

IV WISE

What clinicians should discuss with patients:

What patients can ask and do:

I Intravenous access needs

- Discuss why IV fluids or medicines are needed
- Explain how the PIVC will be inserted
- Ask patients about their PIVC history and any current needs.

Tell your healthcare team about your past experiences including:

- Difficulty inserting a PIVC
- Anything that has worked well
- Your preference or any physical problems that could affect where the PIVC is placed
- Any allergies you have, such as to tapes and dressings.

V Vascular access checks

- Advise that the PIVC will be checked regularly
- Ask patients to report any concerns or any problems they notice (e.g. redness, swelling).

- Your clinician will regularly check your PIVC
- Tell your clinician if you have any concerns or notice any problems.

W What patients can do to reduce the risk of complications

- Advise patients what they can do to help reduce the risk of PIVC-related complications and infection
- Provide patients with the 'Looking after your cannula' information sheet.

To help to look after your PIVC:

- Protect the PIVC from knocks or being pulled
- Wear loose clothing so that the PIVC does not get caught
- Keep the PIVC dry while washing and showering
- Ensure that the protective dressing stays in place.

I Infection risk

- Discuss how to prevent infection.

To prevent infection:

- Keep your hands clean by washing with soap or using sanitiser
- Do not touch, fiddle with, or move the device.

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Signs and symptoms of complications

- Discuss the signs and symptoms to look out for
- When removing the PIVC, advise patients that symptoms can occur up to 48 hours later and what to do.

Tell your clinician as soon as possible about:

- Redness, pain or swelling at the insertion site
- Feeling hot, cold or shivery
- Leakage from the device
- The dressing getting wet, bloodstained or loose.



Expected removal

- Tell patients when the PIVC is expected to be removed (e.g. when therapy is finished).

- If your PIVC has not been used in the last 24 hours, ask if you still need it
- If you are going home and your PIVC is still in place, ask your clinician if it can be removed.