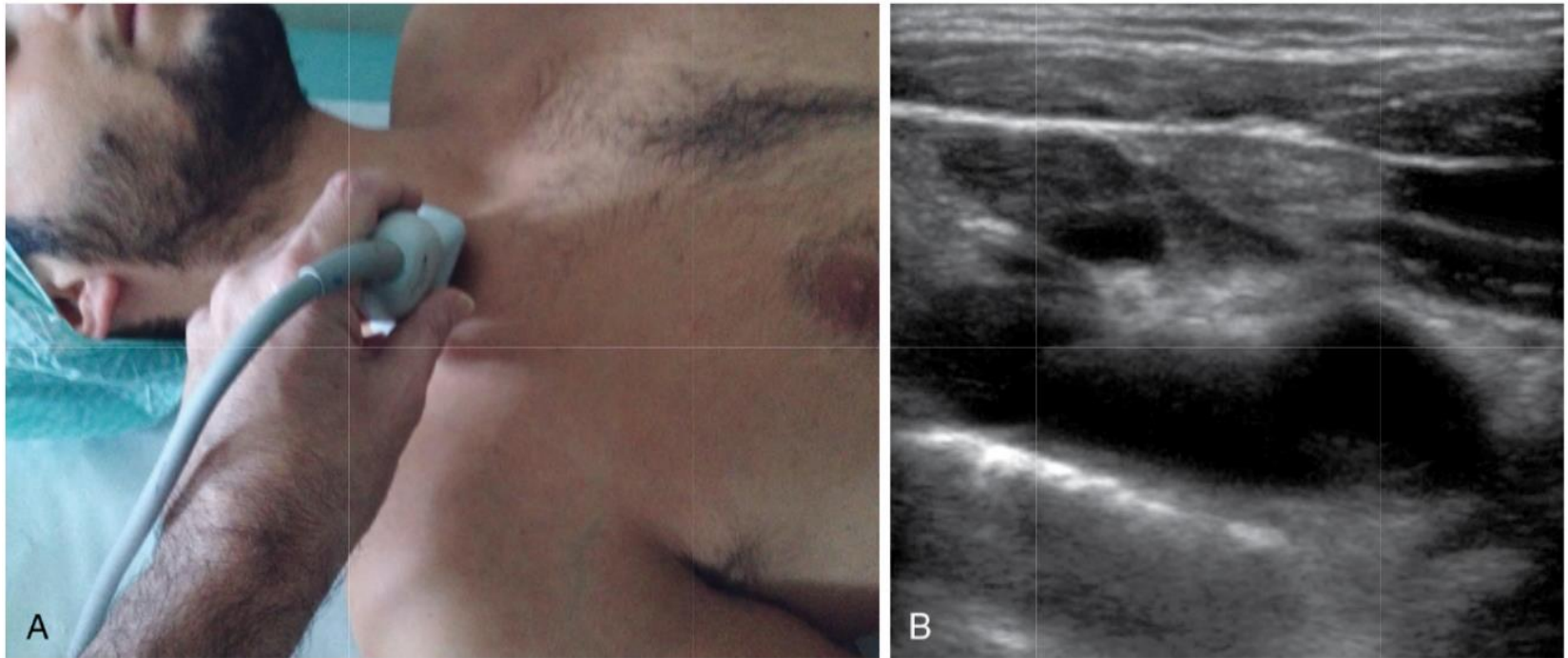


- A : Probe positioned at the midneck
- B : Visualization of the internal jugular vein and carotid artery

*(Critical Care Ultrasound, 1e)*



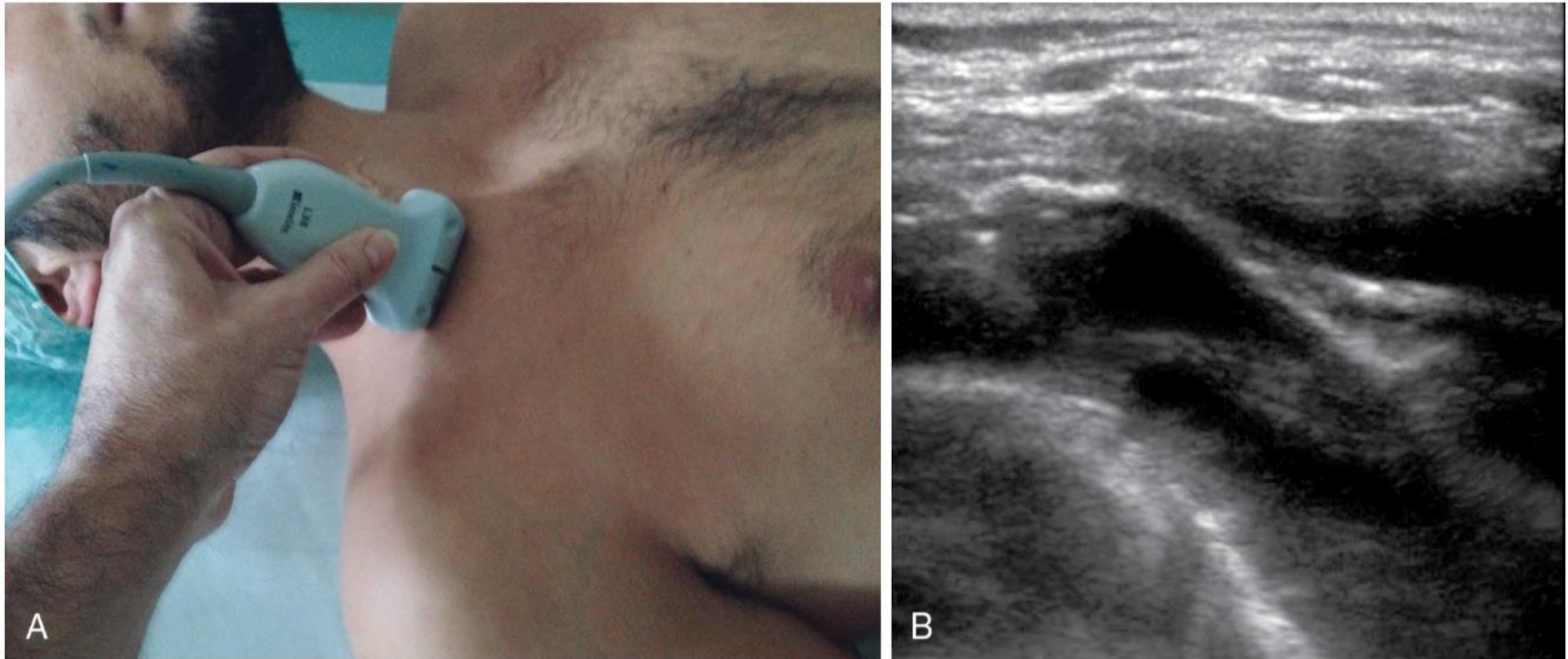
# Central vein assessment (2)



- A : Probe sliding down to the sternum
- B : Visualization of the lower tract of internal jugular vein and subclavian artery

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# Central vein assessment (3)

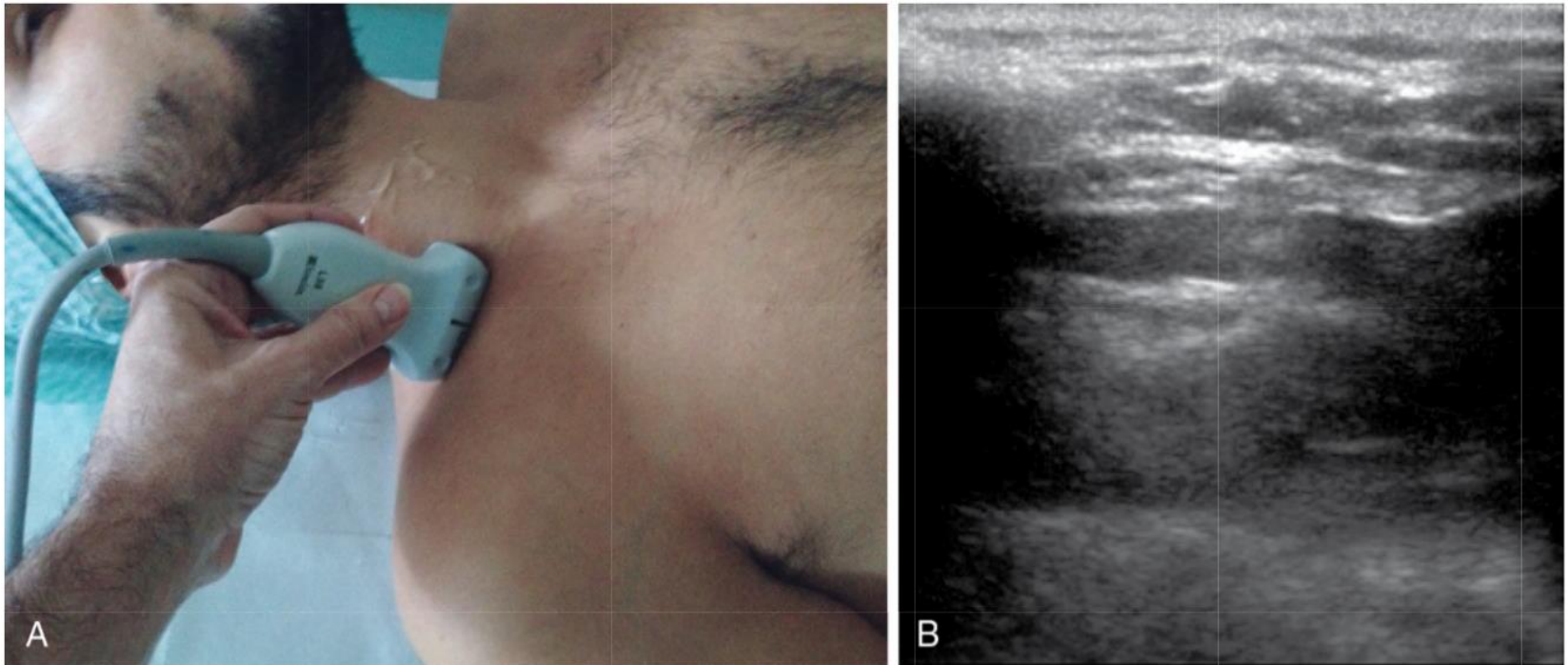


- A : Tilting the probe to an almost frontal plane
- B : Visualization of the brachiocephalic vein

*(Critical Care Ultrasound, 1e)*



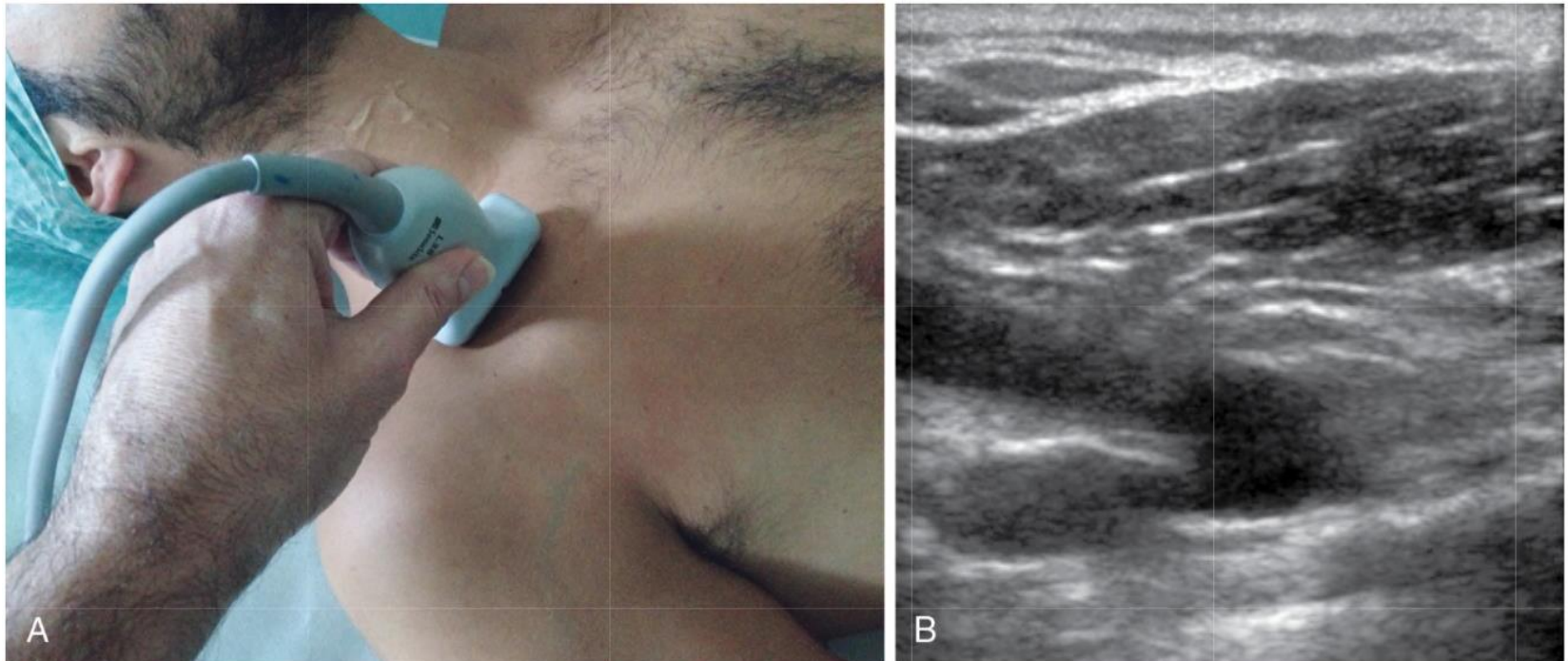
# Central vein assessment (4)



- A : Sliding the probe laterally above the clavicle
- B : Visualization of the subclavian vein and external jugular vein

