

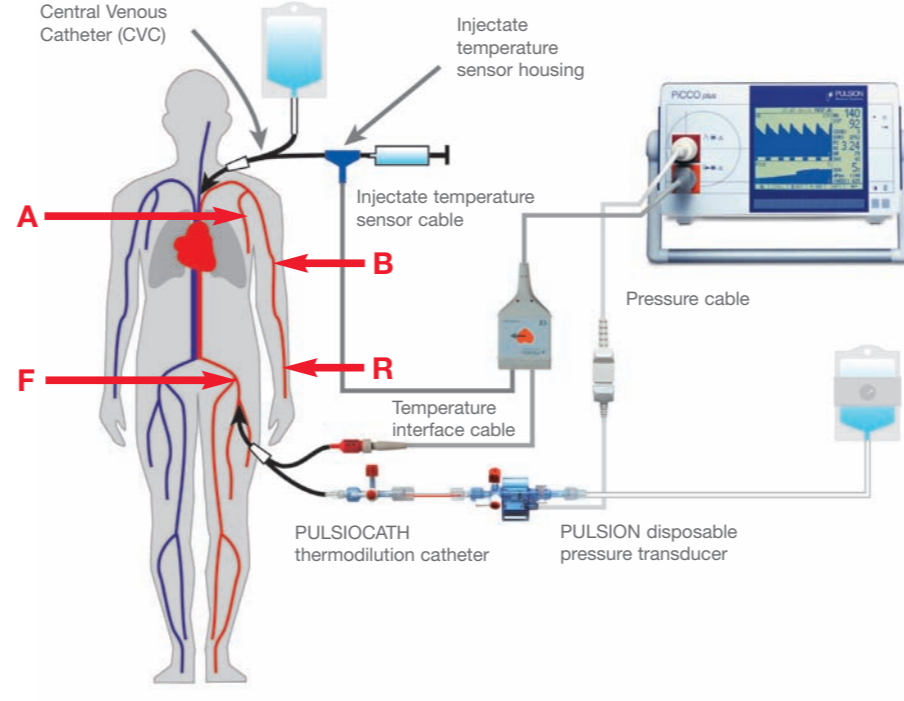


# PULSION PiCCO plus: Setup & Method

## Setup

### The PiCCO-Technology initial setup

1. Connect the injectate-temperature sensor housing to the CV line already in place.
2. Insert a PiCCO arterial thermodilution catheter into a large artery, preferable femoral artery, but also brachial / axillary artery or radial artery (with long catheter).
3. Connect the injectate sensor, the arterial catheter's thermistor and pressure line to your PiCCO Monitor.
4. For blood pressure transfer to any bedside monitoring system, connect the cable at the back of the PiCCO Monitor.
5. Now the system is ready to work.
6. For information how to operate your PiCCO Monitor, please refer to your accompanying PiCCO Operator's Manual and Setup guide.



Standard Central Venous Catheter (CVC)	Axillary:	4F	(1,4 mm)	8 cm
	Brachial:	4F <td>(1,4 mm)</td> <td>22 cm</td>	(1,4 mm)	22 cm
	Femoral:	3-5F	(0,9-1,7 mm)	7-20 cm
	Radial:	4F <td>(1,4 mm)</td> <td>50 cm</td>	(1,4 mm)	50 cm

### PULSION arterial thermodilution catheters

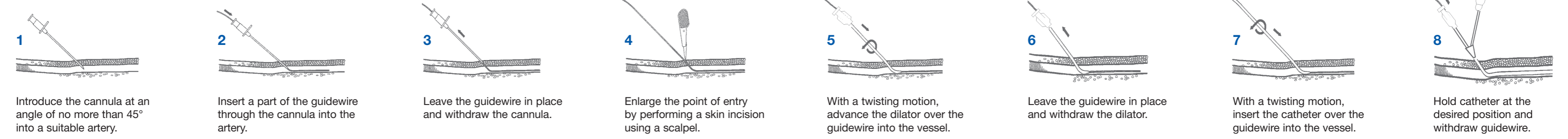
are specifically designed for less invasive volumetric hemodynamic monitoring with the PiCCO-Technology. The catheters are placed with Seldinger Technique. Several versions and sizes are available. They can remain in situ for up to 10 days.

