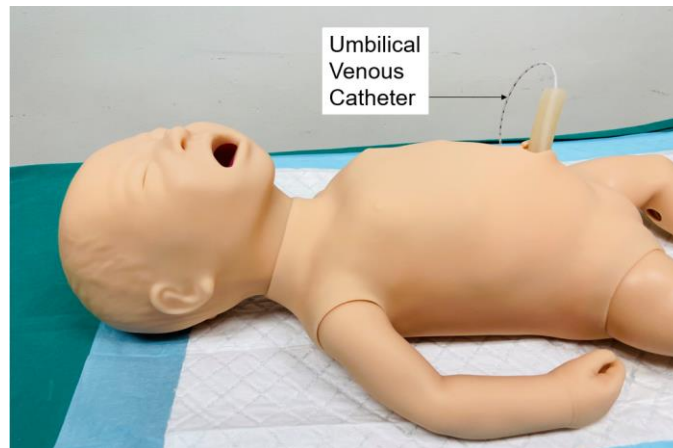




Umbilical Venous Catheter Insertion

What is an umbilical venous catheter?

An umbilical venous catheter (UVC) is a small tube which is put into the vein of the umbilical cord stump (belly button).



Why does my baby need a UVC?

A UVC helps in:

- Administering intravenous fluids and nutrition
- Administering certain medications
- Exchange transfusions (exchange of blood to treat severe jaundice)

There are always risks with any medical procedure.

How is it done?

- The baby will be placed on his back.
- The catheter will be carefully put into the vein.
- The catheter will be stitched and taped securely to the baby's belly button so that it cannot be pulled out.
- An x-ray will be taken to make sure the catheter is in the right place. Sometimes adjustments are made following the x-ray.

Some of the risks include:

- Bleeding
- Infection
- Blood clots formation
- Perforation/puncture of the vein

The doctors and nurses will take all the necessary precautions to ensure that your baby's risks are minimal.

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