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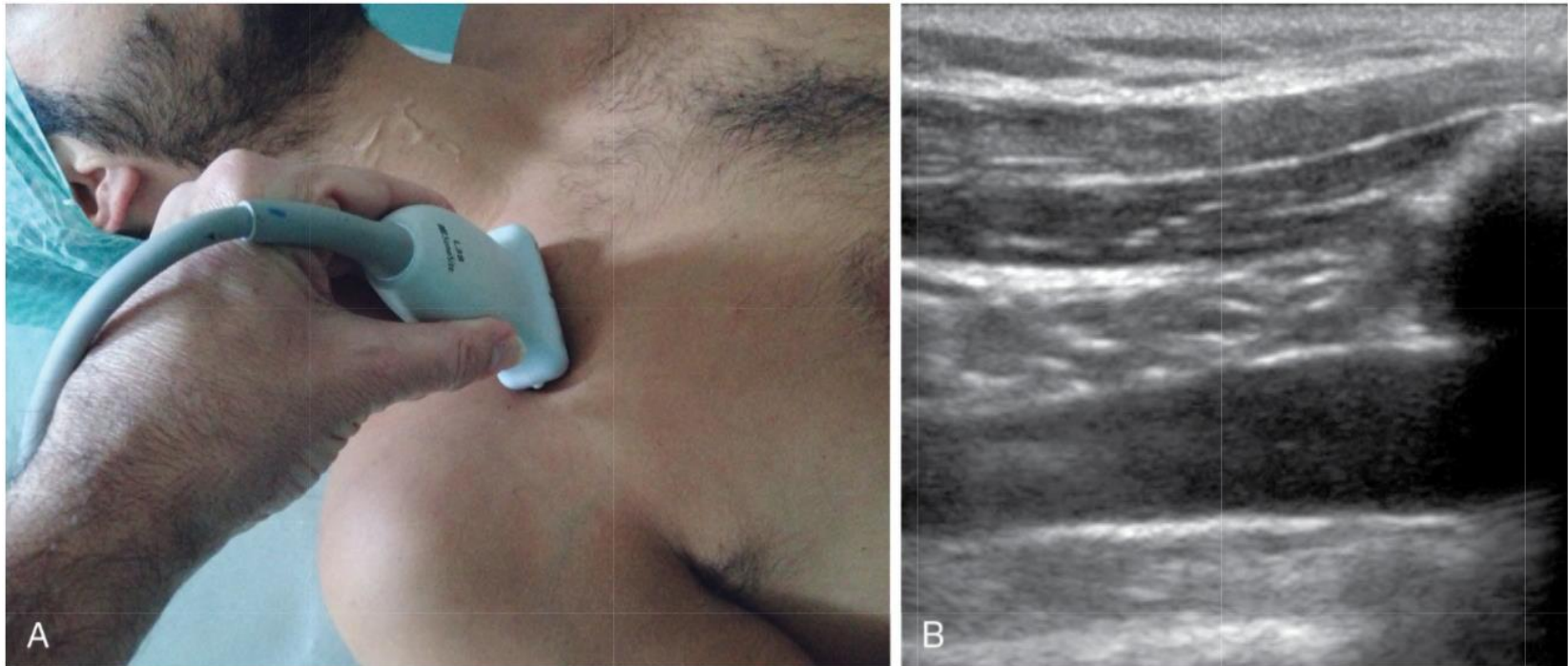
# Central vein assessment (5)



- A : Probe below the lateral third of the clavicle
- B : Visualization of the axillary vein, the axillary artery, and the cephalic vein

*(Critical Care Ultrasound, 1e)*

# Central vein assessment (6)



- A : Rotating the probe below the clavicle
- B : Visualization of the axillary vein in the long axis

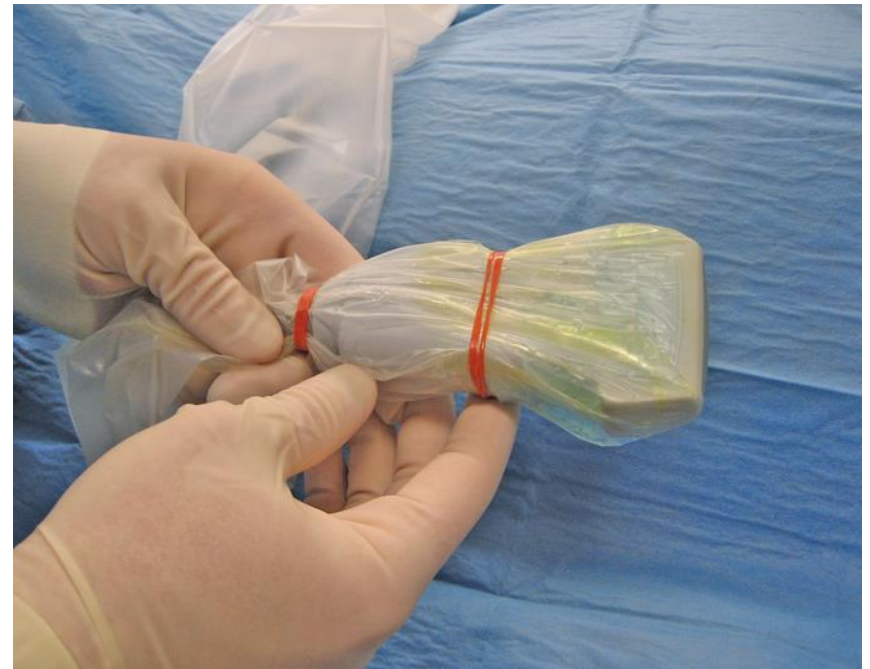
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# Probe preparation



Apply sterile probe cover over US probe



Secure the cover with rubber bands

*(Emergency Medicine Procedures, 2e)*

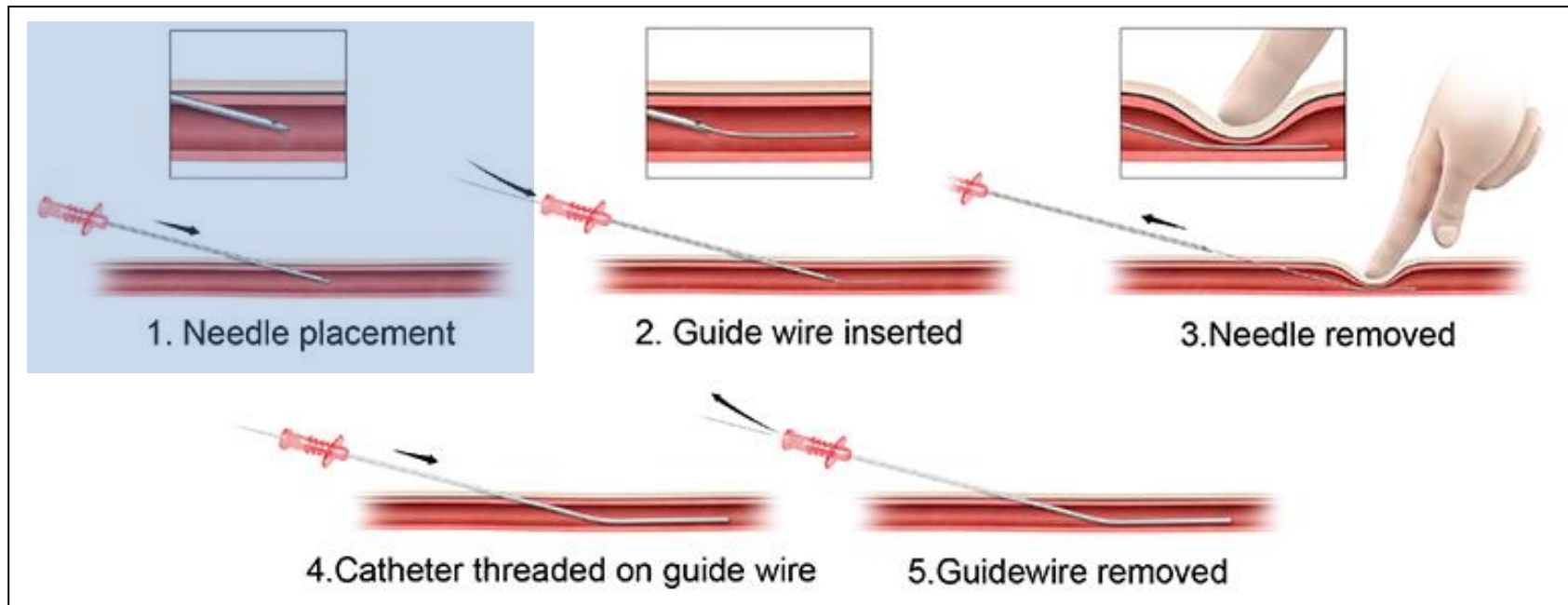
# Equipment setup



Ultrasound machine is placed downstream of the operator  
in a direct line of sight

*(Critical Care Ultrasound, 1e)*

# Seldinger technique



# Static vs Dynamic

- Static approach
  - uses ultrasound to determine the vessel location and patency, assess surrounding structures
  - mark the location to provide optimum placement for needle introduction.
  - Procedure without real-time ultrasound

# Static vs Dynamic

- Dynamic approach
  - Procedure is performed using real-time ultrasound observation of needle entry and placement
  - With a sterile technique that includes sterile gel and sterile probe covers
  - Superior to static approach in most situations



# One-Person vs Two-Person

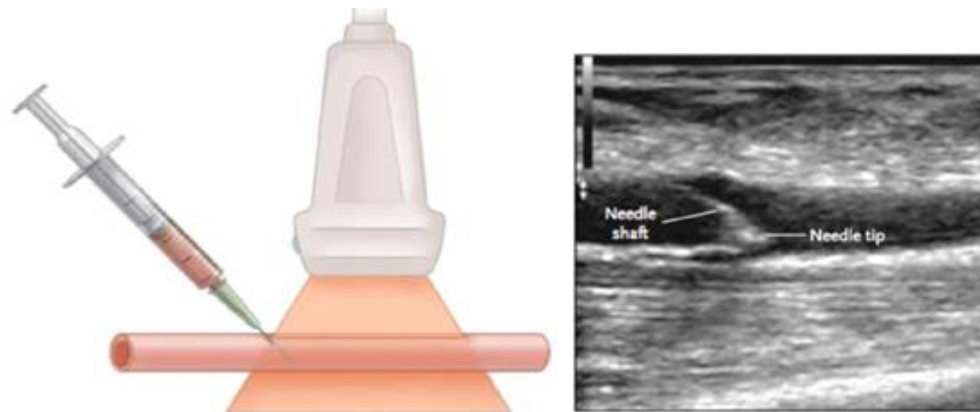
- Two-person dynamic approach
  - One person performs the ultrasound while another person performs the procedure
- One-person dynamic approach
  - The person performing the procedure holds needle with one hand while directing the ultrasound probe in the other hand
  - For most advanced practitioners

# One-Person dynamic approach

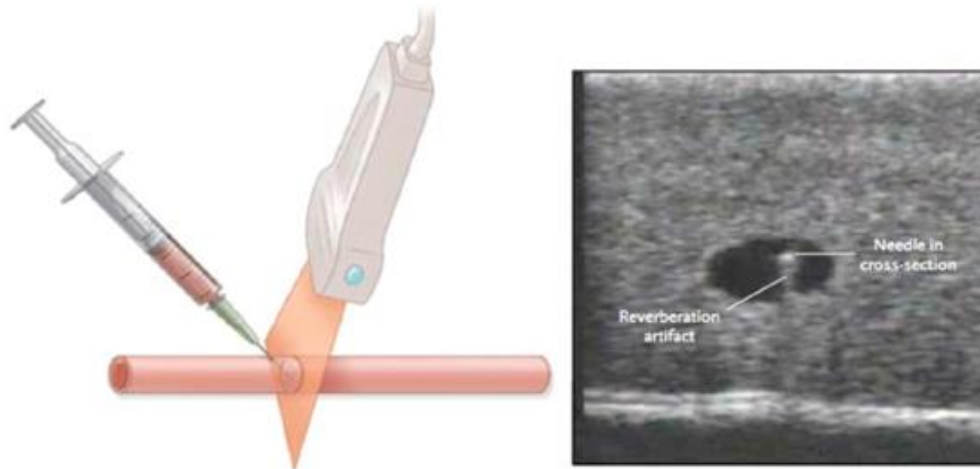


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# Planes of ultrasound visualization



In plane view of needle (Long axis of vessel)



Out of plane view of needle (Short axis of vessel)

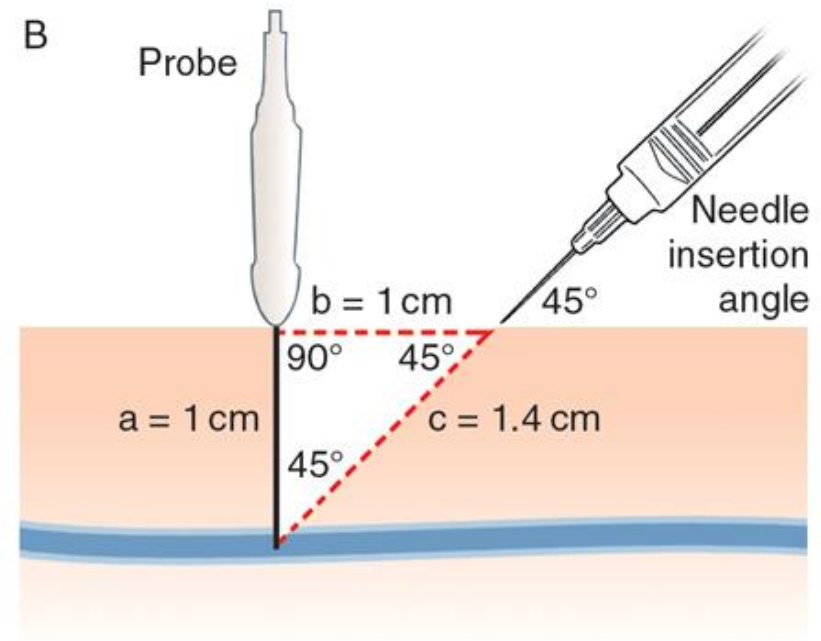
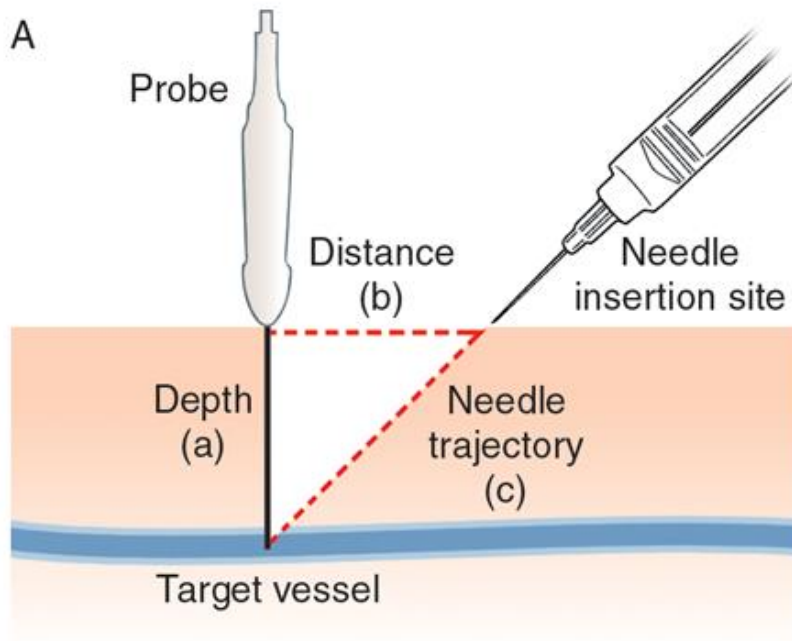
# Long-Axis vs Short-Axis

