POINT TO PRACTICE

1 PREPARATION
   > Prepare the insertion site in accordance with your facility protocol
   > Remove the needle cover and inspect the catheter
   > Secure the vent plug or remove it to pre-prime/pre-connect system
   > Holding as illustrated, rotate the shield to loosen the needle
   > Make sure the bevel is oriented upward and not covered by the catheter

2 VENIPUNCTURE
   > Grasp the pebbled side of wings and pinch together firmly
   > Access the vessel and observe flashback in the tubing behind the wings

3 ADVANCEMENT
   > Upon flashback visualization, lower the catheter almost parallel to the skin
   > Before threading, advance entire unit slightly to ensure the catheter tip is in the vessel
   > Release the wings and stabilize the catheter
   > Grasp the pebbles on the white shield and pull back slightly to recess needle (Fig. 3)
   > Advance the catheter into vein while maintaining skin traction

4 NEEDLE REMOVAL
   > Stabilize the catheter wings as shown
   > Grasp the pebbles on the white shield and pull in a straight continuous motion
   > The shield will come off, exposing the adapter
   > Place the shielded needle in a puncture-resistant, leak-proof sharps container

5 SECUREMENT
   > Secure the catheter and apply a sterile dressing in accordance with your facility protocol

CAUTION REMINDERS
   > Do not bend the needle prior to insertion
   > Never reinsert needle into the catheter as this could shear the catheter
   > Do not use scissors at or near the insertion site
   > Place all needles in a puncture-resistant, leak-proof sharps container

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

MAINTAINING THE BEVEL POSITION
> Make sure the pebbled side of the catheter wings is in contact with your fingers
> Pinch the wings tightly near the base to ‘lock’ the bevel position

MAKING A SMOOTH INSERTION
> Make sure the catheter is not over the needle bevel
> Maintain traction on the skin

INSERTION SUCCESS
> Slow down the speed of insertion
> Lower the initial insertion angle, keeping the elbow low
> After flash, lower the angle and advance the entire unit slightly
> Make sure tip seal is released by rotating the shield

ADVANCING WITH EASE
> Make sure to release the tip seal before insertion by rotating the shield
> After flash, lower the angle and advance the entire unit slightly
> Do not pull back on the white shield initially more than 1/8 inch
> Maintain traction on the skin

FEELING THE ‘POP’?
> Pop causes damage to the vein
> Flash is a better indicator
> Slowing the approach allows the flash to catch up
> Sense the ‘loss of resistance’ when entering the vein

CONTINUATION OF FLASH
> Normally flash will stop in product without the Y-site configuration

REMOVING THE NEEDLE EASILY
> Make sure to release the tip seal before insertion by rotating the shield
> Open the catheter wings flat against the skin
> Place your fingers in each wing, not on the center portion
> Only grasp the pebbled end of the white shield
> Without hesitating, pull the needle out in a straight continuous motion until the shield pops off

ACTIVATING THE SAFETY SHIELD
> Only grasp the pebbled end of the white shield
> Without hesitating, pull the needle out in a straight continuous motion until the shield pops off