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Pearls:

- Intraosseous with the appropriate adult or pediatric device.
- External jugular (≥ 12 years of age).
- Any prehospital fluids or medications approved for IV use, may be given through an intraosseous IV.
- All IV rates should be at KVO (minimal rate to keep vein open) unless administering fluid bolus.
- Use microdrips for all patients 6 years old or less.
- External jugular lines can be attempted initially in life-threatening events where no obvious peripheral site is noted.
- In the setting of **cardiac arrest**, any preexisting dialysis shunt or external central venous catheter may be used.
- In patients who are hemodynamically unstable or in extremis, **contact medical control** prior to accessing dialysis shunts or external central venous catheters.
- Any venous catheter which has already been accessed prior to EMS arrival may be used.
- Upper extremity IV sites are preferable to lower extremity sites.
- Lower extremity IV sites are contraindicated in patients with vascular disease or diabetes.
- In post-mastectomy patients, avoid IV, blood draw, injection, or blood pressure in arm on affected side.