POUNTS TO PRACTICE

1 **PREPARATION**
   - Make sure all items are accessible throughout the procedure
   - Prepare site according to your facility’s policy and procedure
   - Prior to venipuncture hold catheter hub and rotate barrel 360 degrees
   - Make sure catheter is seated back in the notch

2 **VENIPUNCTURE**
   - Approach vein slowly at a low angle
   - Observe early flashback along the catheter (20, 22, 24 gauge only)
     - In larger gauge sizes observe flash behind white button

3 **ADVANCEMENT**
   - Upon flashback visualization, lower catheter almost parallel to the skin
   - Advance entire unit slightly before threading catheter
   - Thread catheter into vein while maintaining skin traction

4 **NEEDLE REMOVAL**
   - Before Pressing the Button
     - Release tourniquet
     - Apply digital pressure beyond the catheter tip
     - Gently stabilize catheter hub
     - Press the white button

5 **SECUREMENT**
   - Secure catheter and apply sterile dressing according to your facility’s policy and procedure

**CAUTION REMINDERS**
- Do Not withdraw needle from catheter hub before pressing the white button.
- Needle should be retracted prior to disposal in a puncture-resistant, leak-proof sharps container.
- Never Reinsert Needle into the catheter as this could shear the catheter.
- Do Not Use Scissors at or near the insertion site.

Refer to package insert for complete instructions for use.
TIPS FOR SUCCESS

INSERTION SUCCESS
- Make sure tip seal is released before insertion, by rotating the barrel 360°
- Make sure catheter is seated back in the notch
- Slow down the speed of insertion
- Use less force to penetrate the skin
- Lower the initial insertion angle keeping the elbow low
- After flash, lower the angle and advance 1/8 inch

SEEING THE FLASH
- Trust your instinct and take a pause
- Look for the flash along the catheter
- Be aware of patient factors such as small veins, small patient, blood pressure, condition of vein, dehydration, etc., that may impact flash

THREADING WITH EASE
- After flash, lower the angle and advance 1/8 inch
- Avoid the push-pull technique when advancing
- Make sure tip seal is released before insertion, by rotating the barrel 360°
- Maintain traction on the skin

RETRACTING THE NEEDLE
- Make sure tip seal is released before insertion, by rotating the barrel 360°
- Make sure to place digital pressure beyond the tip of the catheter
- Make sure needle is not being inadvertently bent while attempting to activate the button

MINIMIZING THE BLOOD
- Release tourniquet before pressing the button
- Place digital pressure beyond the catheter tip
- Have IV connector or tubing close by and ready

AVOID EARLY ACTIVATION
- Be aware of where your fingers are
- Remove needle cover in a straight, outward motion