



# GUIDELINES FOR MIDLINE USE

---

- Treat as a long term Peripheral IV, can be left in up to 4 weeks
- Drugs with a pH between 5-9 and an osmolarity below 600
  - Ideal for: Hydration, Antibiotics
- Saves patient from multiple PIV trauma
- Typically 20 cm long, tip below axilla
  
- **Ideal for Homecare Patients:** —Usually receiving only one therapy
  - Therapy duration usually less than 4 weeks
  - Antibiotics and hydration common
  - Reduces nursing visits for PIV restarts and dressing changes
  - Encourages independence in therapy
  - No need for an XRay
  
- **Ideal for Long Term Care Patients:**—Usually receiving only one therapy
  - Therapy duration usually less than 4 weeks
  - Antibiotics and hydration common
  - Reduces PIV restarts on patients with difficult to access veins
  - Less frequent flushing and dressing changes
  - Less expensive to place than a PICC or multiple PIVs
  - No need for an XRay

