

Administration of Pediatric PN

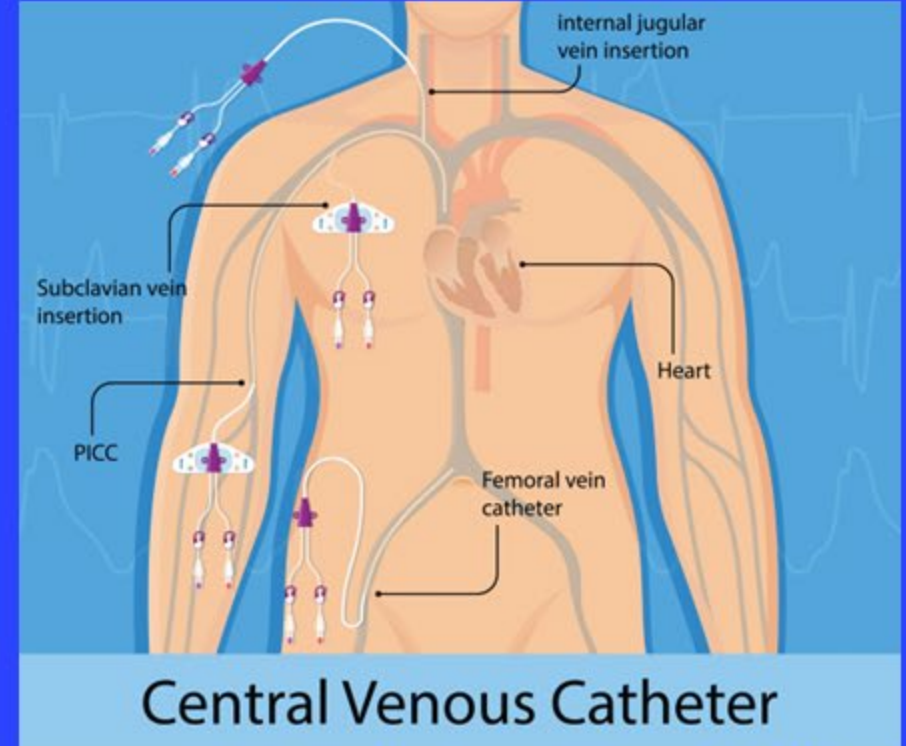
Venous Access

Central Access

- Tip is positioned in a central vein
 - Superior vena cava (SVC)
 - Inferior vena cava (IVC)
 - Right atrium (RA)
 - Risk of cardiac perforation/arrhythmia (particularly small neonates)

Peripheral Access

- Tip is not positioned in the SVC, IVC, or RA

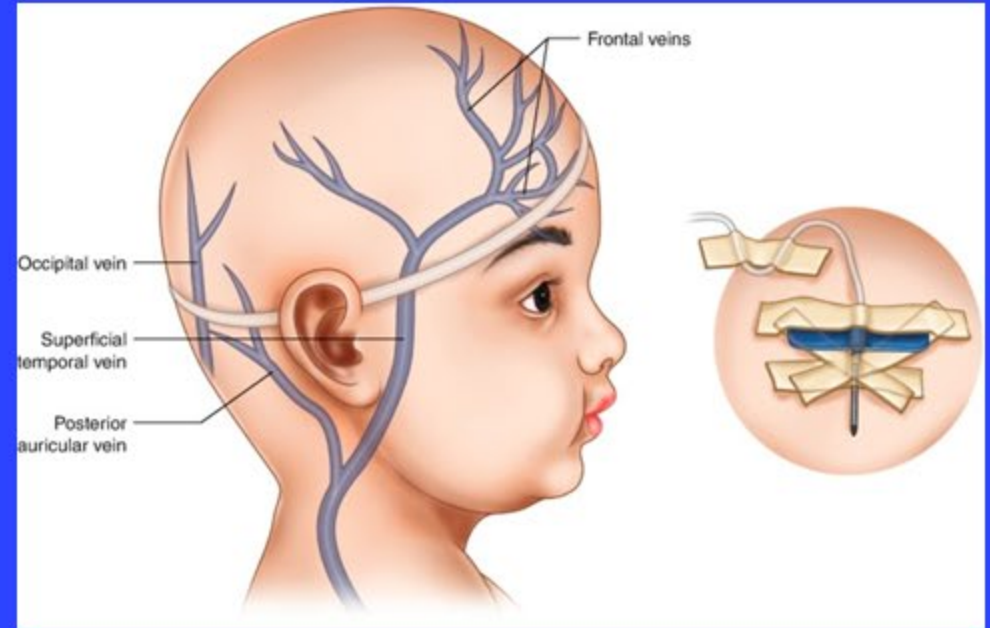


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Venous Access: Alternative Sites

Scalp veins (neonates)

- Alternative site of venous access
- Often visible and easily accessible (lack of hair, thin skin)
- Not preferred for long-term access



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Venous Access Considerations

