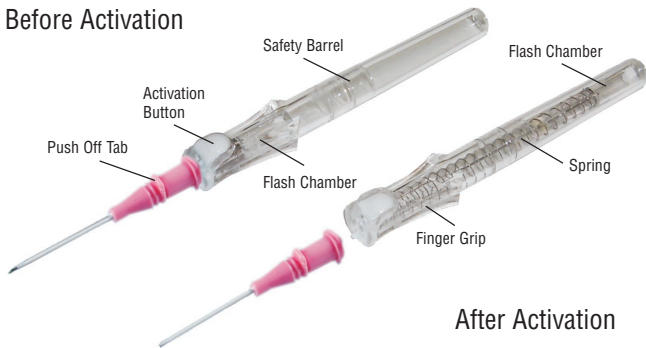


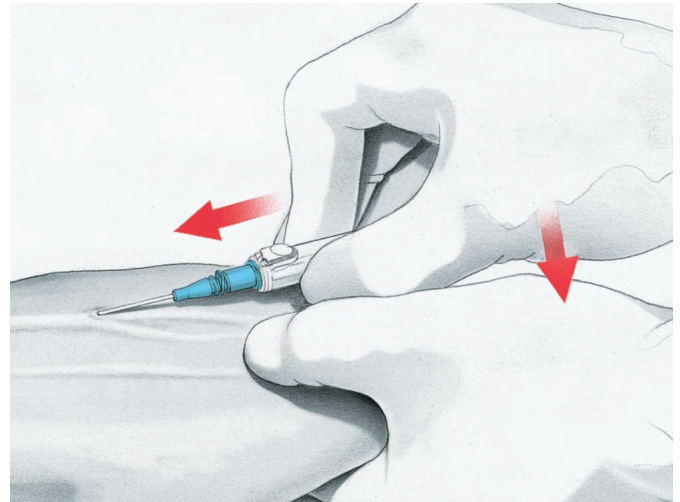
# BD Angiocath Autoguard™

## Shielded IV Catheters

Before Activation



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## 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 early flashback along the catheter (20, 22 and 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

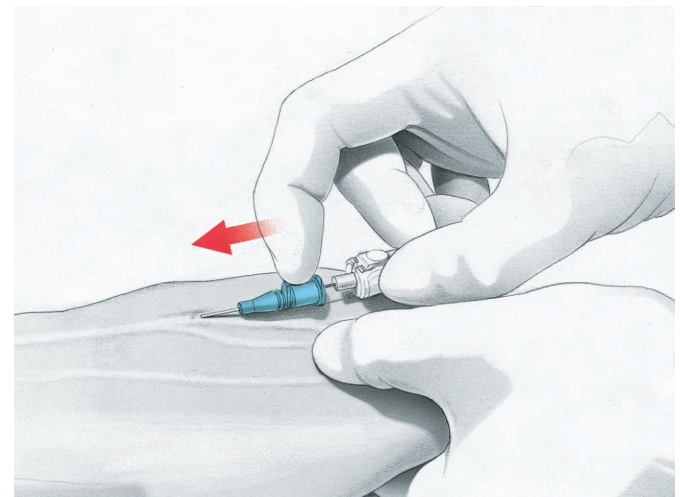
#### **Before Pressing the Button**

- Release tourniquet
- Apply digital pressure beyond the catheter tip
- Gently stabilize catheter hub
- Press the white button

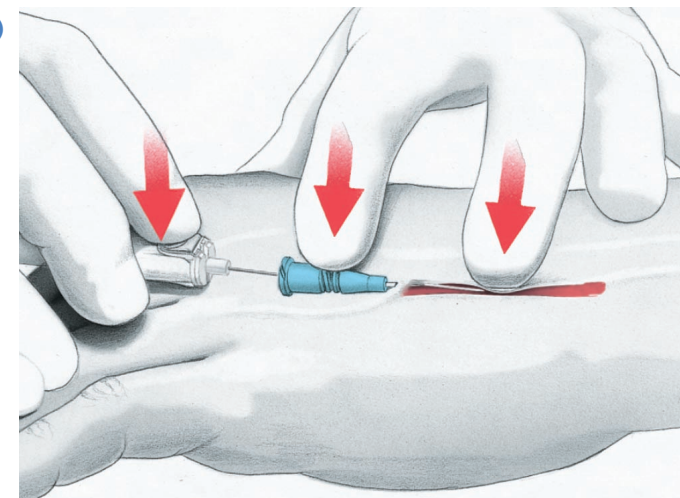
### 5 SECUREMENT

- Secure catheter and apply sterile dressing according to your facility's policy and procedure

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### 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.

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## 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
- 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



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