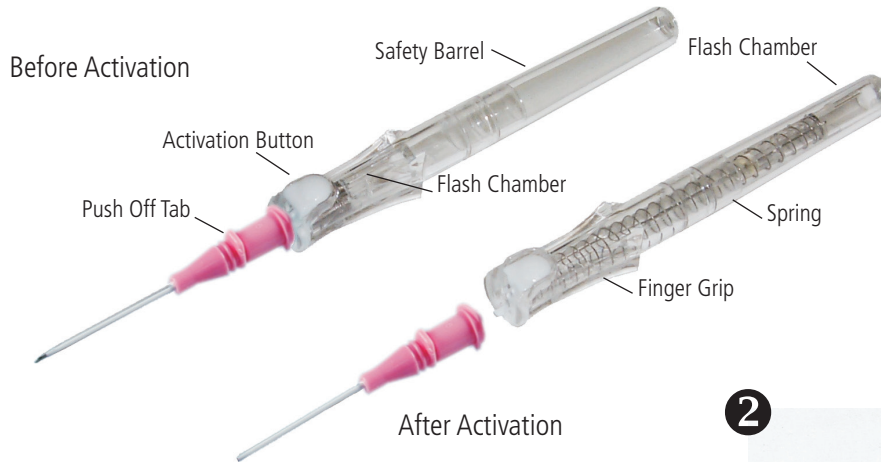


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Shielded IV Catheter



POINTS TO PRACTICE

1 PREPARATION

- > Make sure all items are accessible throughout the procedure
- > Prepare site according to your facility's policy and procedure

2 VENIPUNCTURE

- > Approach vein slowly at a low angle
- > Observe flashback along the catheter (20, 22 and 24 gauge only); in larger gauges, observe flash behind white button

3 ADVANCEMENT

- > Upon flashback visualization, lower catheter almost parallel to the skin
- > Before threading, advance **entire unit** slightly to ensure catheter tip is in the vein
- > Advance catheter into the vein up to the hub, while maintaining skin traction

4 NEEDLE REMOVAL

Before Pressing the Button

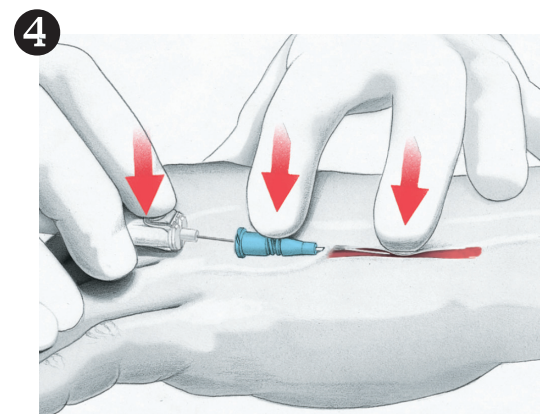
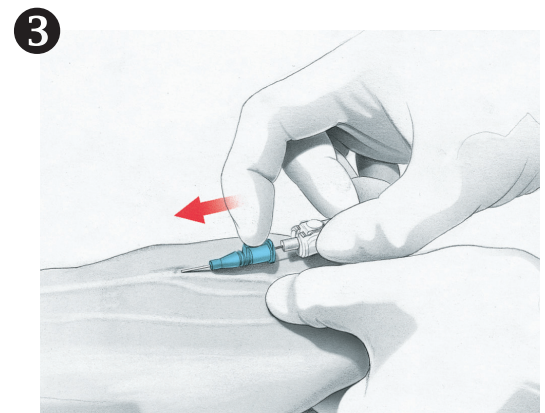
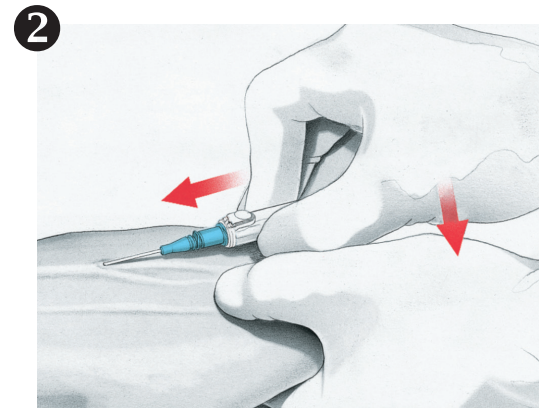
- > Release tourniquet
- > Apply digital pressure beyond the catheter tip
- > Gently stabilize the catheter hub
- > Press the white button

5 SECUREMENT

- > Secure catheter and apply sterile dressing according to policy and procedure

CAUTION REMINDERS

- > Do not withdraw needle from catheter hub before pressing the white button
- > Needle should be retracted prior to disposal into a puncture-resistant, leak-proof sharps container
- > Never reinsert needle into the catheter as this could shear the catheter
- > Do not use scissors at or near the insertion site



Consult product insert for complete instructions, warnings and cautions.

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TIPS FOR SUCCESS

INSERTION SUCCESS

- > Slow down the speed of insertion
- > Use less force to penetrate the skin
- > Lower the initial insertion angle, keeping the elbow low
- > After flash, lower the angle and advance slightly

SEEING THE FLASH

- > Trust your instinct and take a pause
- > Look for the flash along the catheter
- > Be aware of patient factors such as small veins, small patient, blood pressure, condition of vein, dehydration, etc. that may impact flash

THREADING WITH EASE

- > After flash, lower the angle and advance slightly **before** threading catheter off the needle
- > Avoid the push-pull technique when advancing
- > Maintain traction on the skin

RETRACTING THE NEEDLE

- > Make sure to place digital pressure **beyond** the tip of the catheter
- > Make sure needle is not being inadvertently bent while attempting to activate the button

MINIMIZING THE BLOOD

- > Release tourniquet **before** pressing the button
- > Place digital pressure **beyond** the catheter tip
- > Have IV connector or tubing close by and ready

AVOID EARLY ACTIVATION

- > Be aware of where your fingers are
- > Remove needle cover in a straight, outward motion



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