Article number	PV2013L07	PV2014L08	PV2014L16	PV2014L22	PV2015L20	PV2014L50LW
Outer diameter	3F (-20G) / 0,9 mm	4F (-18G) / 1,4 mm	4F (-18G) / 1,4 mm	4F (-18G) / 1,4 mm	5F (-16G) / 1,7 mm	4F (-18G) / 1,4 mm
Usable length	7 cm	8 cm	16 cm	22 cm	20 cm	50 cm
Common feature	LateX Free / DEHP Free	LateX Free / DEHP Free	LateX Free / DEHP Free	LateX Free / DEHP Free	LateX Free / DEHP Free	LateX Free / DEHP Free

The catheters are also available as complete kits (e.g. PVPK2015L20-46), including a disposable pressure transducer and the injectate temperature sensor housing. Optionally, these kits can be ordered with an additional pressure line for intermittent central venous pressure monitoring. Catheters should be selected depending on patient size, weight and insertion site.

## Catheter Placement

### SELDINGER TECHNIQUE



## Operation

**INPUT**

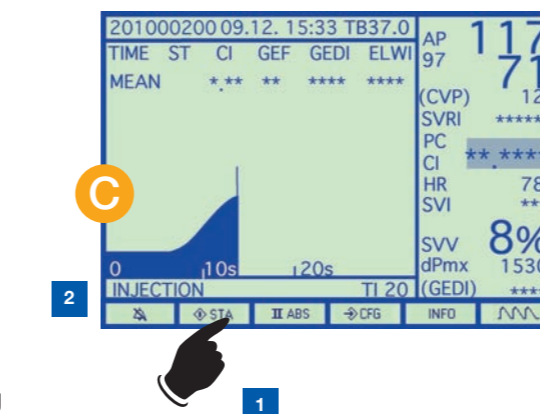
Patient ID: 201000200  
 Weight: 75.0 kg  
 Height: 175 cm  
 Catheter type: PV 2015L20  
 Injectate temp sensor: ACC: 342  
 Injectate temperature: PV 4046  
 Inj Vol (min. 15ml): < 24 °C  
 Range PCCO: 0.. 10 l/min  
 Range AP: 60.. 160 mmHg  
 Warning PCCO: 0.2.. 8.6 l/min

Enter Height and Weight of the patient for calculation of the indexed parameters. The Arterial Catheter Constant (ACC) will be detected automatically, if the PULSIONCATH is connected. < 24 °C = room temp. injectate < 8 °C = cold injectate. CVP should be manually updated when the CVP changes ± 5 to accurately calculate SVR.

**AP ZEROING**

Zero adjust: apply 0 mmHg  
 measured AP: 13 mmHg

Open pressure transducer to atmosphere. Press [0] for zeroing.



1. Press [STABLE] to perform a thermodilution measurement.
2. Wait until "STABLE" appears
3. Injection of the indicator should be done as fast (< 7 sec) and steadily as possible.

	PV4046	
Weight of pat.	For cold injectate	For roomtemp. injectate
< 3 kg	2 ml	3 ml
< 10 kg	2 ml	3 ml
< 25 kg	3 ml	5 ml
< 50 kg	5 ml	10 ml
< 100 kg	10 ml	15 ml
> 100 kg	15 ml	20 ml

The minimal injectate volume is recommended by the PiCCO plus in brackets ( ). This parameter can be modified by highlighting the parameter using the inverse marker [←]. The number can be changed by using the function keys [←] [→].

**PULSION PiCCO plus**  
 V: 7.0 no US

A: Input Screen  
 B: AP zeroing  
 C: Thermodilution Screen

### Square Wave Test Procedure:

- Pull the Snap Tab™ of the flush device and release immediately.
- Observe the pressure signal on the patient monitor.
- Compare the wave form with the figures to determine the dynamic response. If necessary repeat to verify maximum dynamic response.

**CAUTION:** An over- or under damped wave may be the result of one or more of the following:

- 3 way stopcock partially closed
- pressure line kinked or squeezed
- Air in the pressure tubing and/or in the catheter
- Loose connections in the system
- Blood clots in catheter or in the pressure tubing
- Catheter tip touching the vessel wall
- Lumen too narrow
- Use of foreign or addition pressure tubing or material

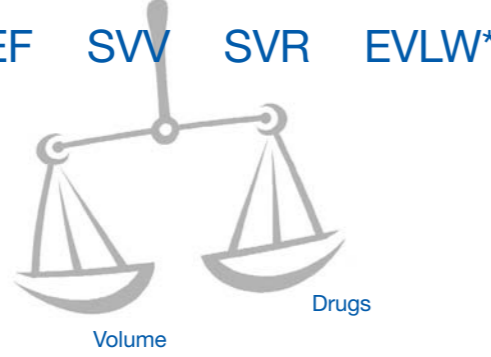
Initially perform 3 thermodilution measurements. Press [STABLE] when performing further thermodilution measurements. Recalibrate 8 hourly or more frequently if patient condition unstable, if one measurement does not closely correspond to others, delete and re-perform.

