

## **This article aims to help nurses to undertake the removal of pulmonary artery (PA) catheters in a safe manner” Scales (2016).**

### Abstract:

Rationale and key points: This article aims to help nurses to undertake the removal of pulmonary artery (PA) catheters in a safe manner. PA catheter removal is associated with several risks and complications, and nurses should be cognisant of these and take appropriate action to ensure patient safety and optimum outcomes. When PA catheters are no longer required, the temporary central venous catheter and its wide-bore introducer must be removed.

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### Reference:

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