## CATHETER INTRODUCTION WITH A SPLITTING NEEDLE

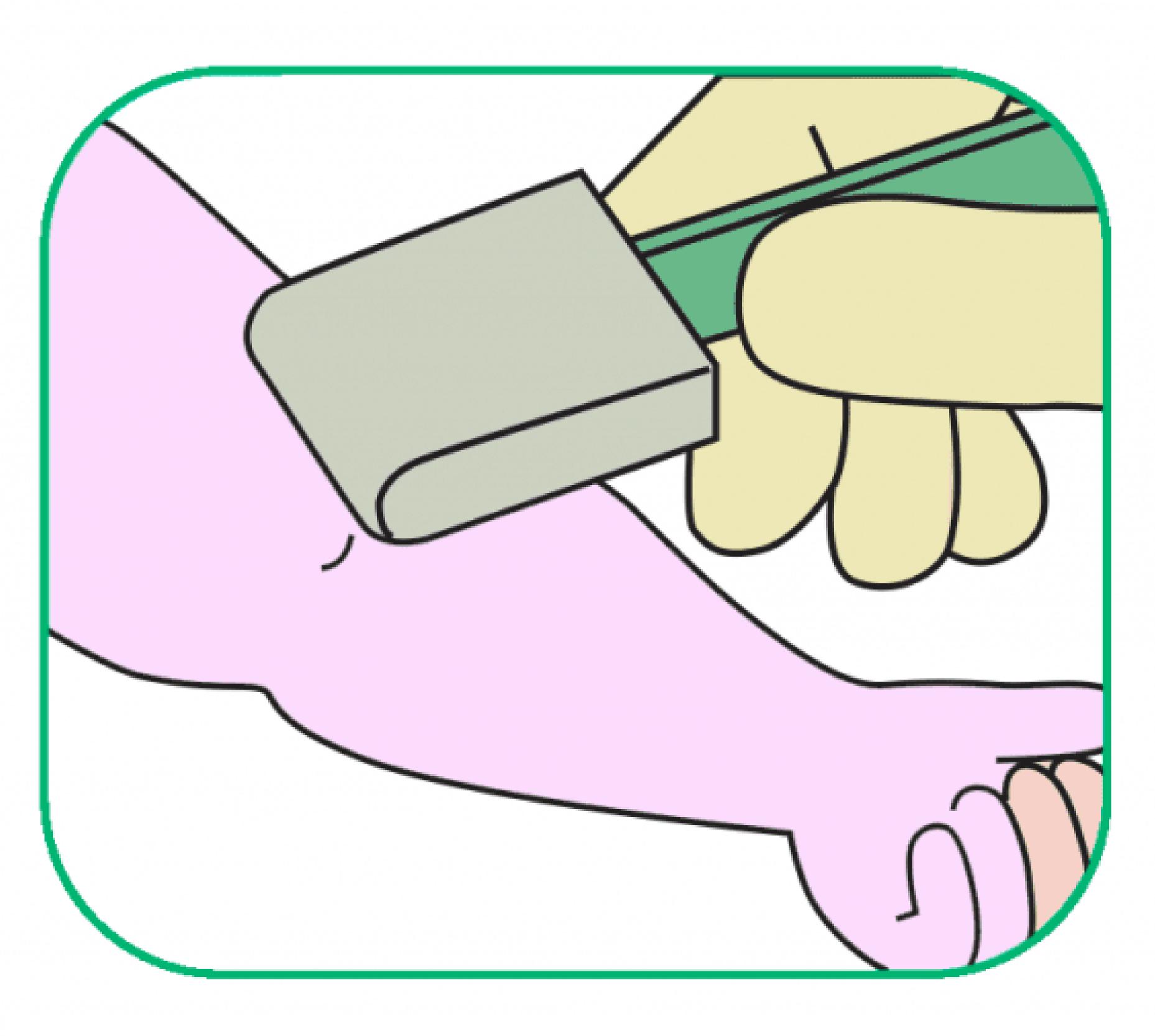


Fig. 1. Select the vein, prepare, clean the skin, and place sterile fields leaving only the puncture site exposed. Apply a tourniquet.

