

Sweeny Community Hospital Goes Hospital Wide with AccuVein

On Wednesday, August 27th Sweeny Community Hospital implemented a hospital wide initiative to use AccuVein. Sweeny Community Hospital is the only hospital in Brazoria County to implement this initiative. AccuVein will help reduce the number of IV sticks by displaying a map of a patient's veins on their skin. Many times a patient's veins are hard to find due to dark color of skin, depth of veins, dehydration, low body temperature, or frequent venipuncture to where even the most experienced healthcare professional may have a difficult time accessing a vein on the first try. The AccuVein AV400 is about the size of a TV remote and can be used handheld or mounted in a cradle for hands-free access. AccuVein illuminates blood vessels on the patient's skin allowing the healthcare provider to see the position of underlying veins and blood flow of the veins. The AccuVein handheld device is being used in Sweeny Community Hospital's ER, Lab, Medical Floor, Surgery, and EMS Ambulances. SCH's goal is to have a successful first-stick approach throughout all areas of our hospital.

