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Reference:

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Other intravenous and vascular access resources that may be of interest (External links – IVTEAM has no responsibility for content).

- Guide for intravenous chemotherapy and associated vascular access devices from Macmillan.
- CancerUK IV chemotherapy information.