Peripheral Access

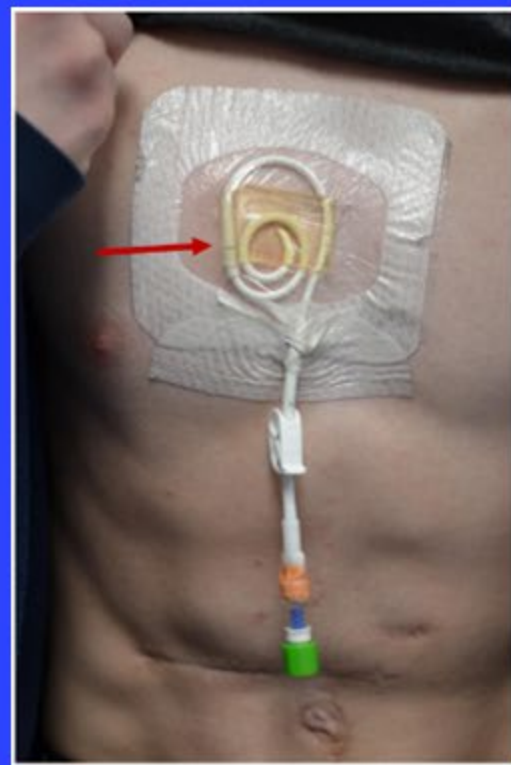
- Used for <2 weeks
- Nutrient needs can be met by peripheral PN
- No fluid restriction
- Osmolality <900 mOsm/L
 - Maximum 10 - 12.5% dextrose

Central Access

- Used for >2 weeks
- Nutrient needs cannot be met by peripheral PN
- Peripheral access limited
- Patient is fluid restricted
- Need for hypertonic solutions

Venous Access Additional Considerations

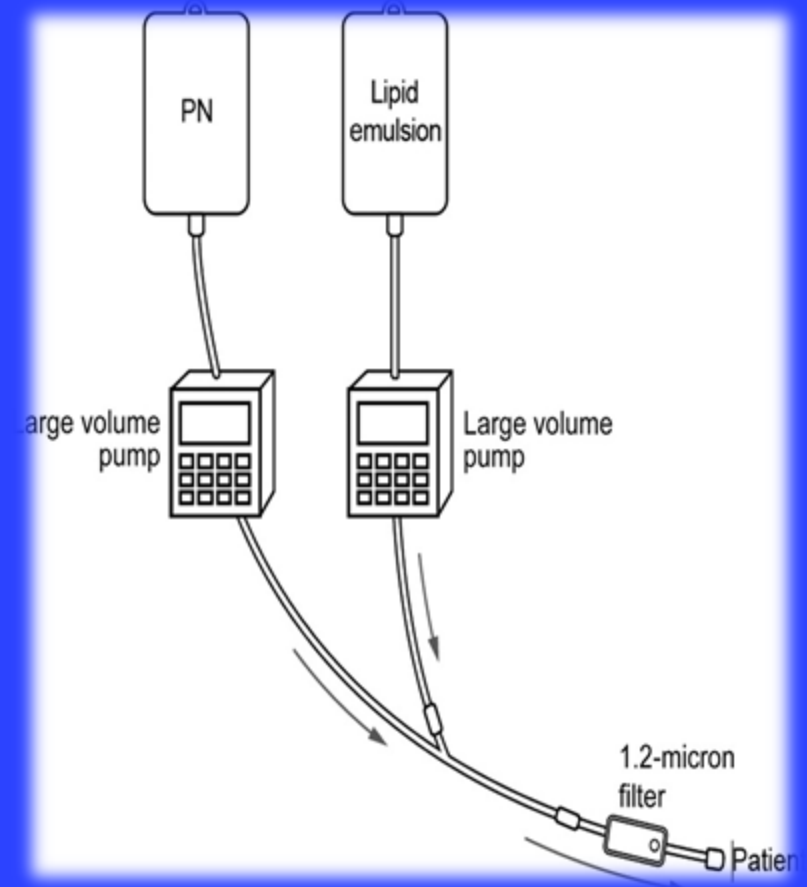
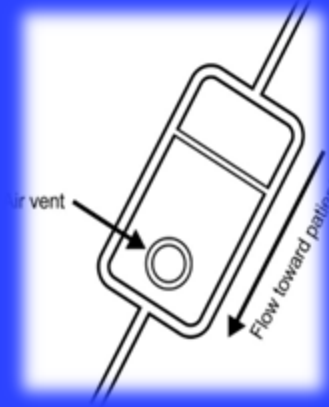
- The more lumens, the higher the chances of infection
- Impregnated, or locked catheters can be useful to prevent infection, thromboses
 - May contain antibiotics, antiseptics, antithrombolytics, antifibrinolytics
 - May cause allergic response, potentially higher rates of catheter breakage
- Line must be secured, and meticulous sterile technique used with access



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Venous Access: Alternative Sites

- Filters are placed between the PN solution and patient to remove hazardous particulate matter (e.g., pathogens)
- Traditionally two filter sizes available (0.22 microns + 1.2 microns)



0.22 micron filters	1.2 micron filters
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes most pathogenic bacteria• Only compatible with 2-in-1 solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removes <i>Candida</i> + large lipid droplets• May be used with 3-in-1 solutions