- Long-axis (in plane)
  - Continuous visualization of entire needle and tip
  - Precise real-time control
  - improve the safety of procedure
  - minimize inadvertent injury
  - More challenging with deeper structures
  - requires further training

# Long-Axis vs Short-Axis

- Short-axis (out of plane)
  - More widely used technique
  - Visualization of associated at-risk structures
  - Simultaneous anterior-posterior and medial-lateral views of the vessel
  - Position of needle tip is more difficult to ascertain
  - requires considerable experience and practice

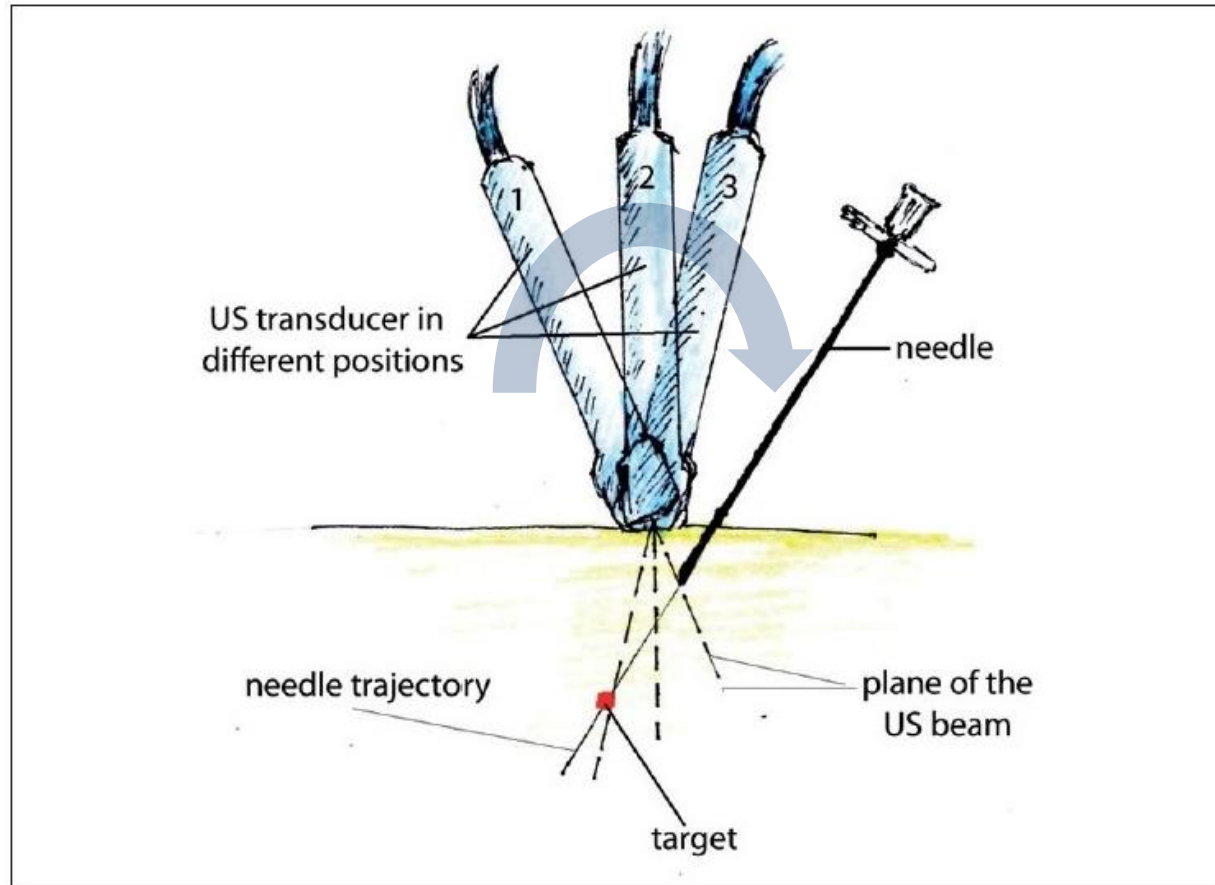
# Short axis approach



# Needle visualization

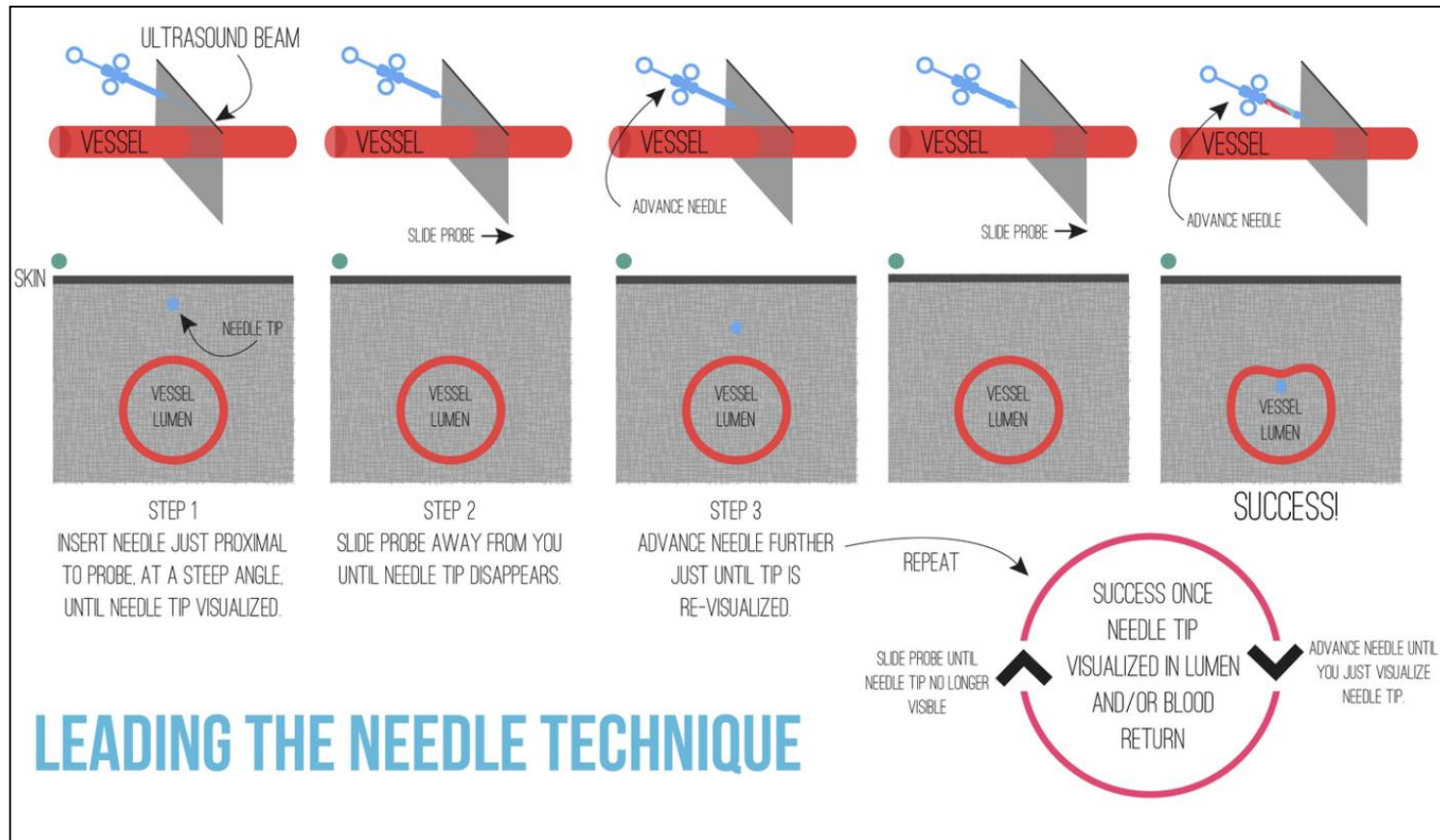
- Visualizing the tip of the needle
  - can be challenging, yet is essential
  - Especially during out of plane needle placement
- Improving tip of needle visualization
  - Gradual tilting of the probe
    - allows the operator to follow the tip of needle
  - Sliding a probe without tilting
    - alternative way of keeping needle tip in the view

# Needle visualization : tilting



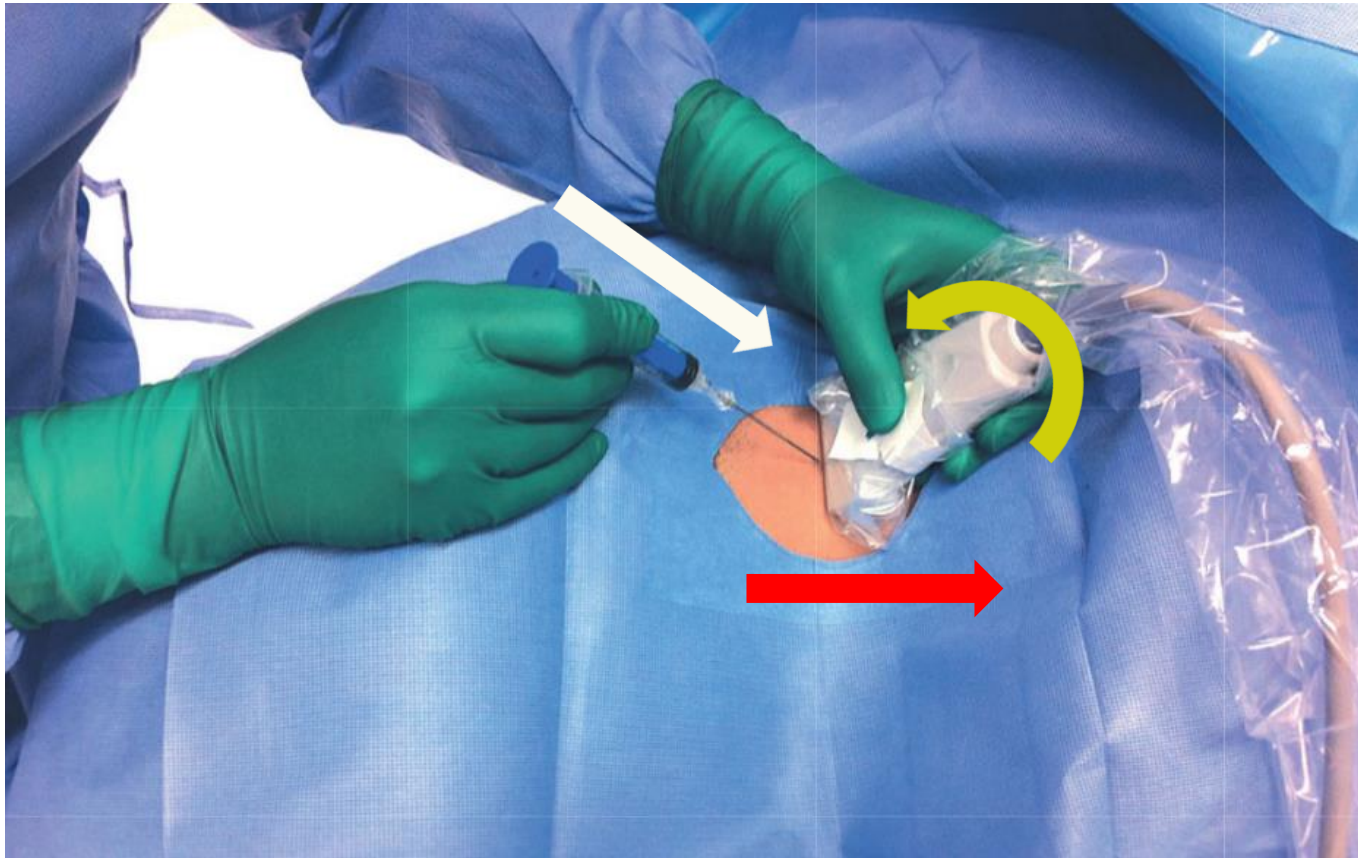


# Needle visualization : sliding



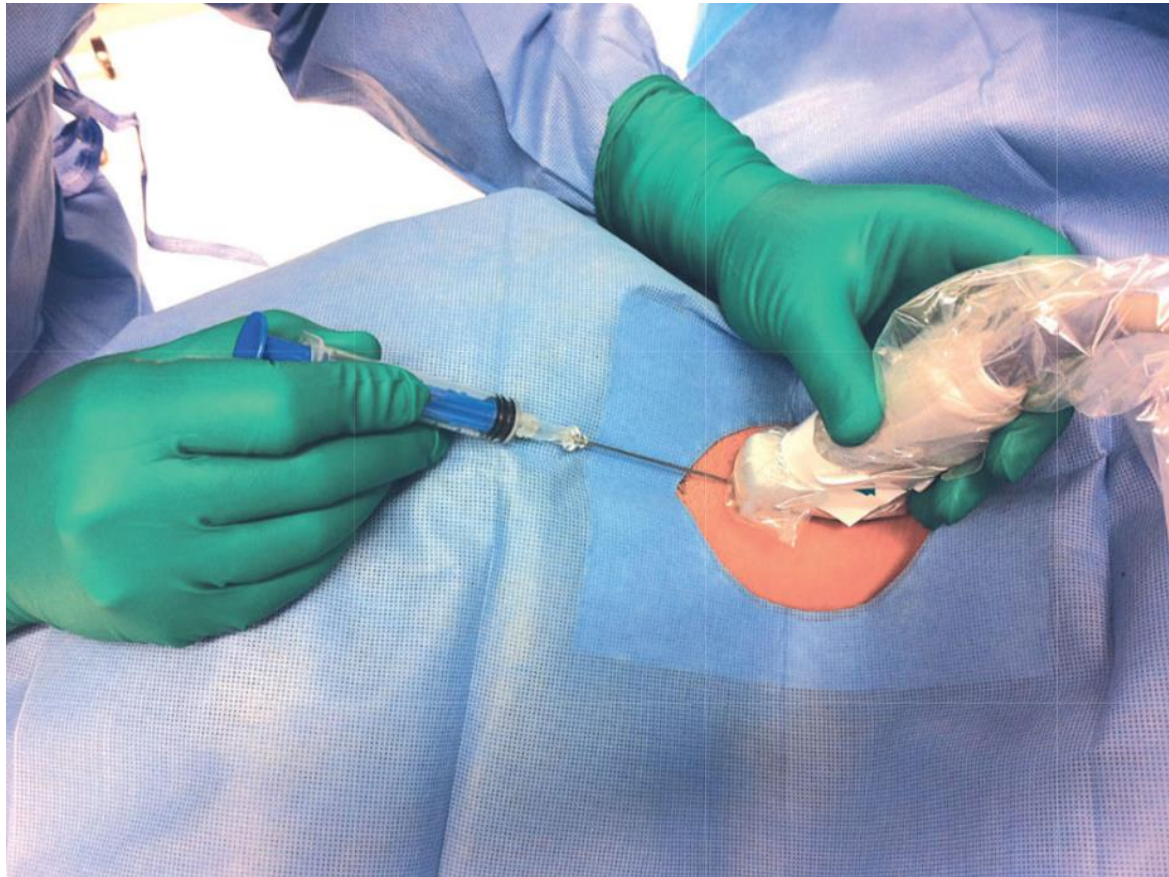
(Ultrasound Leadership Academy, 2014)

