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Title: Aneurysm of antecubital vein: an unusual complication of peripheral intravenous cannulation

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Venous aneurysm formation following peripheral cannulation is rare. It had not been reported in the literature in a patient with normal coagulation profile. We report such a case where an aneurysm of the antecubital vein took place following venous cannulation. The presentation was confused as it was originally thought to be varicose vein.

Venous aneurysms can be potentially serious and need to be diagnosed correctly. The case under consideration was treated adequately without any complication. A literature search showed lack of consensus in many areas of management.

There are three aims of reporting this condition-

1) to make readers aware of this rare but potentially serious condition; 2) to highlight the need for optimising treatment of venous aneurysms 3) to raise a debate whether such a complication should be routinely mentioned while obtaining consent for establishing peripheral cannulation.

We think that BMC Surgery, a specialist journal available all over the world, is the appropriate platform for conveying these messages to a wide audience.