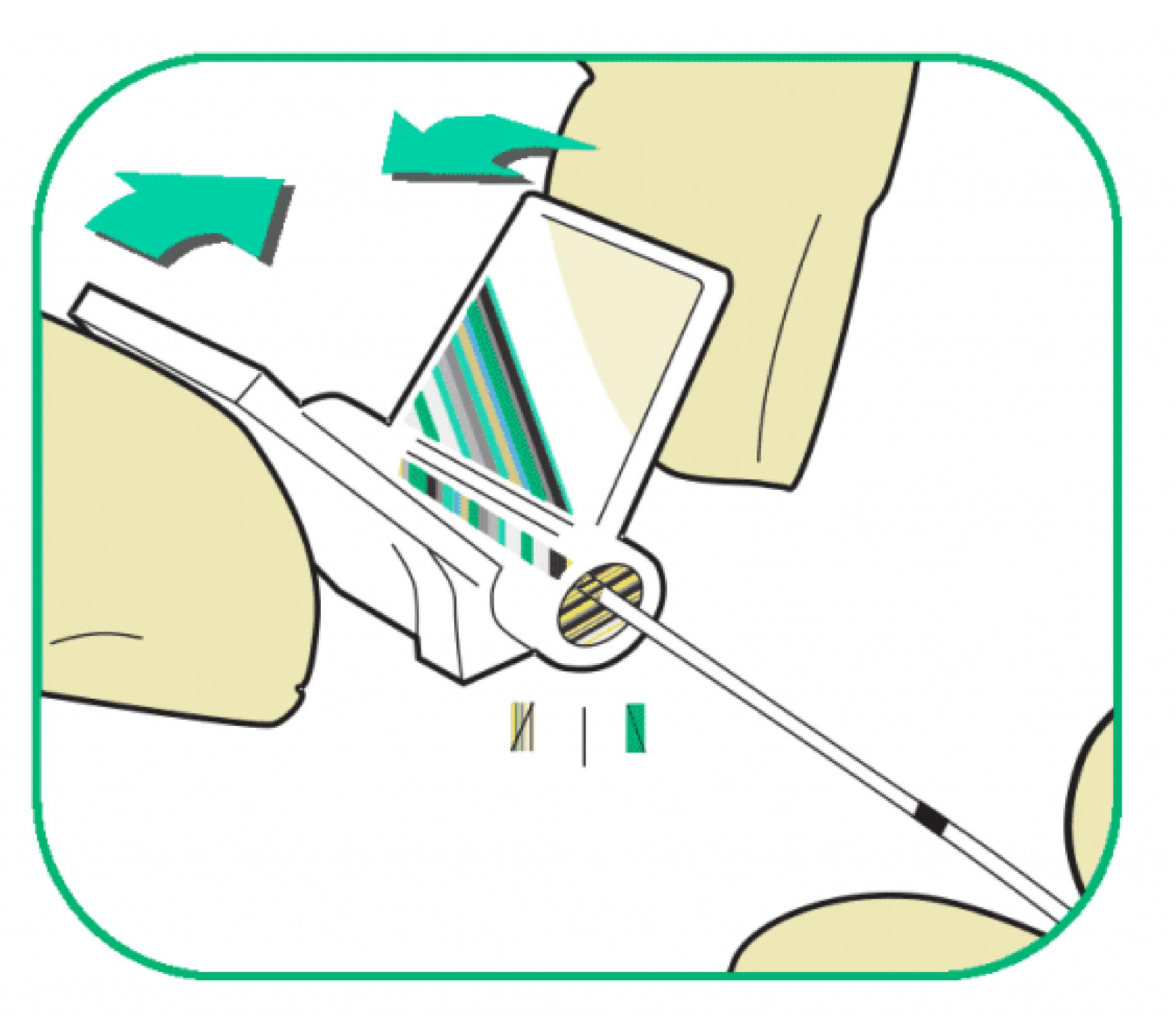


Fig. 4. Secure the catheter by applying slight pressure with a finger beyond the needle and slowly remove the needle. Firmly squeeze the wings to initiate the breaking of the needle.



