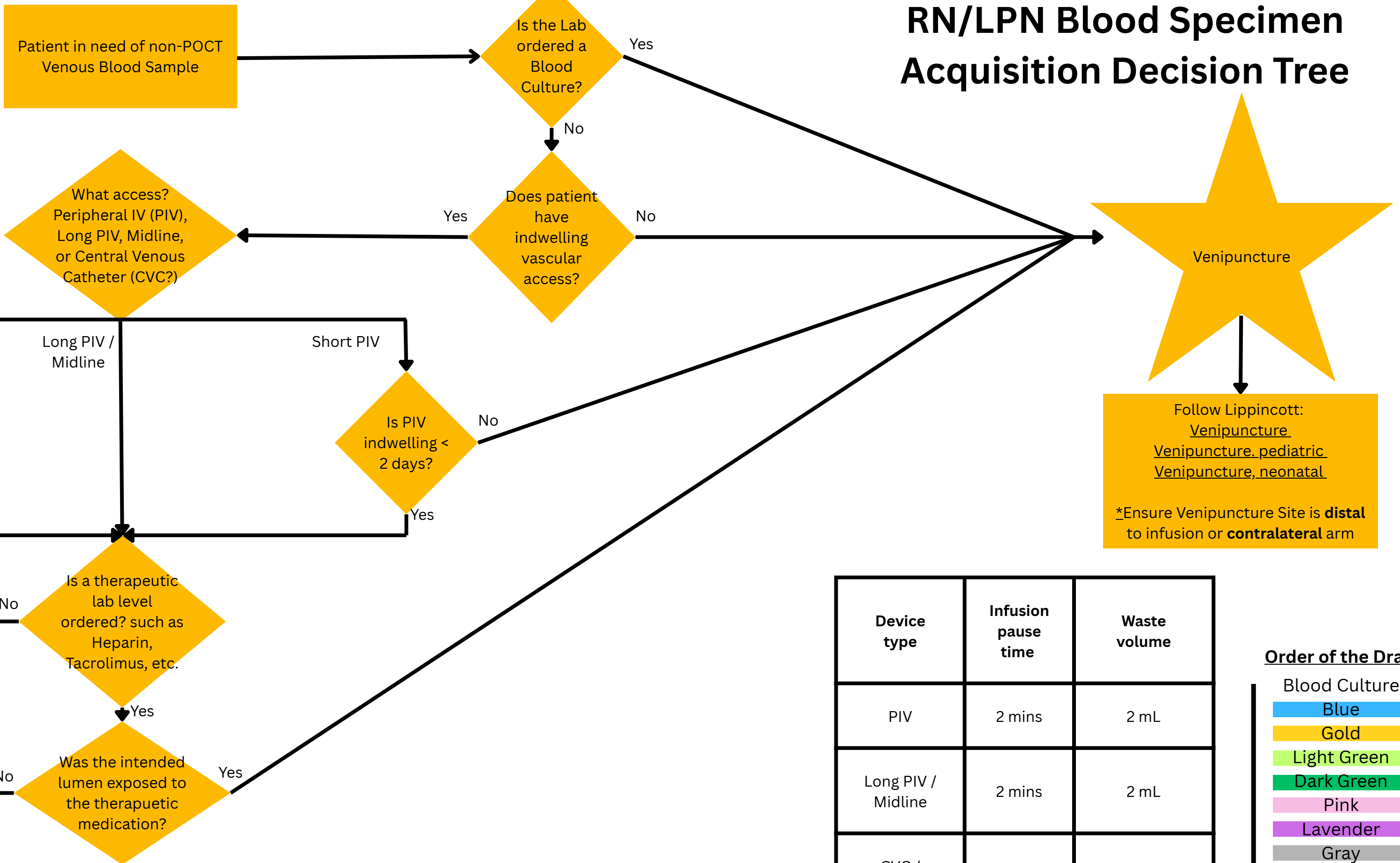


# RN/LPN Blood Specimen Acquisition Decision Tree

**Start**



Follow Lippincott:  
[Venipuncture](#)  
[Venipuncture, pediatric](#)  
[Venipuncture, neonatal](#)

\*Ensure Venipuncture Site is **distal** to infusion or **contralateral** arm

| Device type          | Infusion pause time | Waste volume |
|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| PIV                  | 2 mins              | 2 mL         |
| Long PIV / Midline   | 2 mins              | 2 mL         |
| CVC / Implanted Port | 1-2 mins            | 4 mL         |

**Order of the Draw**

- Blood Culture
- Blue
- Gold
- Light Green
- Dark Green
- Pink
- Lavender
- Gray
- Yellow

Follow device/population specific Lippincott :  
[IV Catheter blood Sampling](#)  
[Midline Catheter blood sampling](#)  
[Central venous access catheter blood sampling, pediatric](#)

For PIV, ensure PIV is **distal** to infusion site or **contralateral** Arm.

References and literature review available on Policy Manager reference Blood Specimen Acquisition Clinical Practice Guideline

*\*Clinical judgment for individual scenarios should be considered and may supercede these written guidelines*

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