# Short axis dynamic approach



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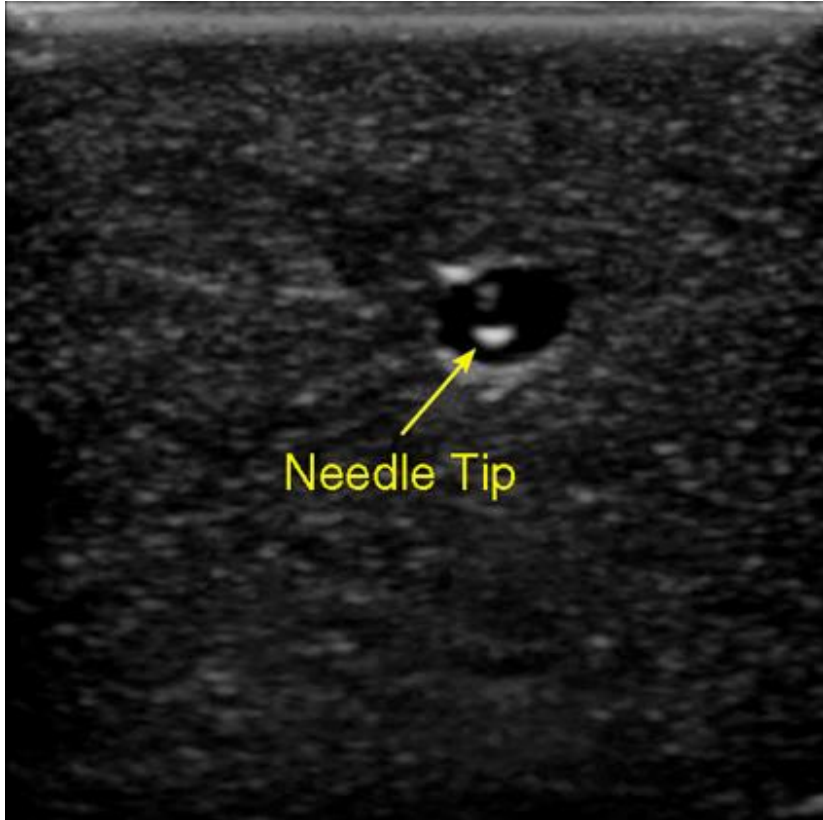
# Long axis dynamic approach



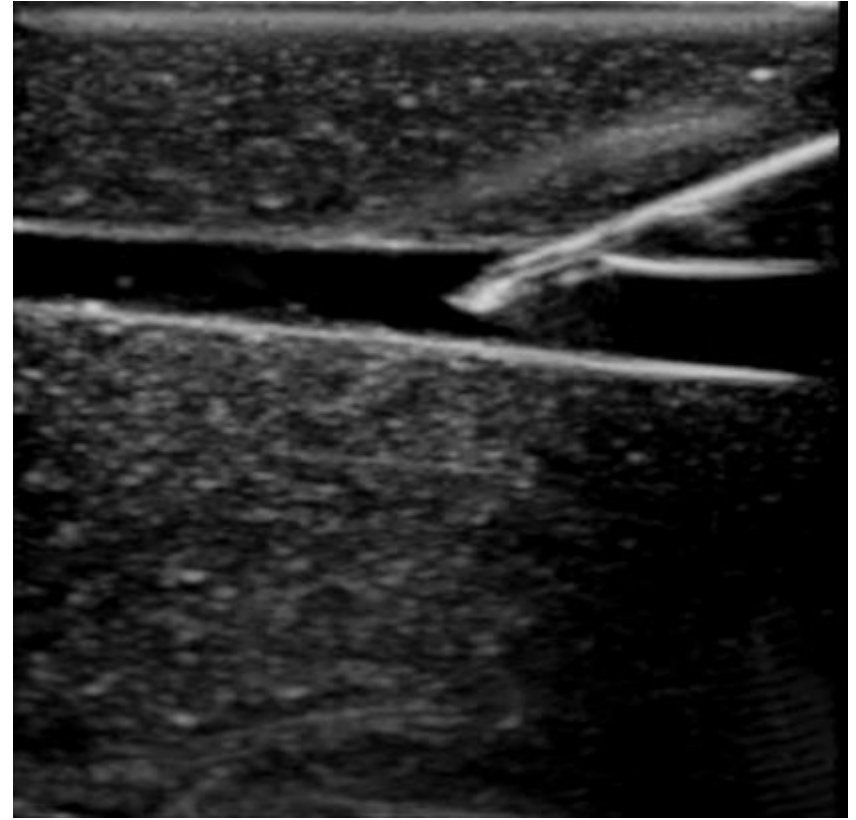
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# Needle visualization



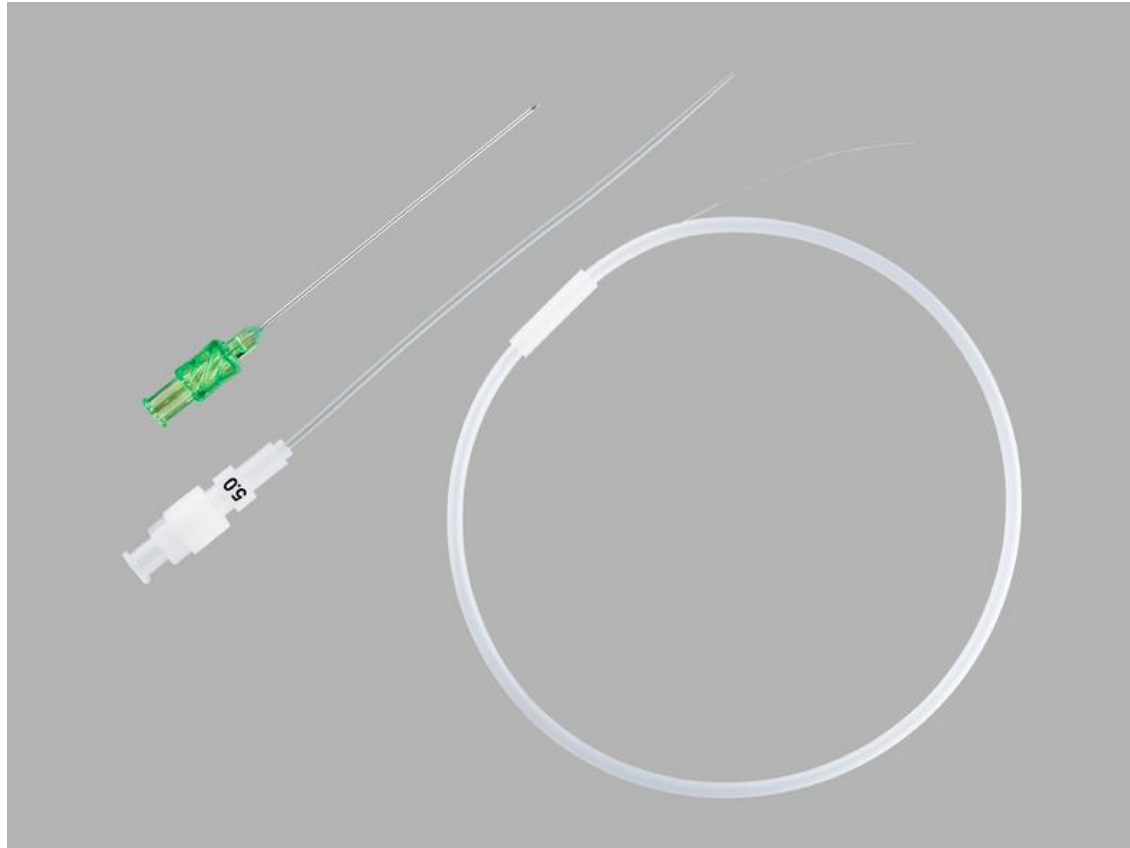
Short axis



Long axis

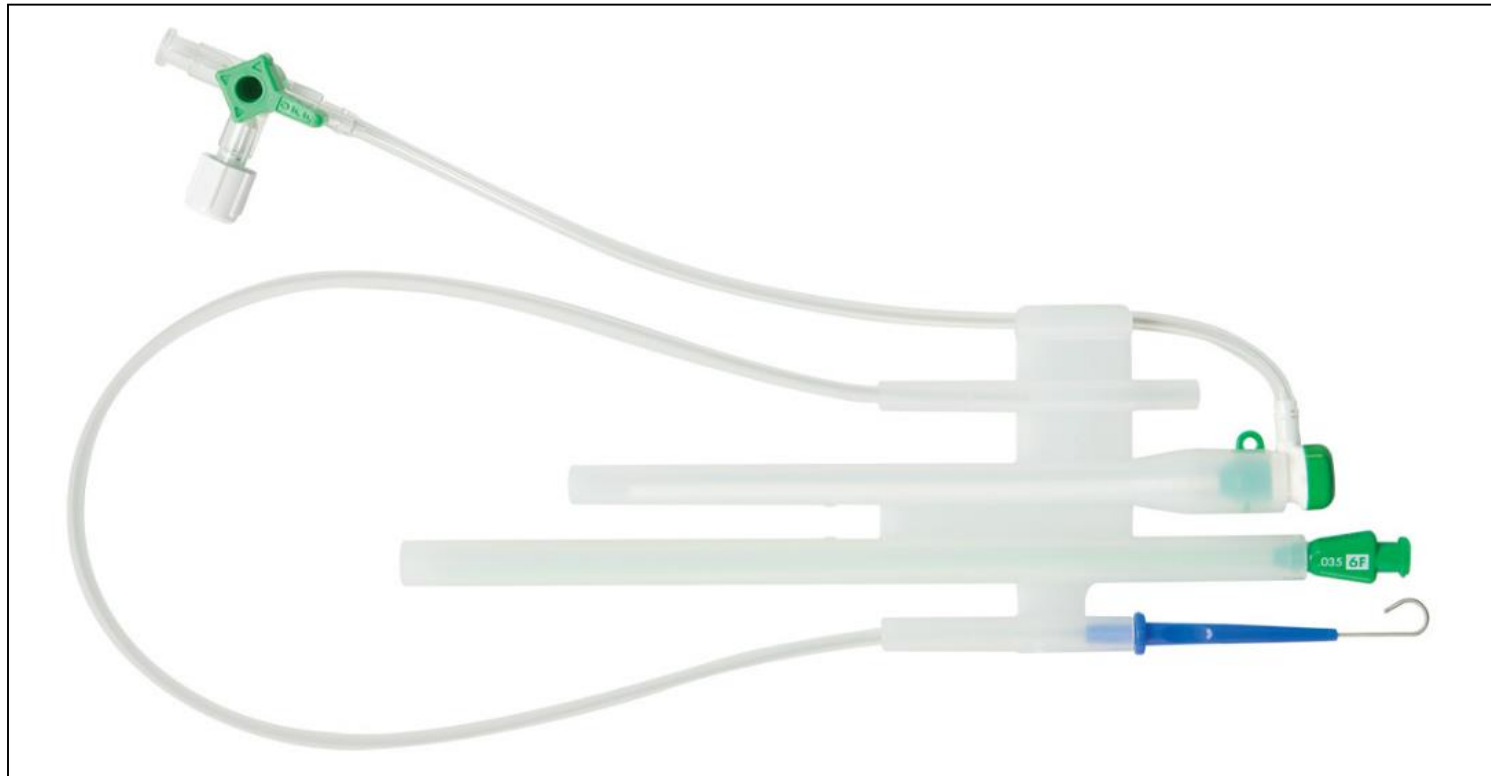
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# Micropuncture Access



