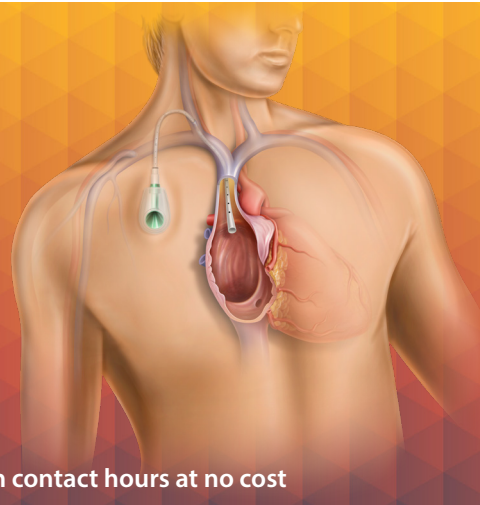# ACCESSING TOTALLY IMPLANTED APHERESIS VASCULAR DEVICES

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OVERVIEW

The use of therapeutic apheresis (TA) is growing every year and increasing evidence shows that it's being used as a primary therapy or adjunct to other therapies for various conditions that impact neurologic, hematologic, oncologic, rheumatologic, and renal systems. Apheresis is a procedure with significant physiologic outcomes, so the care of TA patients requires knowledge and skill of leading practices and innovative devices. This educational activity will discuss the rationale for TA procedures and the nursing considerations in the delivery of apheresis care. Access methods will be reviewed along with the risks and adverse events associated with vascular access procedures.

WHO SHOULD TAKE THIS COURSE?

This continuing education activity is intended for registered nurses and healthcare professionals who want to learn more or need to gain knowledge and skills in apheresis ports in outpatient and inpatient settings such as apheresis clinics, oncology departments, intensive care units, and the emergency department (ED).

HIGHLIGHTS

After completing this continuing education activity, the participant should be able to:

- Discuss nursing practice for the delivery of apheresis.
- Identify diseases treated with apheresis.
- Discuss the rationale for therapeutic apheresis procedures.
- Recognize risks and adverse reactions associated with apheresis procedures.
- Discuss current vascular access methods for apheresis.

ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

California Board of Registered Nursing
Association of periOperative Registered Nurses is provider-approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP 13019 for **2.0 contact hours.**

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The National Center for Competency Testing (NCCT) has approved this program for **2.0 contact hours**.