



**Assessment Advantage<sup>SM</sup>**  
*Cost Reduction and Patient Outcomes Program*

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# The Assessment Advantage Program: Enhancing Patient Care...Lowering Hospital Costs

Presenting the *Assessment Advantage Program*, a comprehensive program designed to help hospital personnel identify the appropriate vascular access device at the beginning of a patient's hospital stay. The *Assessment Advantage Program* helps IV teams, doctors, and nurses quickly appraise a patient's individual vascular access needs and recommends the appropriate device options. Clinicians work pro-actively in determining and placing vascular access devices, which enhances patient care and results in lower hospital costs.



## Systematic Vascular Access Device Selection

The *Assessment Advantage Program* helps hospital personnel determine, at the time of admission, the most efficient vascular access device for a patient based upon the patient's diagnosis, length of stay, treatment, and other needs. Early assessment is determined with the

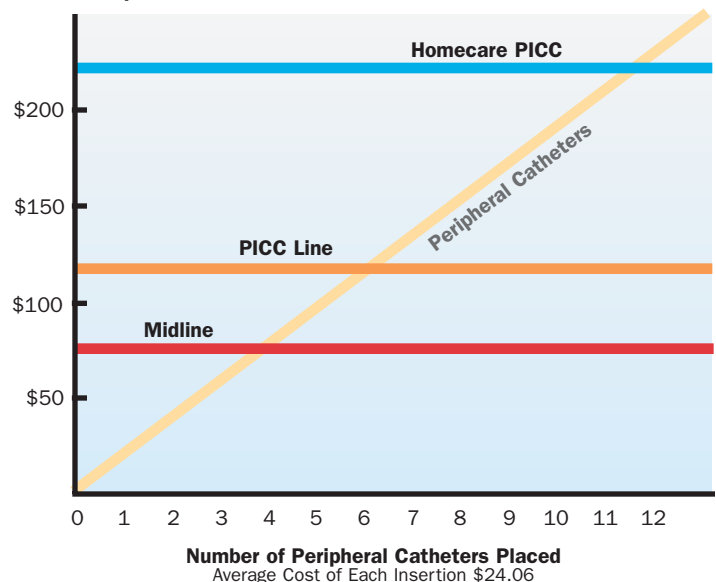
*Assessment Advantage Program's* workbook, cost analysis package, and patient outcome monitoring tool. And, since Bard Access Systems offers a full range of vascular access devices, the *Assessment Advantage Program* can recommend a variety of device options for a patient's diagnosed condition.

## Reduced Material and Labor Costs

While the standard practice of placing inexpensive peripheral catheters may seem prudent initially, it often results in patient complications and increased material and labor costs in the long run.

The *Assessment Advantage Program's* cost analysis package helps clinicians select the appropriate vascular access device for a patient and determine its cost-effectiveness and efficiency. PICCs, midlines, ports, and tunneled catheters can all be compared to the cost of placing peripheral catheters.

## Cumulative Cost of Placing Peripheral Catheters





## Better Patient Outcomes

Placing the appropriate vascular access device the first time is ideal because it helps preserve the patient's vascular status. Peripheral catheters last on average 48 hours before veins become phlebotic due to the acidic, hypertonic, or high pH qualities of many common drug therapies. Catheters must be replaced more often and in different places in the patient, sometimes making venous access difficult. But, with the *Assessment Advantage Program*, the proper vascular access device is placed once and ideally left for the duration of treatment.



## Greater Patient Satisfaction... Shorter Patient Stays

The ultimate benefit of the *Assessment Advantage Program* is the enhanced quality of patient care along with shorter patient stays. With managed vascular access placement, patients and clinicians encounter fewer missed sticks in locating veins, fewer complications, and less vascular device replacement.



## Enhanced Clinical and Economic Results

The *Assessment Advantage Program* is a complete program for managing vascular access device placement. Guidelines are provided for device assessment and selection, including a statistical comparison of how specific Bard Access Systems' devices affect patient outcomes. Forms for discharge planning, patient satisfaction, and even a packet for reviewing procedures are used to follow up and analyze final costs. The *Assessment Advantage Program*, coupled with Bard Access Systems' complete line of vascular access devices, is the only program of its kind available.



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