Algorithm for choosing peripheral IV gauge

Is the patient a

Critical/surgical/trauma patient?

 Yes No

 Does the patient have Does the patient

 fragile vasculature? require an MRI or

 CT scan?

 Yes No Yes No

 Does the patient 18-22 22 gauge 24 gauge

 require an MRI or gauge

 CT scan?

 Yes No

 22 22-24

 gauge gauge

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