Needle : 21G, 7cm; Guide wire : 0.018", 40cm; Catheter : 4~5Fr, 10cm

# Vascular sheath



Sheath : 4~8Fr, 7~10cm; Guide wire : 0.035", 50cm

# Internal Jugular Vein Cannulation

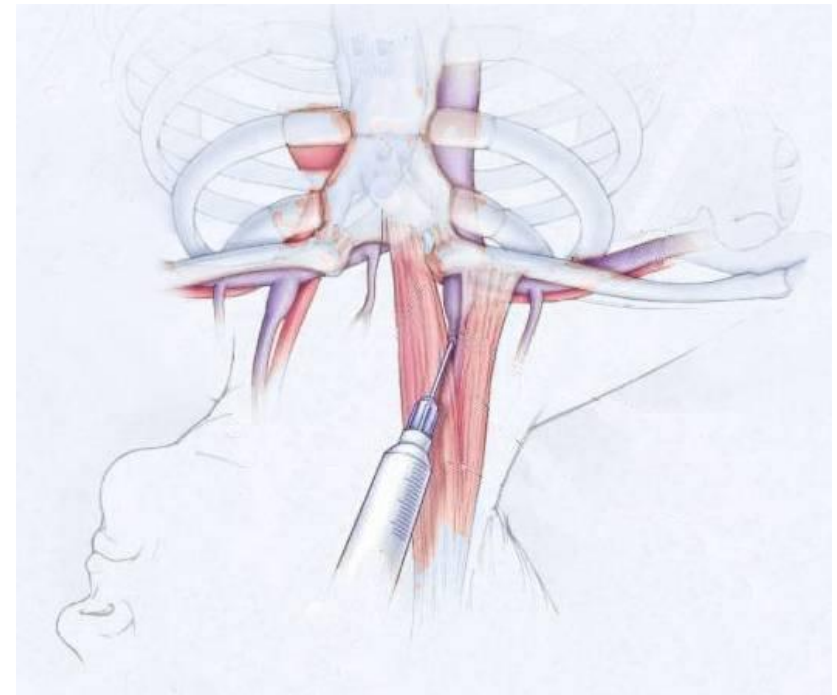
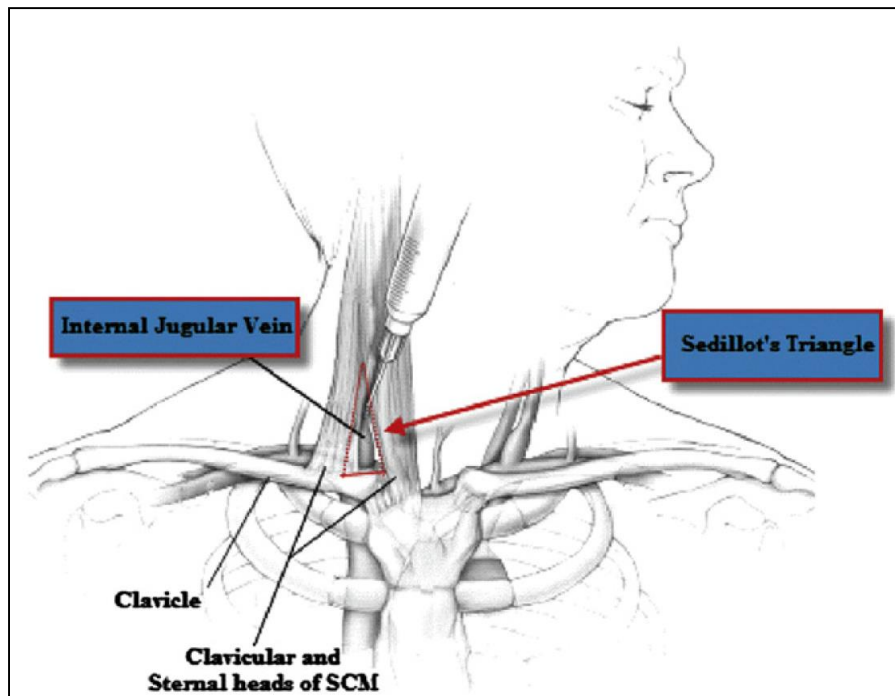
- USG is recommended
  - Higher success rate on the first needle pass
  - Reduced complications from collateral damage
  - Decreased procedural time

# Internal Jugular Vein Cannulation

- USG is recommended
  - Failure rate of 7~19% has been demonstrated with traditional anatomic landmark approaches
  - Success rate of less than 25% per attempt has been reported when initial blind punctures have failed
  - Anatomic variability in 36% of the population
  - Puncture of carotid artery with even 21G needle can lead to catastrophic sequela



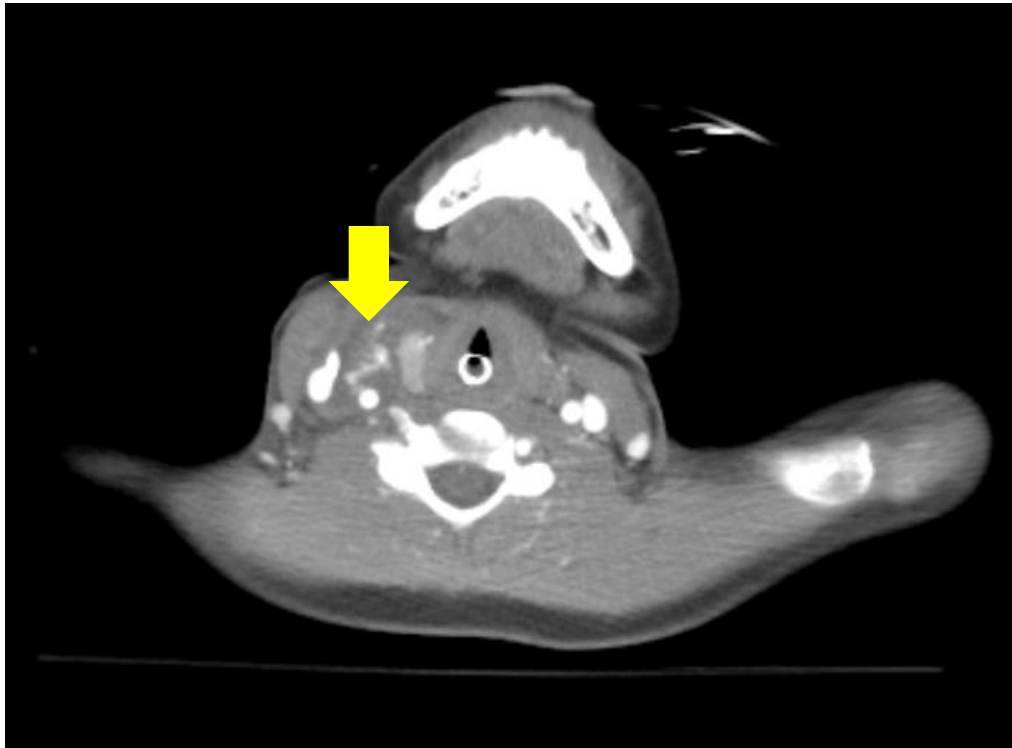
# Anatomic landmark



# Variable overlap btw CCA & RIJV

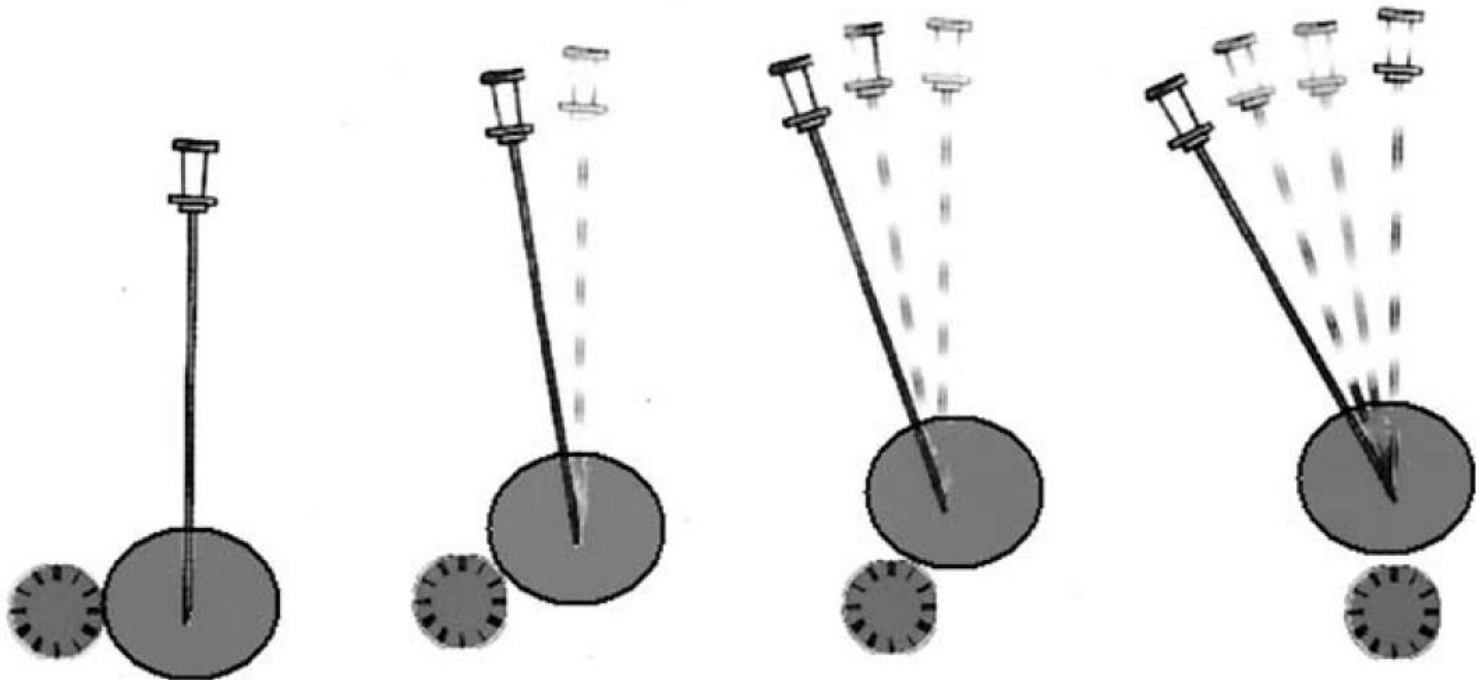


# Inadvertent puncture



Active bleeding in the right common carotid artery

# Transducer positioning

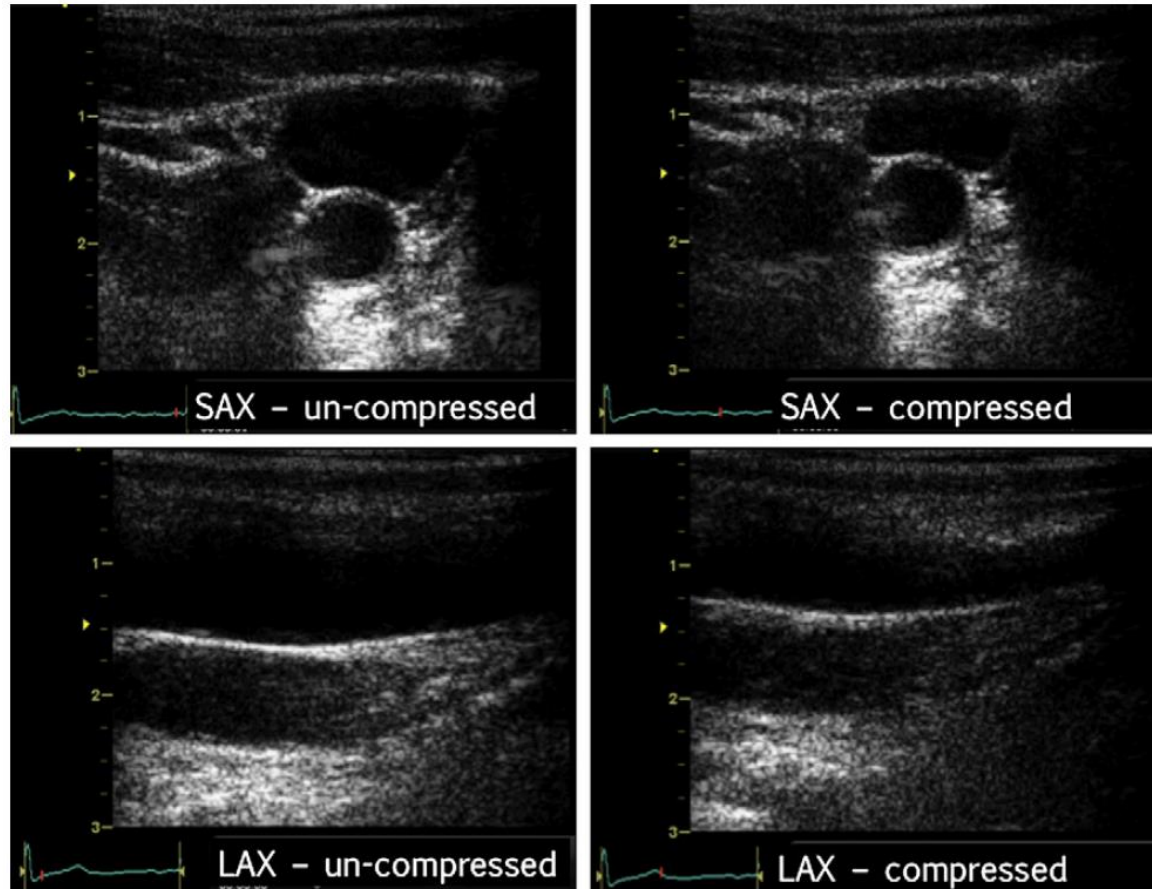


*(Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol. 2005 May-Jun;28(3):303-6.)*

# Internal Jugular Vein Cannulation

- Long axis approach
  - Precise control of the needle should lessen the likelihood of arterial or pleural puncture
  - provide a more conveniently located exit site in the lower part of the neck
- Short axis approach
  - More commonly used
  - usually results in a midneck exit site with potential difficulty in securement and dressings

