

Needle Sizes

21G 2" (50mm) –very deep femoral vein
1 1/2" (40mm) Drawing up, steroids in big muscles,
 Deep, scarred femoral vein (use 22G if less scarred)

26G: 1" (25mm) Femoral vein
 (shallow, unscarred)
3/8" 1/2" superficial veins

23G: 1 1/4" (30mm) Femoral vein, smaller muscles
1" (25mm) Femoral vein, small muscles
 (could go down to 1" **25G** for groin instead)

27G: 1.5"

30G: 1/2" (13mm)
 superficial veins
 sub cut



18G 1.5" (40mm) (blunt)
 Drawing up steroids
 (not from multi-dose vials)

24G 1" (25mm)
 femoral, muscles

27G: 1/2" (13mm) sub cut
3/4", 1/2" superficial veins

29G: 1/2" (13mm)
 sub cut, small veins

22G: 1 1/2" (40mm) steroids in big muscles, deep femoral
 (use 1 1/2" **25G** for femoral vein if less scarred)
1" (25mm): Muscles, femoral vein
 (could go down to 1" **23G** or **24G** instead)

25G
1 1/2" (40mm) deep femoral vein
1" (25mm) shallow femoral
5/8" (16mm) Superficial veins

Rationalized needle range

Very deep femoral only

21G; 50mm (2")

22G; 40mm (1½")

23G; 30mm (1¼")

25G; 25mm (1")

27G; 20mm (¾")

Femoral Vein Range

This block shows five needles of increasing gauge and decreasing length, labeled for femoral vein access. The needles are shown in a row, with their respective gauge and length specifications listed above them. The lengths are given in both millimeters and inches.

25G; 16mm (5/8")

27G; 13mm (½")

29G; 13mm (½")

30G; 13mm (½")

Superficial veins

Subcutaneous

This block shows four needles for superficial veins and subcutaneous use. The needles are shown in a row, with their respective gauge and length specifications listed above them. The lengths are given in both millimeters and inches. Below the needles are two arrows pointing right, labeled 'Superficial veins' and 'Subcutaneous'.

Drawing up

21G; 40mm (1½")

22G; 40mm (1½")

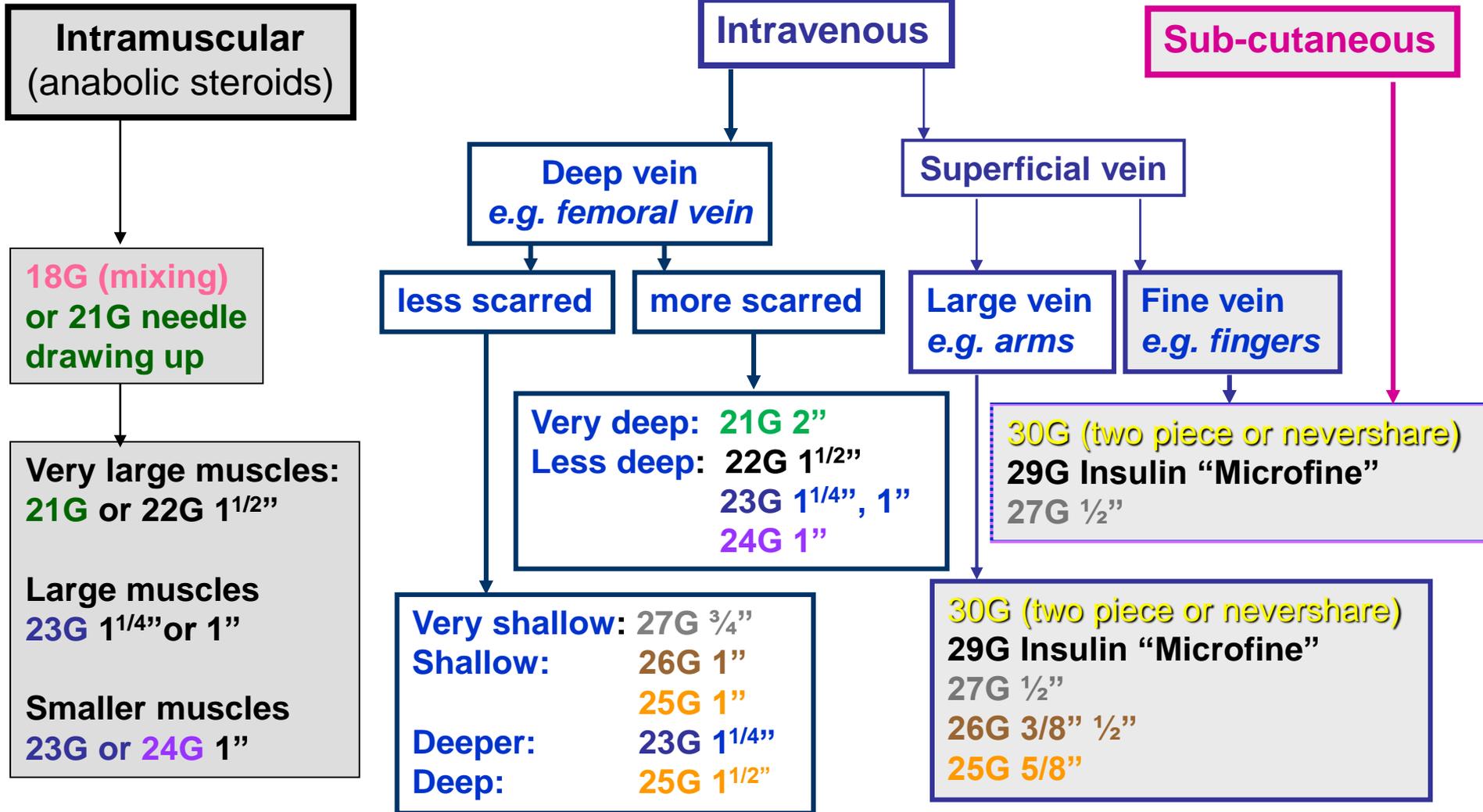
23G; 30mm (1¼")

23G; 25mm (1")

Anabolic steroids/IM

This block shows four needles for drawing up and anabolic steroid/IM use. The needles are shown in a row, with their respective gauge and length specifications listed above them. The lengths are given in both millimeters and inches. Below the needles is an arrow pointing right, labeled 'Anabolic steroids/IM'.

Choosing Needle Sizes...



Not all exchanges will stock all these needles; individual anatomy, drug of choice, site health and preference will influence which needle a person will want to use.