

Central Venous Access Procedures

SMVI provides Central Venous Access procedures for patients with medical conditions that require they receive medications or nutrients directly into the blood stream. With recent advances in interventional radiology, these procedures are done without surgery in an outpatient setting.

Central Venous Access Catheters (CVAC)

Sparing the irritation and discomfort of repeated needle pricks, a tube is inserted beneath your skin providing a simple, pain-free way for doctors or nurses to draw your blood or give you medication or nutrients.

Central Venous Access procedures are most often performed for patients who regularly require:

- Chemotherapy treatments (chest ports)
- Infusions of antibiotics or other medications
- Nutritional supplements
- Hemodialysis

Interventional radiologists also open up blocked hemodialysis grafts, using procedures such as angioplasty or thrombolytic therapy



Additionally, Gastrostomy (Feeding) Tube is for people who are having difficulty swallowing. The tube is inserted through an incision in your abdomen, rests in the stomach and exits through the skin.

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