

Standardised Terminology for Vascular Access Devices

Terminology		Types	Abbreviation	Previous names
Vascular access devices		All types of peripheral and central venous devices	VAD	
Central venous access devices		All types of central venous access devices	CVAD	CVCs
Short-term VADs				
Peripheral	Peripheral intravenous cannula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard/short PIVC Ultrasound guided PIVC 	PIVC USG-PIVC	Cannula, drip Long PIVC
	Midline catheter		ML	Midline
Central	Centrally inserted central catheter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard/non-tunnelled Tunnelled CICC 	CICC t-CICC	Central venous catheter, central line, CVC
	Femorally inserted central catheter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard/non-tunnelled Tunnelled FICC 	FICC t-FICC	Femoral line
	Apheresis catheter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard/non-tunnelled apheresis catheter 	A-CICC	Vascath®
	Haemodialysis catheter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard/non-tunnelled haemodialysis catheter 	H-CICC	Vascath®
Intermediate VADs				
Peripherally inserted central catheter		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standard/non-tunnelled PICC Tunnelled PICC 	PICC t-PICC	PICC
Long-term VADs				
Tunnelled cuffed-CICC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tunnelled, cuffed catheter 	tc-CICC	Hickman™, Broviac®
Totally implantable venous access device		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inserted on upper chest Inserted on inner upper arm For apheresis procedures 	chest-TIVAD arm-TIVAD A-TIVAD	Port-a-cath™, Infusaport™, portocath™
Tunnelled cuffed-apheresis CICC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tunnelled, cuffed catheter for apheresis 	tc-A-CICC	Permcath™
Tunnelled cuffed-haemodialysis CICC		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tunnelled, cuffed catheter for haemodialysis 	Tc-H-CICC	Permcath™

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