

# NEONATAL CATHETERIZATION

## SPECIFIC INTRODUCERS AND CATHETERS



GAUGE	19	24	24	20	20	PUNCTURE NEEDLE	PEELABLE SHEATH
	Ø ext (mm)	1 mm	0.7 mm	0.7 mm	0.95 mm	1.1 mm	0.55 mm
Ø int (mm)	0.86 mm	0.5 mm	0.4 mm	0.66 mm	0.7 mm	0.4 mm	0.7 mm
Compatible catheter size	2 Fr with easylock	1 Fr	1 Fr	2 Fr	1 Fr & 2 Fr	1 Fr & 2 Fr with MST	
Compatible with	epicutaneo cava	premicath	premicath	nutriline nutriline twinflo epicutaneo cava	premicath nutriline nutriline twinflo epicutaneo cava	premicath nutriline nutriline twinflo epicutaneo cava	

### SILICONE CATHETERS



### POLYURETHANE CATHETERS



# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CATHETERIZATION

**1** Use **sets for neonatal PICC placement**. These sets include specific tools and increase safety. This reduces the risk of infection and ensures the sterility of the process. Sets also save time and are cost-effective.



**2** **Polyurethane** is more recommended than silicone due to its strength, which facilitates insertion and reduces the risk of complications.

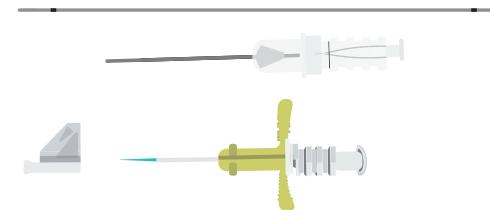
**3** The size of the catheters should not exceed 1/3 of the internal diameter of the vein. If this is not possible, the catheter should never occupy 45% of the vein's lumen.



Recommended catheter size	Vein diameter	
1 Fr	0.74 mm	1 mm
2 Fr	1.48 mm	2 mm
3 Fr	2.22 mm	3 mm

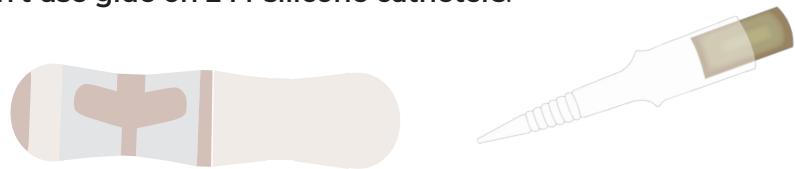
45% - maximum vein/catheter ratio not to be exceeded  
33% - ideal vein/catheter ratio

**4** The use of the **Modified Seldinger Technique** (MST) with specific devices such as **microsite®**, presents clear benefits in the PICCs cannulation in neonates. It is a less invasive technique that provides a higher success rate on the first attempt of cannulation.



**5** Use sutureless fixation systems such as **griplok®**. It is also recommended to use cyanoacrylate glue such as **SecurePortIV®**, at the insertion site. It avoids accidental displacement of the catheter.

⚠️ **Don't use glue on 2 Fr silicone catheters.**



**6** Using ultrasound for vein assessment of the patient will allow to choose the most appropriate vein.

- Allow to assess vein size
- Improve the accurate localization of the vessel
- Avoid arterial and nerve punctures
- Increase the success rate on the first attempt
- Reduce the number of punctures
- Decrease patient discomfort
- Minimize the risks of complications associated with the cannulation process

Selecting the correct device ensures safe and efficient venous access, preserving the neonatal venous capital.

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