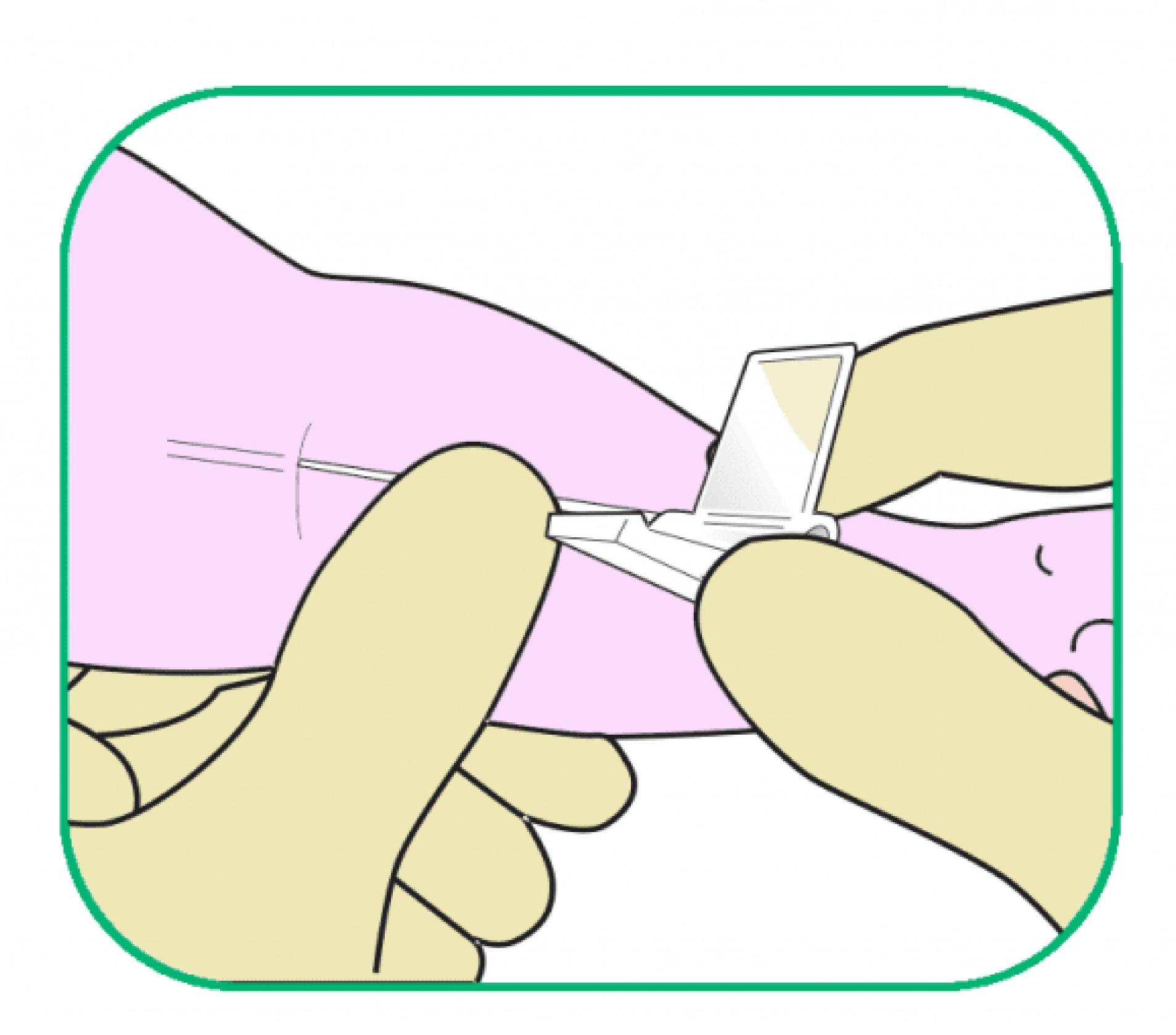


Fig. 2. Perform the venipuncture using the splitting needle. Advance the needle until blood reflux is observed.

