

Midline Catheter

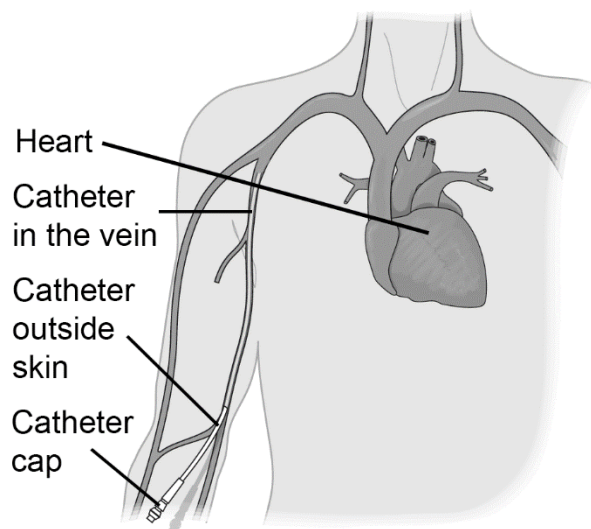
Why do I need a midline catheter?

You are getting this factsheet because you need a midline catheter. A midline catheter is a thin, flexible tube that goes into a vein in your arm.

The midline catheter stays in place so your care team can give you medicine and take blood samples. This way, you do not have to be stuck with needles so often.

How is a midline catheter put in place?

A nurse will put the midline catheter into a vein above your elbow. A clear bandage holds it in place.



Location of midline catheter

How do I care for my midline catheter?

- Keep the bandage dry.
- Do not bathe, swim, or soak in hot tubs. Never let the area of your midline catheter stay under water.
- You can take showers.
 - Cover the clear bandage completely with plastic wrap. Tape the edges of the plastic to keep water out.

When should I call for help?

Call for help if you notice any redness, drainage, or swelling around your IV site.

Your Notes

Questions?

Contact your cancer care team via MyChart or call _____.

In an emergency, call 911 or go to your closest emergency department.