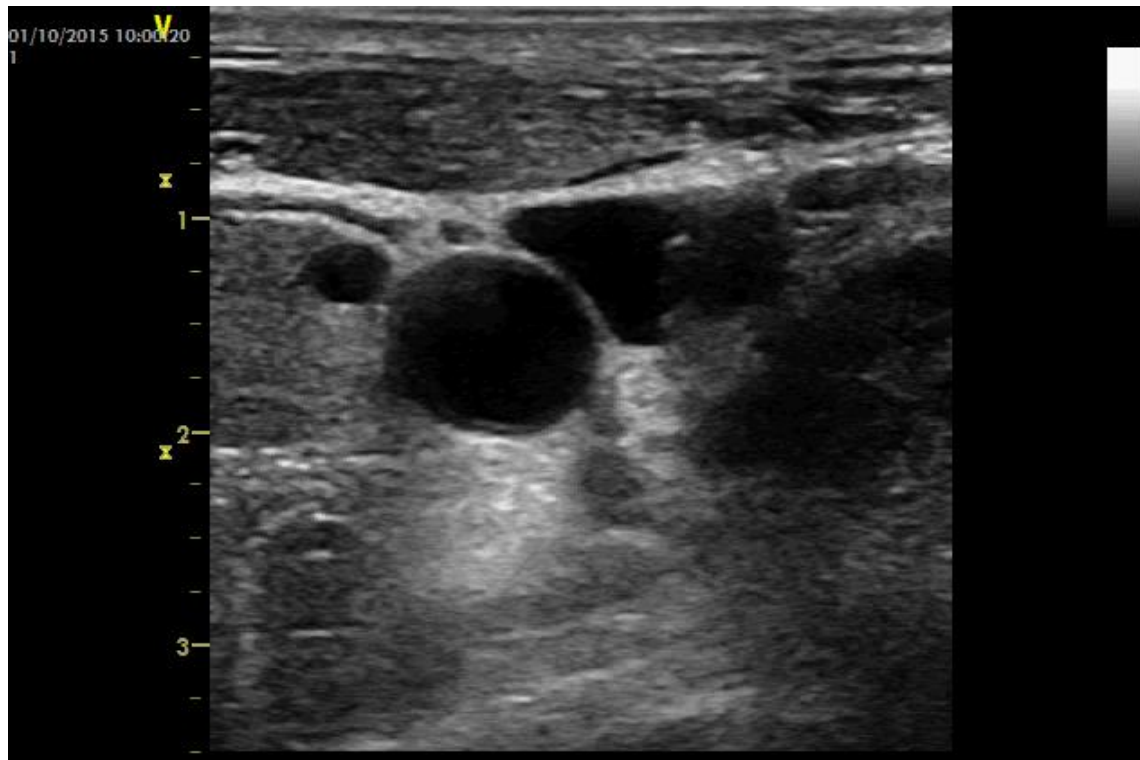
# Vessel identification



*(J Am Soc Echocardiogr 2011;24:1291-318.)*



# Needle placement



Short axis approach

# Guide wire confirmation



Short axis

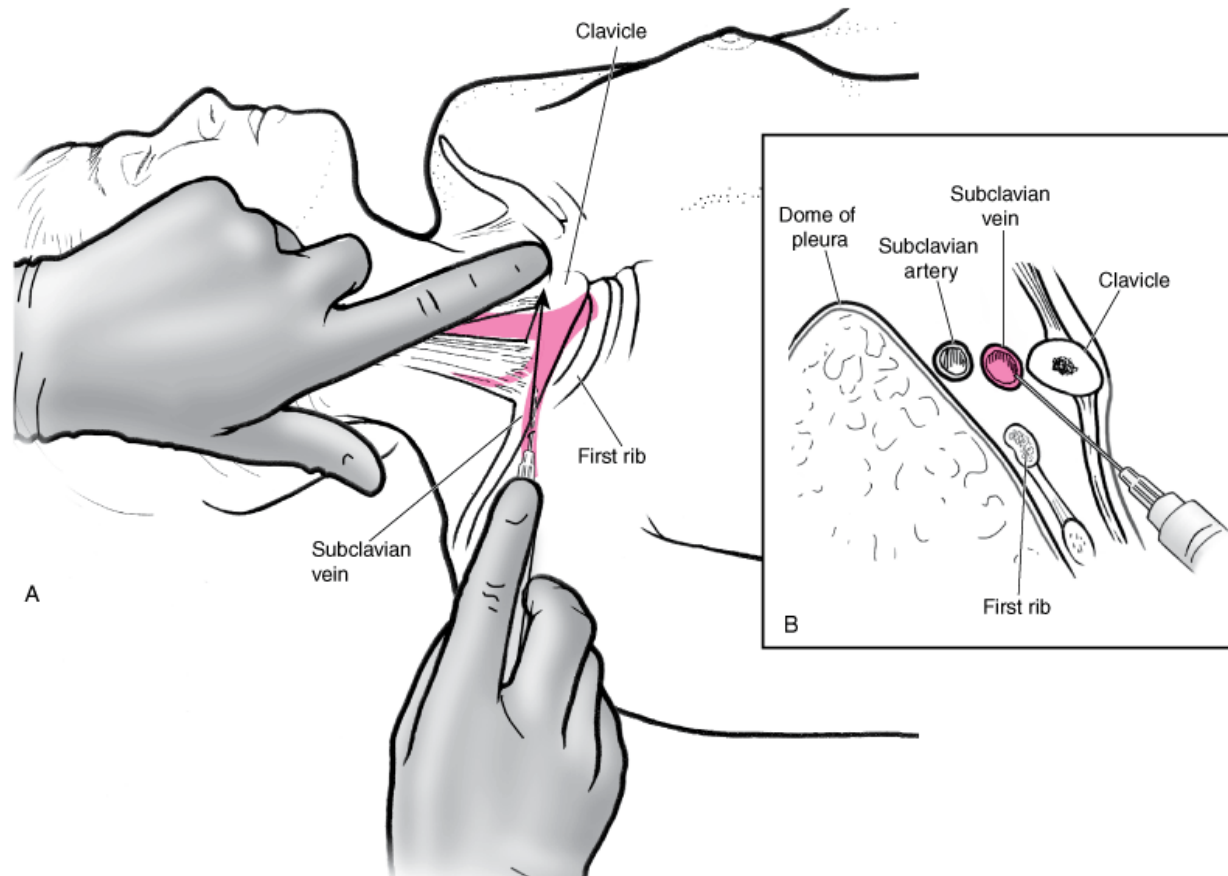


Long axis

# Subclavian Vein Cannulation

- Routine use of USG is not mandated
  - Most of its course lies behind the clavicle, which impedes ultrasound visualization
  - SCV is close to the pleura, subclavian artery, and brachial plexus
  - Landmark-based techniques for SCV cannulation are associated with up to 12% complication

# Anatomic landmark



*(Emergency Medicine Procedures, 2e)*

# Subclavian Vein Cannulation

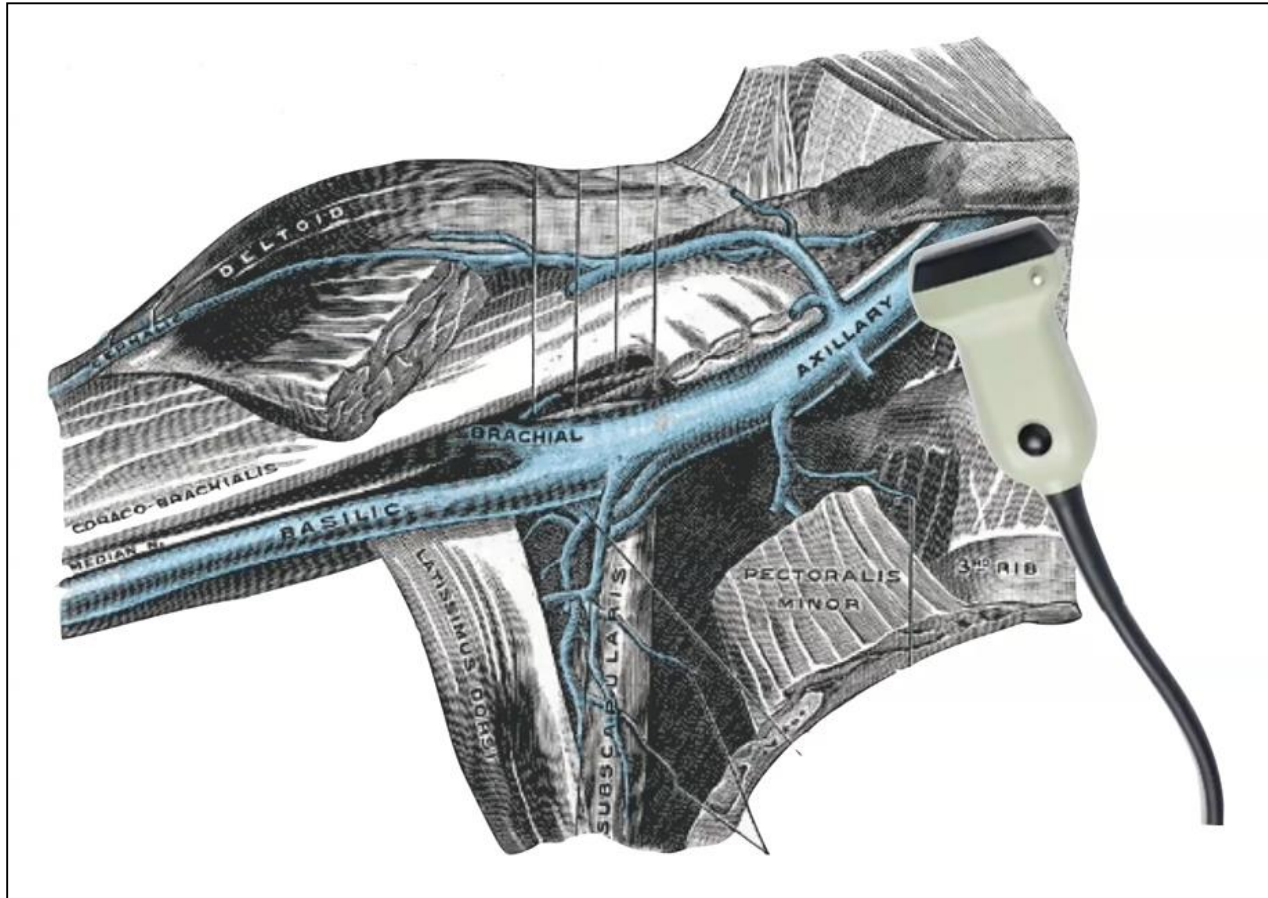
- Axillary vein
  - Many clinicians are actually accessing axillary vein
  - SCV is the continuation of the axillary vein and runs from the apex of the axilla across the first rib in the subclavian groove
  - lies entirely outside the rib cage

# Subclavian Vein Cannulation

- Axillary vein
  - Infra-clavicular approach
    - Easy visualization with ultrasound
  - Greater distance between the pleura and vein
    - avoid pleural or lung damage
  - Real-time needle visualization
    - avoid injury to axillary artery and brachial plexus

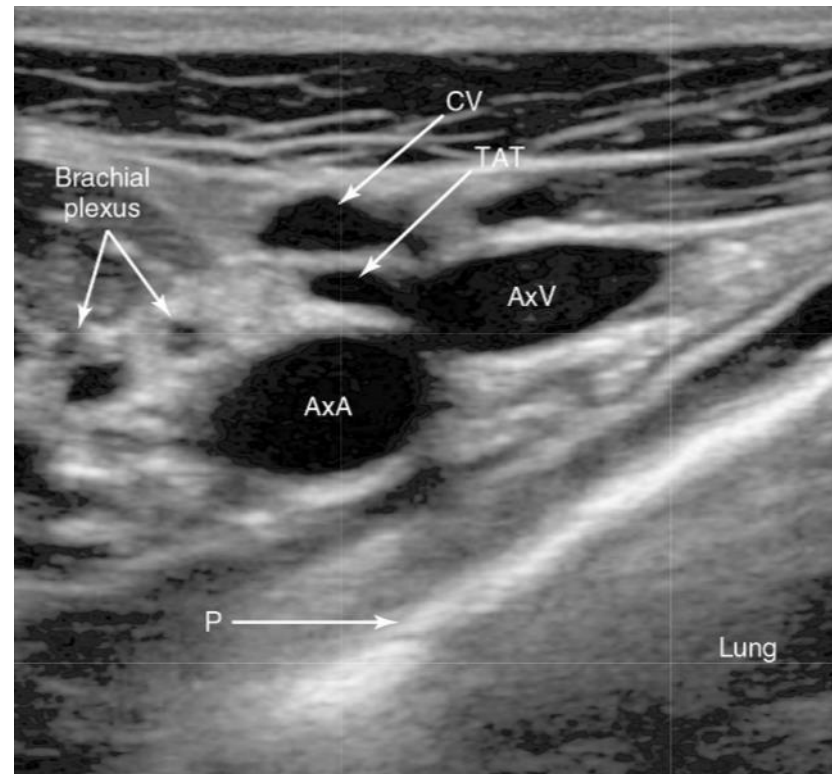


# Infra-clavicular approach



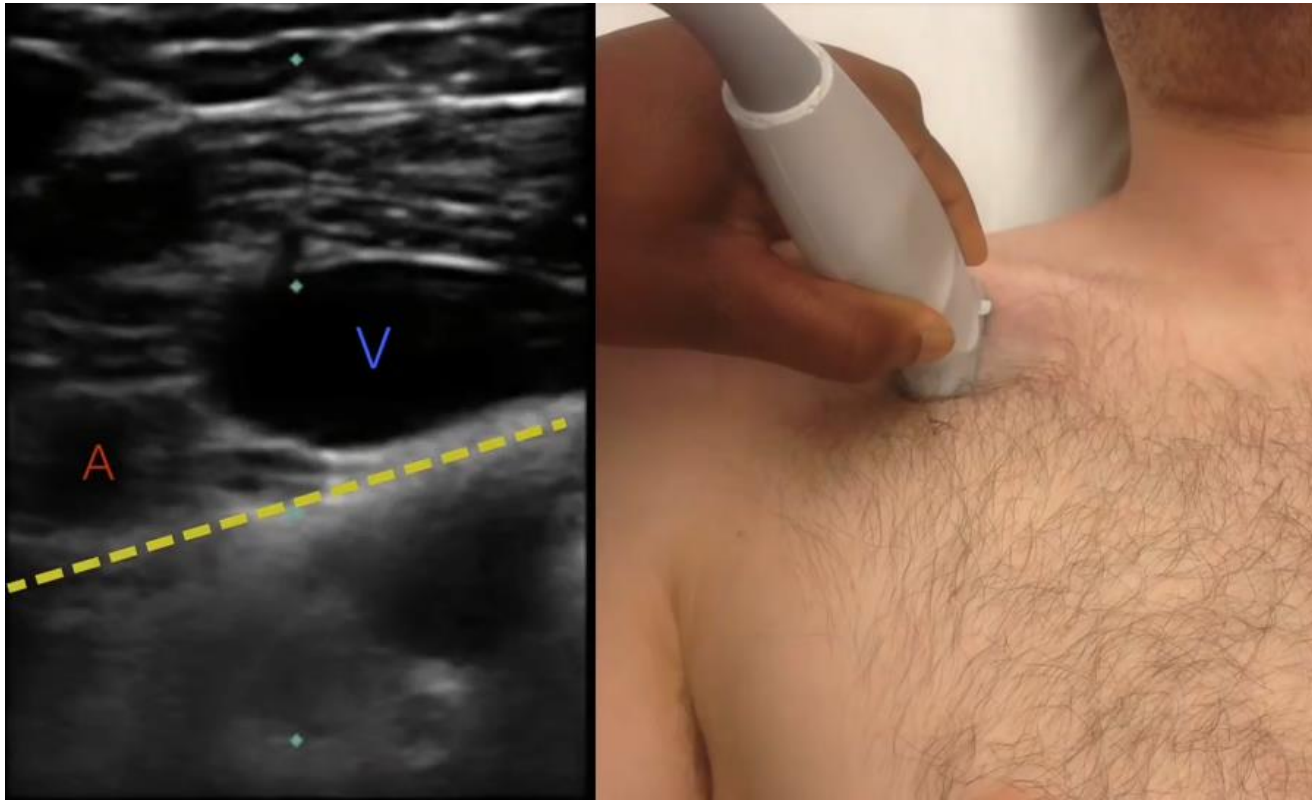
*(Grant's Atlas of Anatomy)*

# Infra-clavicular approach



Right axillary artery (AxA) and vein (AxV) with the thoracoacromial trunk (TAT) branch in front, the cephalic vein (CV), and the pleura (P)

