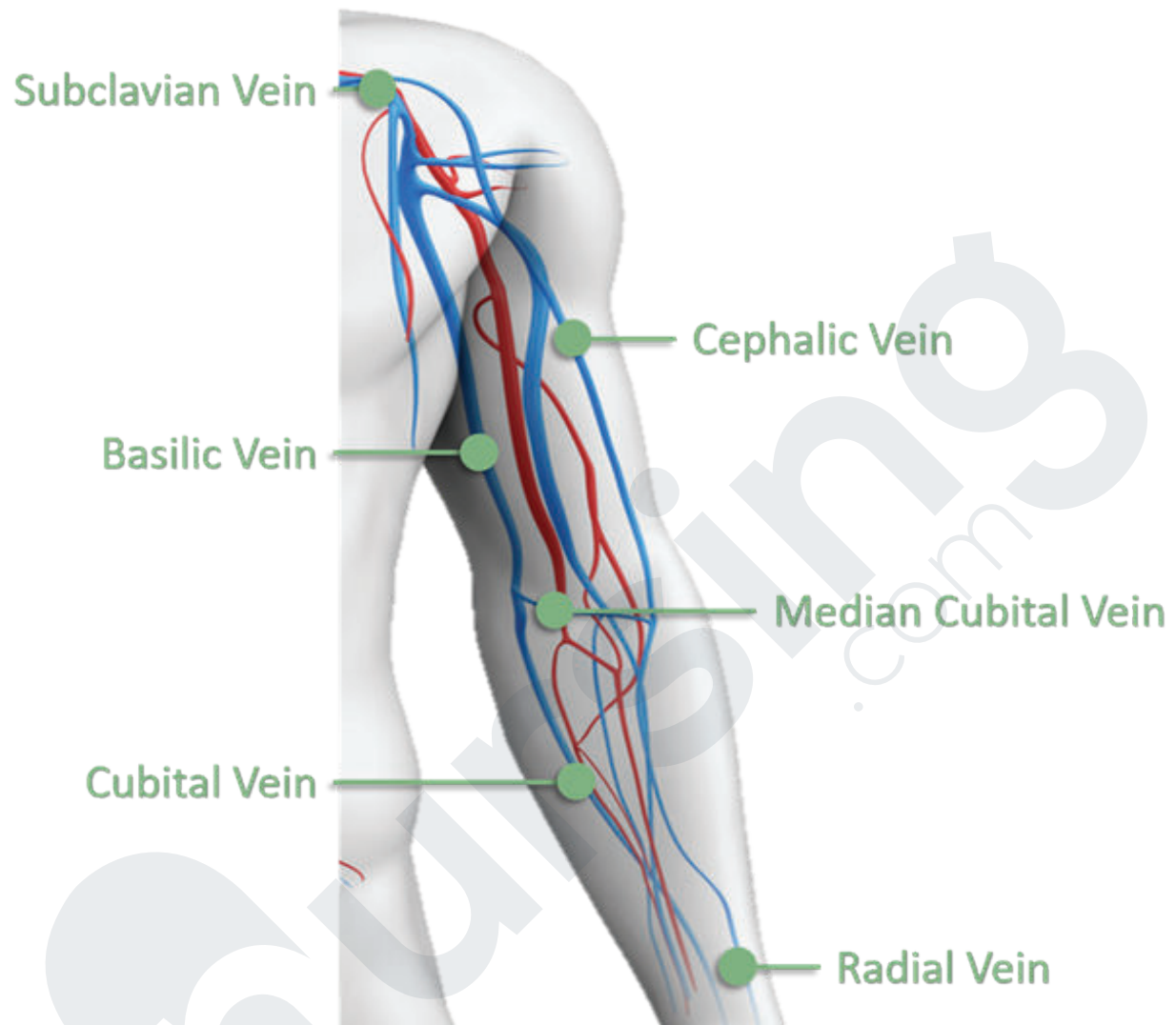


IV SITES AND CONSIDERATIONS



Considerations

Avoid veins in the lower extremities due to increased risk of thrombus formation and decreased venous return.

Start the IV in the direction of blood flow.

Carefully assess all possible locations prior to starting IV.

Avoid BP checks in extremity with IV where possible.

Change IV tubing q 96 hours.

Change IV bags and solutions q 24 hours.

Common Complications

Infiltration: cool to the touch, edema, pain

Air embolism: chest pain, tachycardia, ↓LOC

Phlebitis: tenderness at site, heat, swelling, slow IV flow

Thrombophlebitis: slow IV flow, hard vein, heat, redness