

**CENTRAL VENOUSE LINES – ACCESS OF EXISTING CATHETERS
EMMCO WEST ALS GUIDELINE**

Criteria:

- A. Patient in need of fluid administration for volume expansion or medication administration.
- B. Patient has an existing central venous line

Exclusion Criteria:

- A. Central arterial lines may not be accessed

Procedure:**A. All Patients:**

1. Explain the procedure to the patient whenever possible.
2. Select appropriately sized needle.
3. Select administration set or medication syringe as indicated.
4. Cleanse port
5. Connect tubing and fill chamber and tubing for live IV.
6. Prepare tape for securing needle to port.
7. Attach fluid
 - a. IV tubing
 - b. Lock and syringe
8. Flush/flow.
 - a. Open flow regulator and observe drip chamber for flow.
 - b. Withdraw slightly on syringe, watch for blood, flush.
9. If live IV, set flow rate to desired flow.
10. Observe site for swelling, redness, and pain.
11. Document details on PaPCR.