

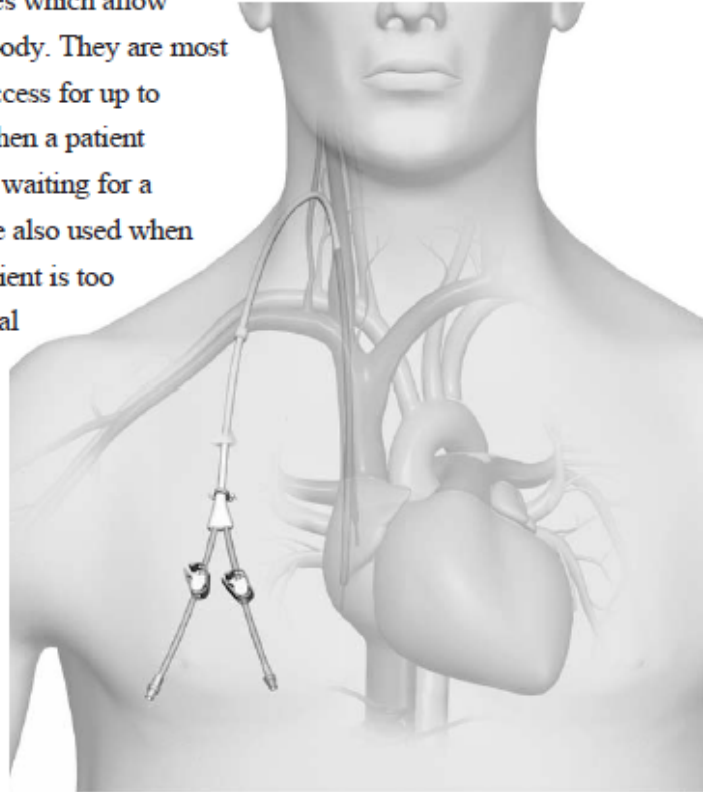


TEMPORARY ACCESS OPTIONS

CATHETERS

Catheters are flexible, hollow tubes which allow blood to flow in and out of your body. They are most commonly used as a temporary access for up to three weeks. This is often done when a patient needs dialysis immediately and is waiting for a fistula or graft to mature. They are also used when a permanent access fails and a patient is too unstable to delay treatment. Several different types of catheters exist.

Internal jugular catheters are inserted into the jugular vein on the side of your neck. *Subclavian* catheters are placed into the subclavian vein under the collarbone on the chest. *Femoral* catheters are placed in the large femoral vein in the leg near the groin.



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