If ΔT < 0.2% more/colder injectate might be necessary. ... change to [INFO] if you want to delete measurements.

## Clinical Use & Benefit

### PiCCO answers all relevant questions:

CO GEDV GEF SVV SVR EVLW\*



What is the current situation?.....Cardiac Output  
 What is the preload?.....Global End-Diastolic Volume  
 Will volume increase CO?.....Stroke Volume Variation  
 What is the afterload?.....Systemic Vascular Resistance  
 What about contractility?.....Global Ejection Fraction  
 Are the lungs still dry?.....Extravascular Lung Water\*

### The PiCCO-Technology therapeutic decision tree and normal range table (available as pocket guide)

CI (l/min/m²)	CO	GEDV	GEDV	GEDV	GEDV	GEDV
< 3.0	< 700	> 1800	> 1800	> 1800	> 1800	> 1800
> 3.0	> 1800	< 1800	< 1800	< 1800	< 1800	< 1800

Thermodilution Parameters	Index	Range	Unit
Cardiac Output	CO	3.0-5.5	l/min/m²
Global End-Diastolic Volume	GEDV	800-800	ml/m²
Intrathoracic Blood Volume	ITBV	850-1000	ml/m²
Extravascular Lung Water*	EVLW*	3.0-7.0	ml/kg
Pulmonary Vascular Permeability Index	PVPI	1.0-3.0	-
Cardiac Function Index	CFI	4.5-6.5	l/min
Global Ejection Fraction	GEF	25-35	%

### The PiCCO-Technology advantages:

- Less Invasiveness: Only central venous and arterial access required. No pulmonary artery catheter required. Also applicable in small children.
- Short Set-up Time: Can be installed within minutes.
- Dynamic, Continuous Measurement: Cardiac Output, Afterload and Volume Responsiveness are measured Beat by Beat.
- No Chest X-ray: To confirm correct catheter position.
- Cost Effective: Less expensive than continuous pulmonary artery catheter. Arterial PiCCO catheter can be in place for 10 days or more. Potential to reduce ICU stay and costs.
- More Specific Parameters: PiCCO parameters are easy to use and interpret even for less experienced caregivers.
- Extravascular Lung Water\*: Lung edema can be excluded or quantified at the bed-side.

## Underlying Principles

→ The PiCCO-Technology is a unique combination of 2 techniques for advanced hemodynamic and volumetric management without the necessity of a right heart catheter in most patients:

**Transpulmonary Thermodilution**

CO Calculation: → Area under the Thermodilution Curve

**PULSE CONTOUR ANALYSIS**

CV Bolus Injection

PULSIONCATH

→ After central venous injection of the indicator, the thermistor at the tip of the arterial catheter measures the downstream temperature changes. → Cardiac output is calculated by analysis of the thermodilution curve using a modified Stewart-Hamilton algorithm.

$$CO_{TDA} = \frac{(T_b - T_i) \cdot V_i \cdot K}{\int \Delta T_b \cdot dt}$$

T<sub>b</sub> = Blood temperature  
 T<sub>i</sub> = Injectate temperature  
 V<sub>i</sub> = Injectate volume  
 ∫ ΔT<sub>b</sub> · dt = Area under the thermodilution curve  
 K = Correction constant

→ For correct calculation of CO, only a fraction of the total injected indicator needs to pass the detection site. Simplified, only the change of temperature over time is relevant. → The algorithm is capable of computing each single stroke volume (SV) after being calibrated by an initial transpulmonary thermodilution.

→ After calibration, the pulse contour algorithm is able to follow the cardiac output Beat by Beat.

$$PCCO = cal \cdot HR \cdot \left( \frac{P(t)}{SVR} + C(p) \cdot \frac{dp}{dt} \right) dt$$

cal = Patient-specific calibration factor (determined by thermodilution)  
 HR = Heart rate  
 P(t) = Area under pressure curve  
 SVR = Aortic compliance  
 dp/dt = Shape of pressure curve

→ All volumetric parameters are obtained by advanced analysis of the thermodilution curve:

For the calculations of volumes...  
**MTI: Mean Transit time** = time when half of the indicator has passed the point of detection in the artery  
**DSI: Down Slope time** = exponential downslope time of the thermodilution curve

→ The intrathoracic compartments can be considered as a series of "mixing chambers" for the distribution of the injected indicator (intrathoracic thermal volume).  
 → The largest mixing chamber in this series are the lungs, here the indicator (cold) has its largest distribution volume (largest thermal volume).

