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Extract:

“Too often in the past, patient preference has not been considered a high priority when selecting a vascular access device (VAD). However, as patient populations become increasingly unwell, with complex health requirements necessitating reliable intravenous (IV) therapy amid rising healthcare costs, the concept of choosing the device that can best meet the physical and psychological needs of the individual patient is becoming more important.

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No patient wants to undergo repeated catheter insertions. Unfortunately, too many catheters become blocked, dislodged and unusable before therapy is completed, resulting in patient discomfort, delays in treatment, extended length of hospital stay, and the need for insertion of replacement devices. Appropriate device selection, aseptic insertion technique, avoiding insertion in areas of high flexion, and proper catheter securement would go a long way to preventing device failure and improving the patient experience...” Ray-Barruel (2016).

Reference:

Ray-Barruel, G. (2016) Consider the patient's voice. British Journal of Nursing. 25(8), p.S3-S3.

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