POINTS TO PRACTICE

1 PREPARATION
   > Make sure all items are accessible throughout the procedure
   > Prepare site according to your facility’s policy and procedure

2 VENIPUNCTURE
   > Approach vein slowly at a low angle
   > Observe flashback along the catheter (20, 22 and 24 gauge only); in larger gauges, observe flash behind white button

3 ADVANCEMENT
   > Upon flashback visualization, lower catheter almost parallel to the skin
   > Before threading, advance entire unit slightly to ensure catheter tip is in the vein
   > Advance catheter into the vein up to the hub, while maintaining skin traction

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

5 SECUREMENT
   > Secure catheter and apply sterile dressing according to policy and procedure

CAUTION REMINDERS
   > Do not withdraw needle from catheter hub before pressing the white button
   > Needle should be retracted prior to disposal into a puncture-resistant, leak-proof sharps container
   > Never reinset needle into the catheter as this could shear the catheter
   > Do not use scissors at or near the insertion site

Consult product insert for complete instructions, warnings and cautions.
TIPS FOR SUCCESS

INSERTION SUCCESS
> 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 slightly

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 slightly **before** threading catheter off the needle
> Avoid the push-pull technique when advancing
> Maintain traction on the skin

RETRACTING THE NEEDLE
> 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