**ITTV = CO · MTI**    **PTV = CO · DSI**    **GEDV = ITTV - PTV**

**ITBV = 1.25 · GEDV**    **EVLW\* = ITTV - ITBV**

→ ITBV and GEDV have been shown to be far more sensitive and specific to Cardiac Preload than the standard cardiac filling pressures CVP plus PCWP, and also right ventricular end-diastolic volume.

→ The striking advantage of ITBV and GEDV is that they are not adversely influenced by mechanical ventilation and give correct information regarding the preload status under any condition.

→ Stroke Volume Variation (SVV) represents the variation of stroke volume (SV) over the ventilatory cycle.

→ SVV reflects the sensitivity of the heart to the cyclic changes in cardiac preload induced by mechanical ventilation.  
 → SVV can predict whether stroke volume will increase with volume expansion  
 → SVV is only applicable in fully ventilated patients with regular heart rhythm

→ Extravascular Lung Water (EVLW\*) is the amount of water content in the lungs. It allows bedside quantification of the degree of pulmonary edema.

→ EVLW\* assessed by transpulmonary thermodilution has been validated against dye dilution and the reference gravimetric method.

→ EVLW\* has shown to have a clear correlation to severity of ARDS, length of ventilation days, ICU-Stay and Mortality and to be superior to assessment of lung edema by chest X-ray and CT scan.

**Indications:** Patients in whom cardiovascular and circulatory volume status monitoring are necessary. This includes patients in surgical, medical, cardiac and burn specialty units, as well as other specialty units where cardiovascular monitoring is desired, and patients undergoing major surgical interventions where cardiovascular monitoring is necessary. In short, every patient who requires a central venous and arterial catheter for monitoring.

**Contraindications:** Patients in whom there are arterial access restrictions, for example due to femoral artery grafting or severe burns in areas where the arterial catheter would normally be placed. Note: The Axillary or Brachial artery can be used as an alternative site. Additionally a long radial artery catheter can also be placed for short term use. The PiCCO-Technology may give incorrect thermodilution measurements in patients with intracardiac shunts, aortic aneurysm, aortic stenosis, mitral or tricuspid insufficiency, pneumonectomy, macro lung embolism and extracorporeal circulation (if blood is either extracted from or infused back into the cardiopulmonary circulation). As is the case with all arterial catheters adequate perfusion downstream of the puncture site has to be assured. Adequacy of perfusion can be monitored using clinical inspection, surface temperature measurement, or by applying a pulse oximetry sensor to a digit downstream from the puncture site to continuously establish pulsatile flow.

## Trouble-shooting

Troubleshooting:	Interpretation	Injectate temperature problem	Thermodilution signal problem	Possible cause	Suggested remedy	Arterial blood pressure problem	Possible cause	Suggested remedy
If the device shows an error message (E), please confirm with [E] and check the system for correct setup and settings. Do a further Thermodilution Measurement. For detailed trouble shooting please refer to the PiCCO plus Operator's Manual or contact your PULSION representative. In the case where you observe any product defect on disposables or accessories, please keep the product to be handed to your PULSION representative for further investigation.	0 Technically good measurement 1 Error in determination of T <sub>inj</sub> 2 Injection error 3 Inject faster than 10 s 4-6 Error in calculation of thermodilution curve parameters 7 Time out (Thermodilution curve longer than 90s) 8 Blood temperature lower than injectate temperature 9 Invalid PCCO calibration	- Injection not detected - Injectate temperature sensor error	- TD curve does not appear - No TB (Blood Temperature) - TB incorrect	- No signal transfer - Blocked sensor housing	- Change injectate temp. sensor cable or housing - Change sensor housing	- Arterial pressure dampened - Arterial line flat or absent	- Air in arterial line - Additional / foreign pressure line - Catheter kinked - Catheter clotted - No pressure in flush device - Defective cable - Defective pressure transducer - Calibration of system defective	- Remove air from pressure line - Remove additional / foreign line - Avoid bending of catheter - Secure continuous flushing - Add pressure to flush device - Replace cable - Replace pressure transducer - Call PULSION representative

\*Extravascular Lung Water (EVLW) is not yet available in the US. FDA clearance pending