

Promoting a blood collection service for people with poor venous access

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Background/Approach: Liverpool hospital in Metropolitan Sydney, has a team of advanced practice nurses specialising in accessing the veins of people with difficult venous access. Many people at risk of viral hepatitis have veins that are difficult to access for blood tests and blood tests are usually required for treatment workup.

Analysis/Argument: The Central Venous Access Service (CVAS) is a team that has extensive experience in accessing deep veins by utilising ultrasound technology and offering local anaesthetic. This minimises the number of attempts to access veins and decreases pain associated with the blood collection procedure. Reports from patients indicated a significantly better experience than traditional blood collection. This was captured and included in a video clip.

Outcome/Results: <https://vimeo.com/398184505>

An informative video clip, promoting the service to Needle and Syringe Program (NSP) clients was created. This was particularly helpful for people being screened and worked up for viral hepatitis monitoring/ treatment

Conclusions/Applications: This project promoted a service for people with veins that can be difficult to access for blood tests.

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