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Venipuncture Module 3: Vein Assessment and Selection

Following application of a tourniquet to slow blood leaving the arm, palpation is used to locate and assess veins to select one suitable for venipuncture.

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Unit 1: Objectives

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Objectives: Vein Assessment and Selection

At the end of this Module the student will be able to:

1. Describe sites to avoid for venipuncture and venous access, and understand the reason(s) for avoiding each.
2. Describe and demonstrate the process for vein selection.
3. Define palpation and demonstrate its proper use.
4. Describe and demonstrate the process for 'anchoring' the vein during introduction of the venous access device.
5. Be able to describe various tourniquet designs.
6. Describe infection control issues with respect to choice of tourniquet.
7. Describe the proper use of the strap tourniquet (e.g. latex).
8. Identify methods used to locate veins that are not prominent.

Evaluation:

At the end of each unit, there is a practice activity to help participants apply their knowledge and assess their learning.

Following completion of all the units in each module, there is an exam that each course participant must challenge and successfully complete with a passing grade of 80%.



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Course Duration

The course is self paced so course duration will depend on the individual participant and their prior knowledge base with the course subject matter. On average, the course will take between 1-1.5 hours to complete each unit.

Who Should Take the Course?

The course is intended for health care professionals charged with the task of blood collection and/or intravenous catheter or other types of vascular system line insertions.

Retail Course Price

\$49.95+Tax

* PEP credit hours assigned by the Canadian Society of Medical Laboratory Sciences (CSMLS)

(Under Review)

0 CPS/ART credits 6.5 PEP hours

Venipuncture Module 3: Vein Assessment and Selection is the third in a series of modules on venipuncture techniques. There are 8 modules in total. We encourage you to consider continuing your studies with other modules in the Venipuncture Techniques series.