

When inserting a Peripheral Venous Cannula (PVC)



STOP AND THINK



- Ensure that there is a clinical indication for a cannula
- PVCs must be inserted using a strict aseptic technique & should have a needle free connector or extension set immediately attached (unless clinically contraindicated)
- Do not insert a cannula only to take blood – venepuncture presents a lesser risk of bloodstream infection
- Commence and complete a PVC insertion & maintenance care plan as soon as possible after insertion