

Peripheral cannulation is a common procedure that requires high standards of care and management to optimise patient outcomes” Shaw (2016).

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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