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

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  — 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