



Peripheral cannulation is a common procedure that requires high standards of care and management to optimise patient outcomes” Shaw (20016).

Rationale and key points:

This article aims to assist practitioners to undertake the safe and effective insertion of a peripheral cannula. It provides information on best practice related to peripheral cannulation with an open-ported safety cannula. The same principles for practice apply to non-ported open safety cannulae.

Peripheral cannulation enables venous access, the administration of intravenous medication,

infusion therapy and total parenteral nutrition. It also enables blood samples to be obtained. Peripheral cannulation is a common procedure that requires high standards of care and management to optimise patient outcomes.

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Reference:

Shaw, S.J. (2016) How to insert a peripheral cannula. *Nursing Standard*. 31(12), p.42-47.

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