# Short axis view



Axillary artery and vein over pleura

# Long axis view



Axillary artery

# Long axis view



Axillary vein

# Needle placement

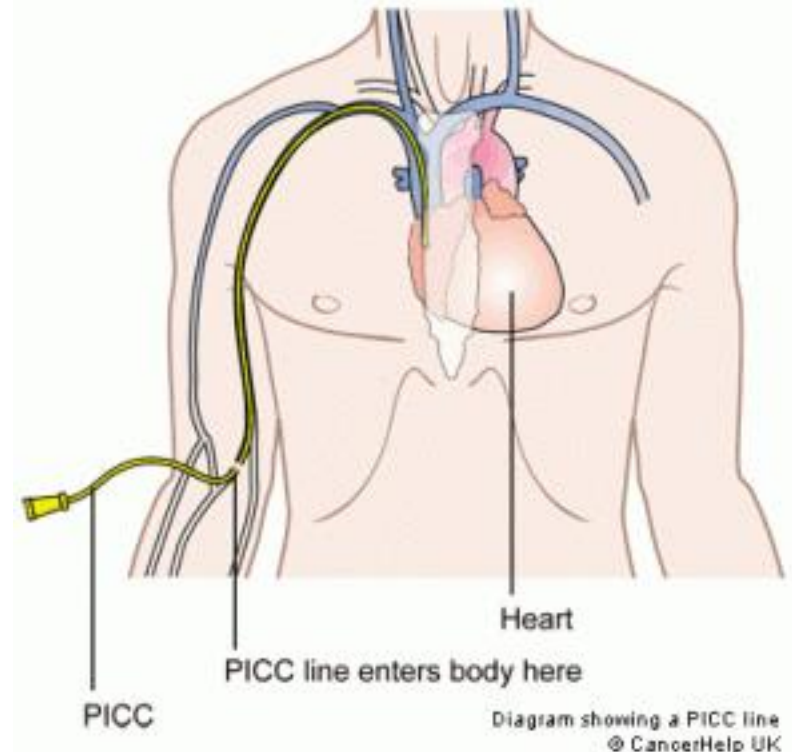


Long axis approach



# PICC

- Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter
- The need for prolonged intravenous therapy
- Insertion under US guidance into upper arm vein using modified Seldinger technique
- By radiologist, under fluoroscopy guidance



# Upper arm veins

- Basilic vein
  - Most frequently accessed vein
  - runs in the groove between the humerus and the biceps muscle
  - usually has a large diameter (4~6 mm)
  - is located rather superficially (depth :10~25 mm)
  - Relatively distant from arteries and major nerves

# Upper arm veins

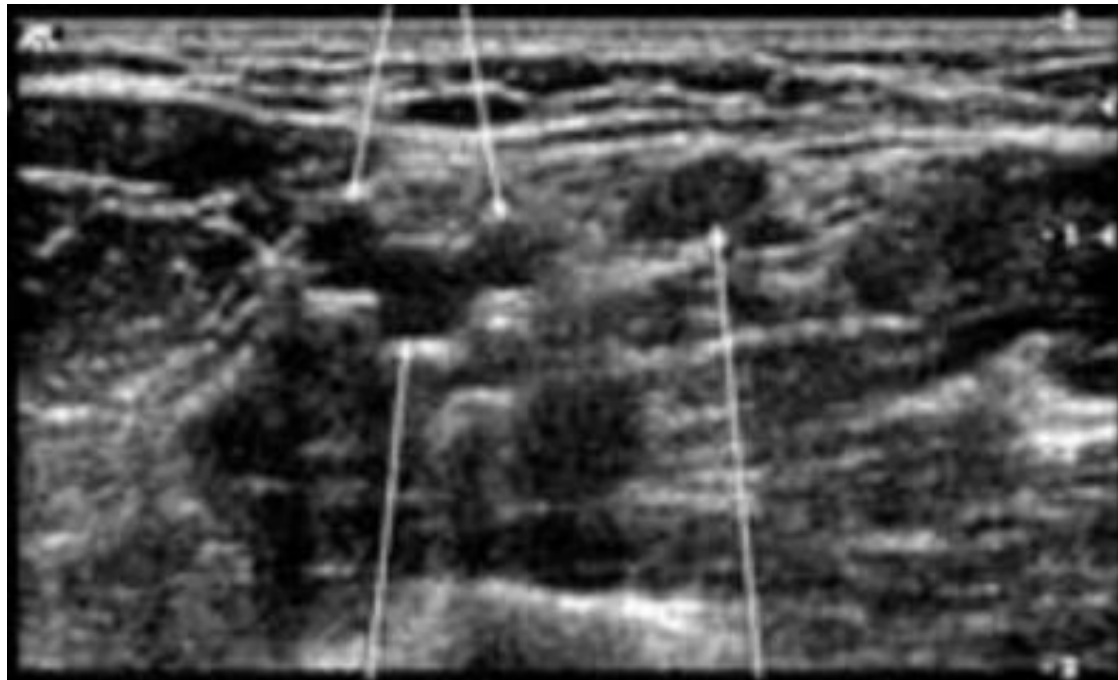
- Brachial veins
  - Alternative option
  - generally travel close to the brachial artery and the median nerve
  - Their number may range between two and four
  - are smaller (with diameters ranging from 1 to 4 mm)
  - usually travel medially and deeper than basilic vein

# Upper arm veins

- Cephalic vein
  - Along the lateral side of the upper part of the arm quite superficially
  - displays a nonlinear trajectory
  - is not appropriate for PICC insertion

# Upper arm veins

## Brachial Veins



Brachial Artery

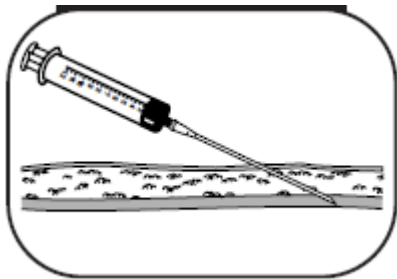
Basilic Vein

# Choice of appropriate vein

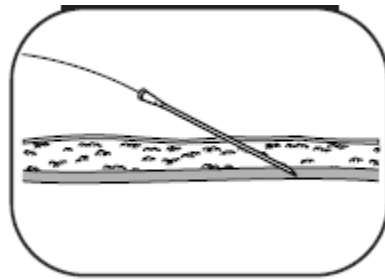
- Location
  - Mid to upper part of arm
  - Not deeper than 30 mm from surface of skin
- Size
  - At least 3X larger than catheter's size
    - To minimize the risk for venous thrombosis
  - Vein diameter (mm) should be larger than external diameter of catheter in Fr units
    - 3 Fr catheter should be placed in a vein 3 mm or larger



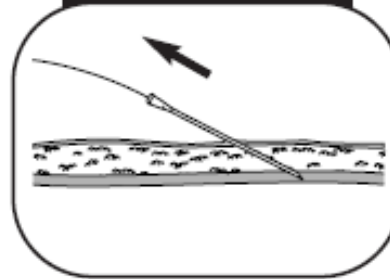
# Modified Seldinger Technique



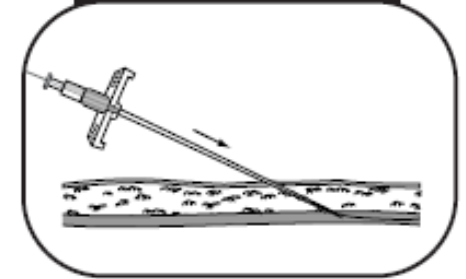
Venipuncture with small-gauze needle



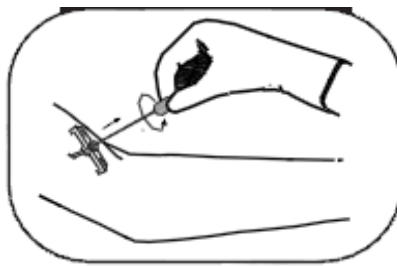
Insertion of thin guide wire through needle



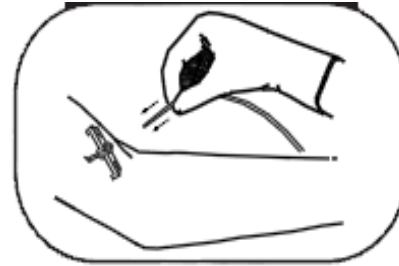
Removal of needle



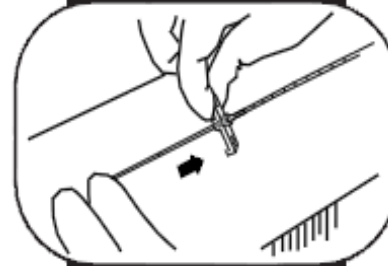
Insertion of microintroducer-dilator over the guide wire



Removal of wire & dilator



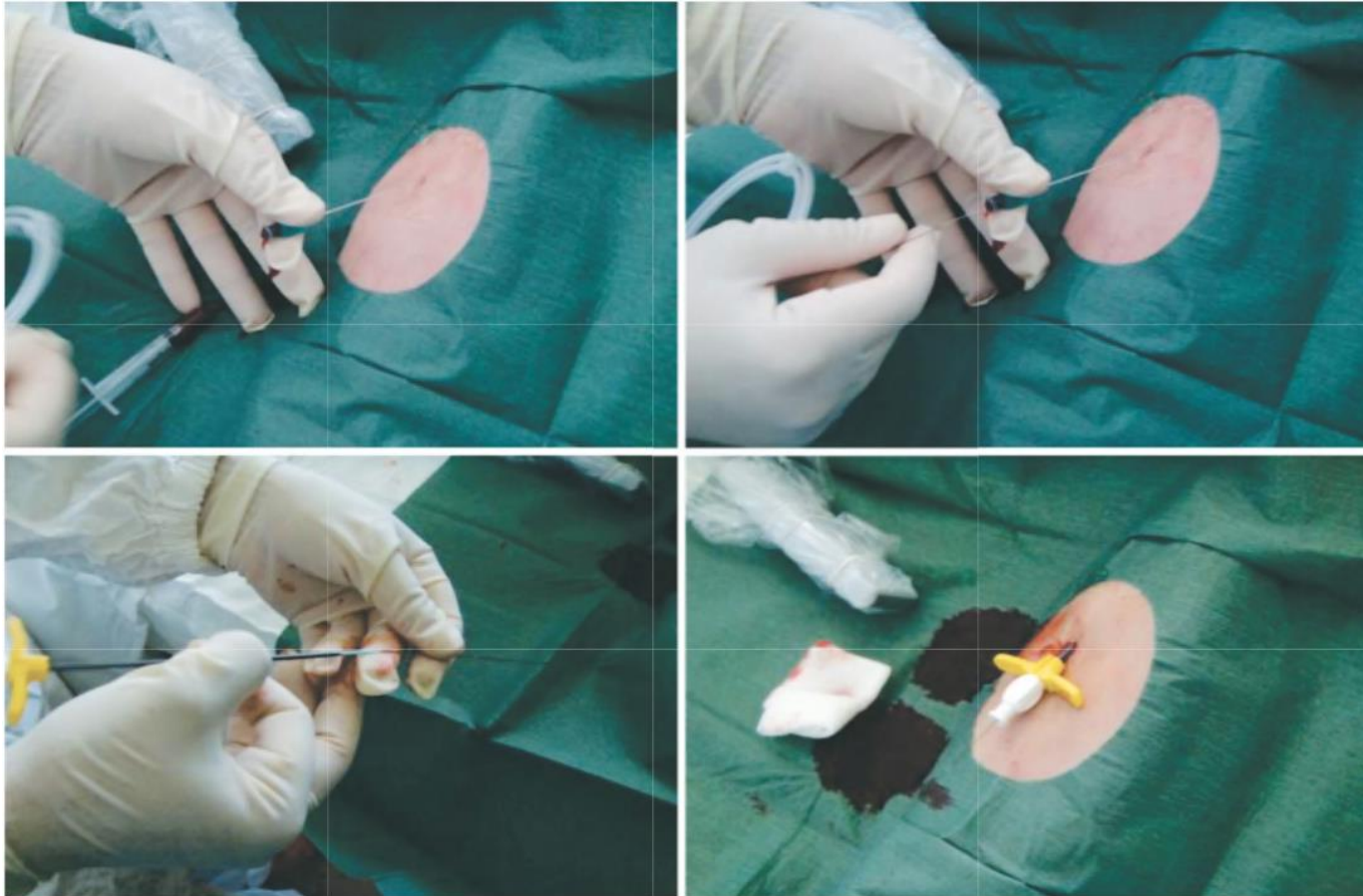
Insertion of catheter through introducer



Retraction & removal of microintroducer sheath



# Modified Seldinger Technique



*(Critical Care Ultrasound, 1e)*

# Correct tip positioning

- Malposition : 7.9%

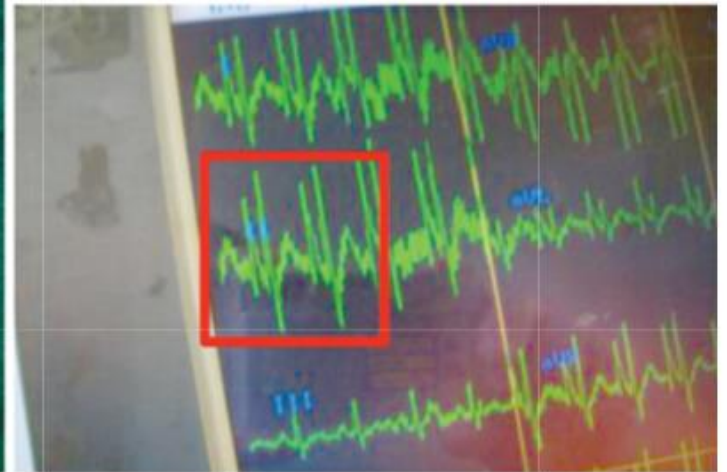
*(Exp Ther Med. 2013 Oct; 6(4): 891–893)*