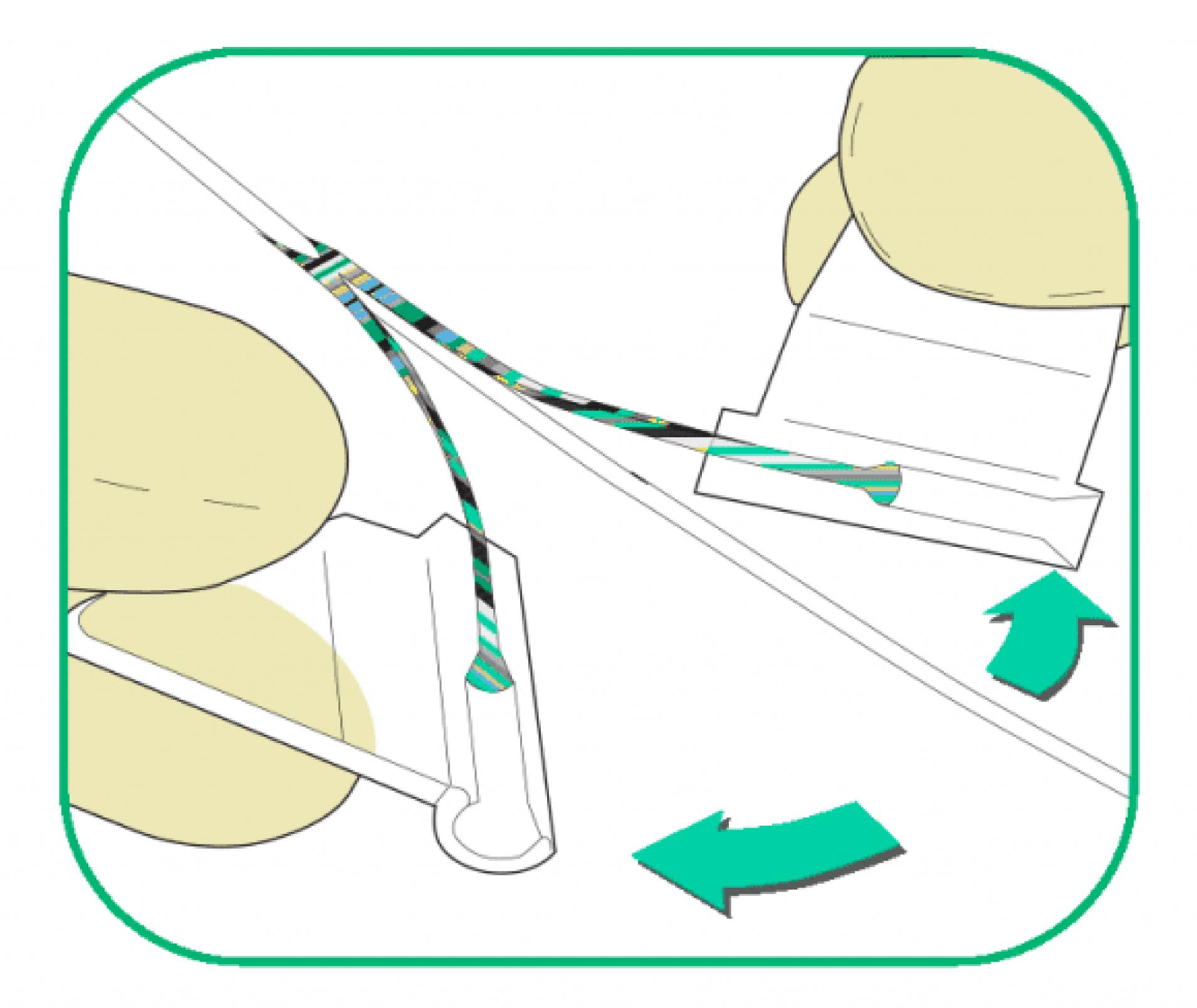
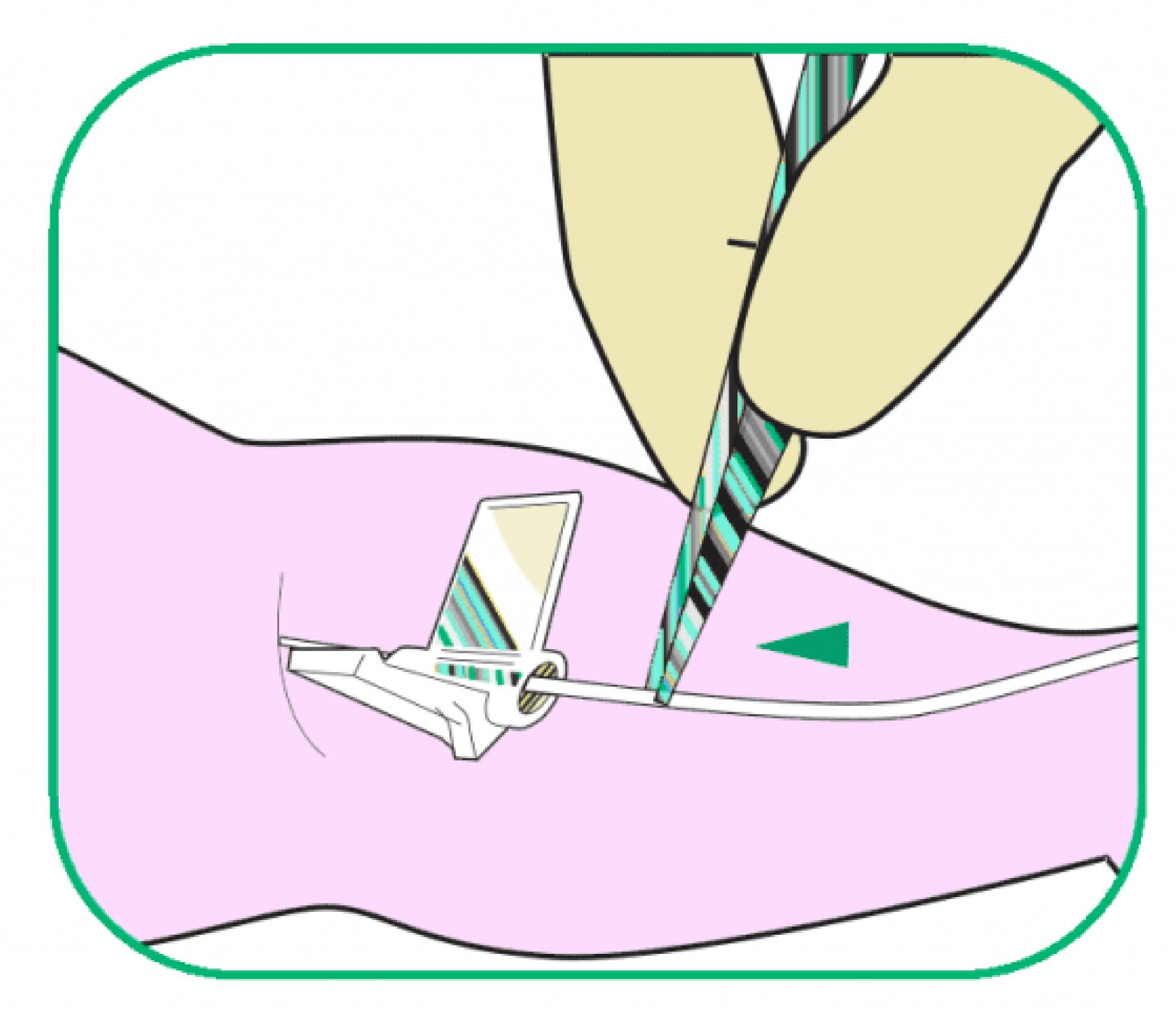
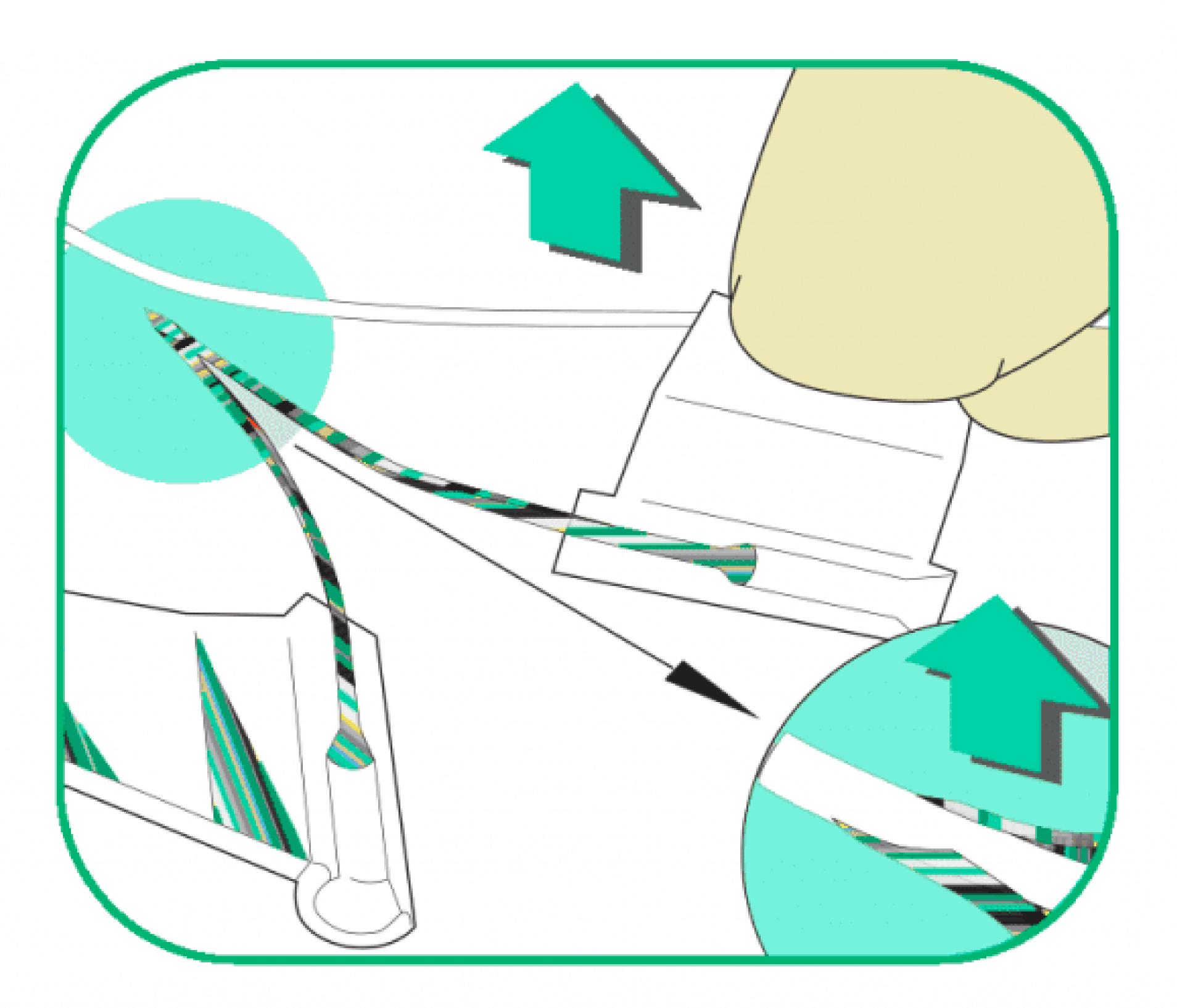


Fig. 5. Gently break the needle until only the tip remains attached. It is not necessary to completely separate the two halves of the needle.





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Fig. 3. Pass the catheter through the needle using non-toothed forceps. Insert the catheter enough to release the tourniquet and advance it gradually.

Fig. 6. Carefully remove the catheter from the