- Ipsilateral IJV should be compressed
  - to facilitate passage of catheter from subclavian vein into brachiocephalic vein
- Ultrasound scan
  - Absence of the catheter in the IJV on both sides
  - TTE : guide wire in RA, A4C view

# Method for assessing tip position

- Fluoroscopy
  - unavailable in ICU
- Portable X-ray
- Intracavitary ECG
  - Real-time intra-procedural assessment of catheter tip positioning
  - uses the catheter itself as an intra-cavitary electrode
  - Inexpensive, effective, simple and safe

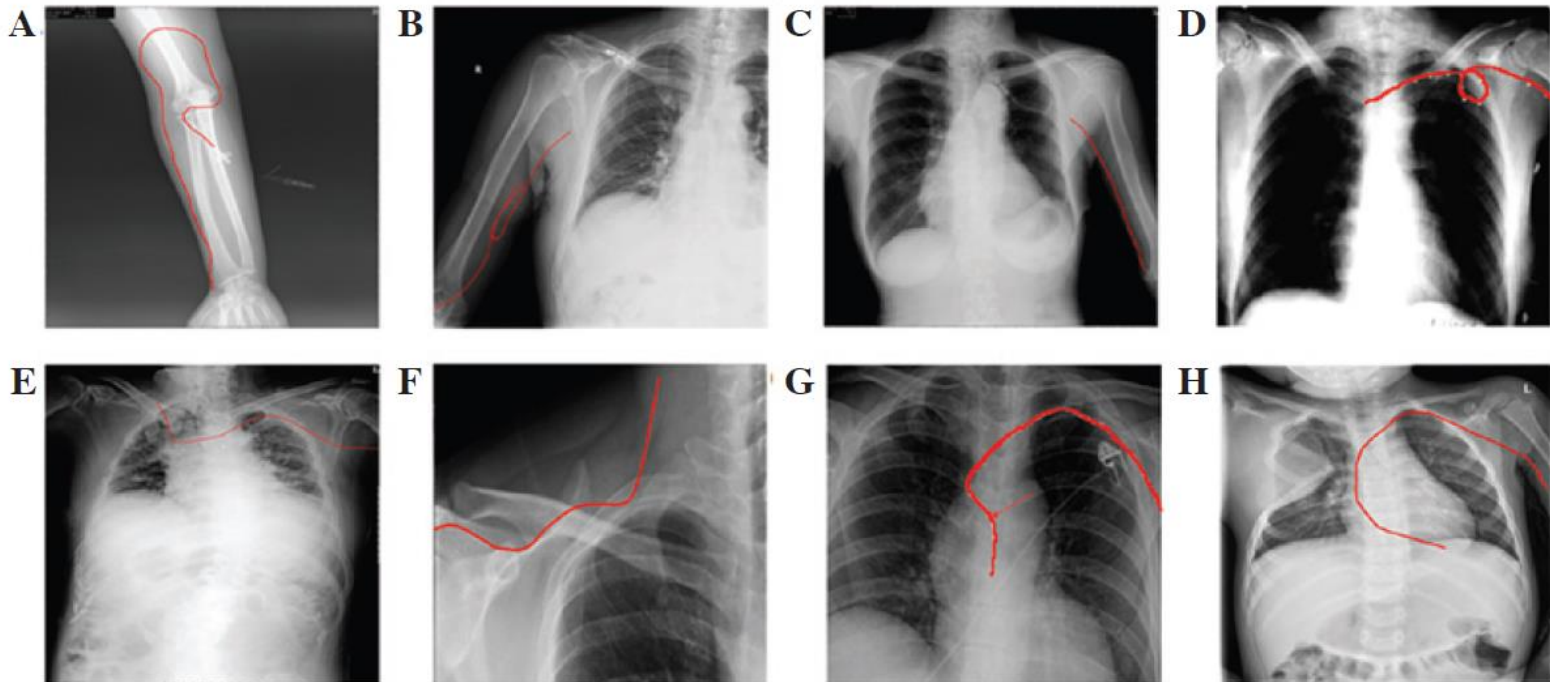
# Intracavitary ECG



Maximal height of P-wave detectable when the catheter tip is at cavo-atrial junction

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# Malpositions of PICC



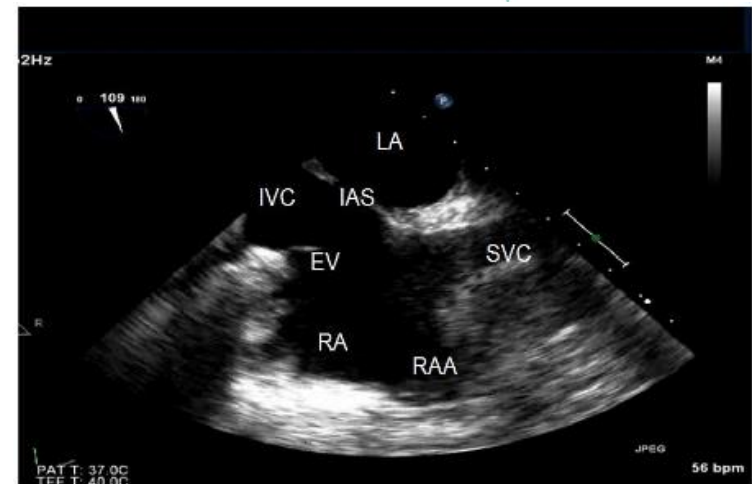
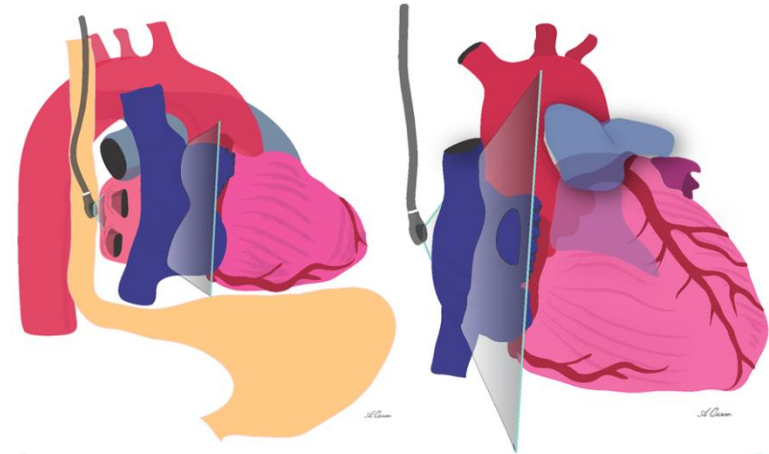
(A) bending in forearm; (B) bending in basilic vein; (C) stopping at armpit;  
(D) bending in subclavian vein; (E) entering contralateral subclavian vein;  
(F) entering jugular vein; (G) entering azygos vein; (H) entering right ventricle

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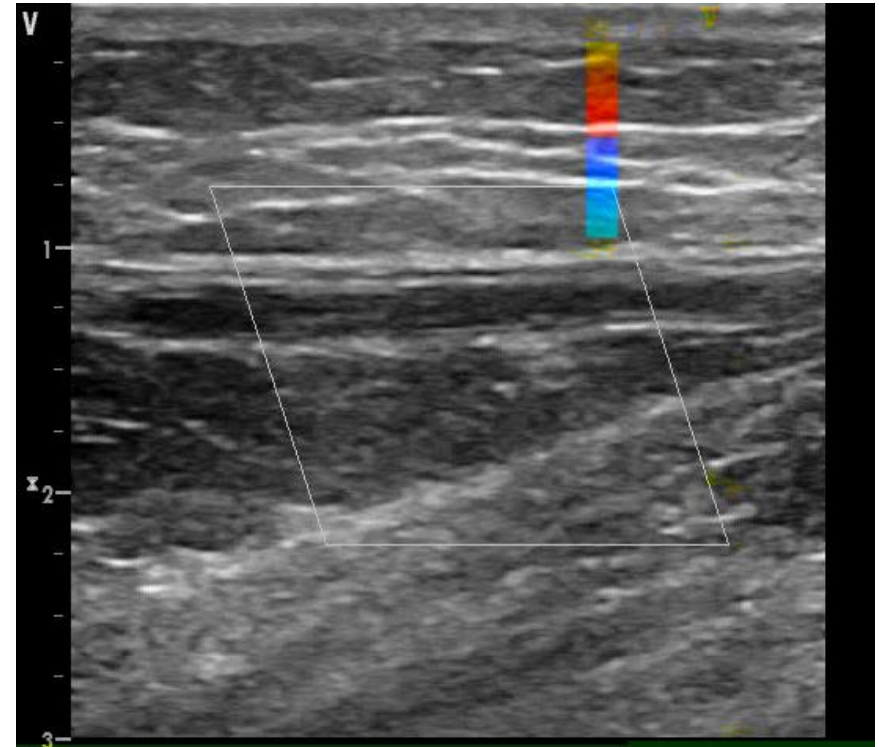
# TEE : Mid-esophageal Bicaval View

- Mid-esophageal view (30cm)
- Multiplane angle forward to  $90^{\circ}$  to  $110^{\circ}$
- Rotate the probe clockwise (toward right sided structures)
- View to look for PFOs, ASDs
- Excellent view to evaluate SVC, RA, IVC



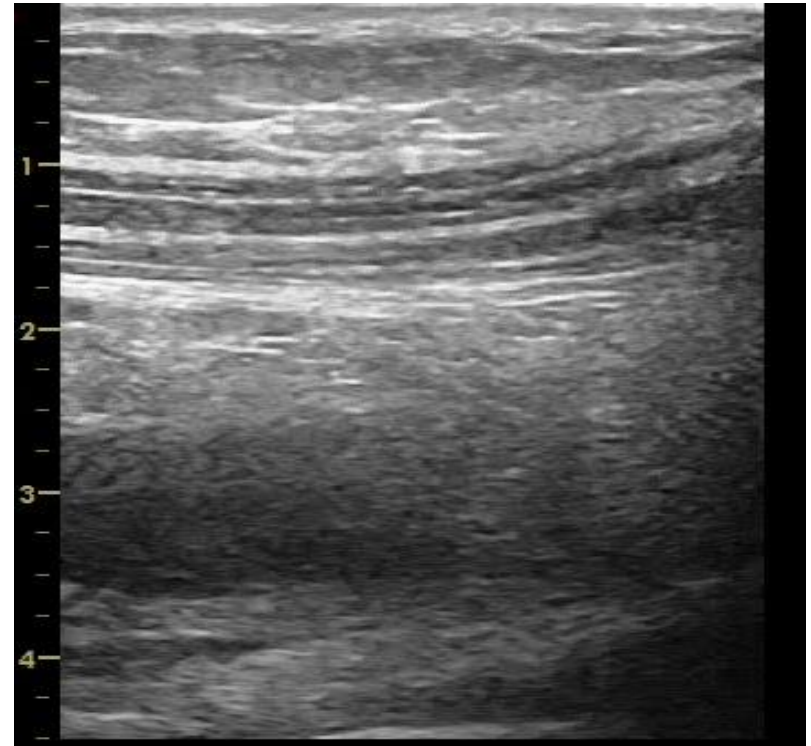


# Bedside PICC insertion

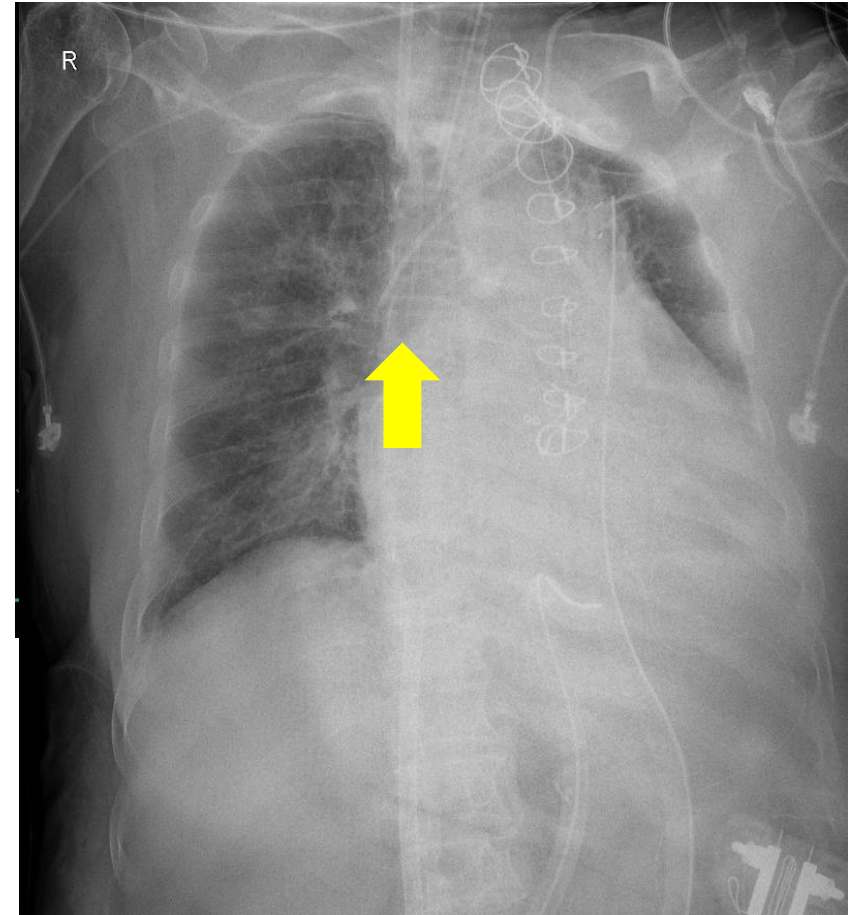


s/p AVR, postop. VA ECMO support, POD #16

# Bedside PICC insertion



# Bedside PICC insertion



# Summary

- Ultrasound guided central venous access
  - Safe and effective in comparison to anatomic landmark based techniques
  - is recommended in the international guideline
  - Essential technique
    - Assessment of vessel
    - Needle tip tracking with ultrasound
  - requires considerable experience and practice



