Needle Selection Continuum
Needle Length

Needle Length Selection by Type of Injection

- Length recommendations for intradermal injections - 3/8” to 3/4”
- Length recommendations for intramuscular injections - 7/8” to 1-1/2”
- Length recommendations for subcutaneous injections - 1/2” to 5/8”
- There is overlap between intradermal & subcutaneous injections for 1/2” to 5/8” length needles.
- The deeper the injection, the longer the length of the needle required.
- The shorter the needle length, the less pain or bruising experienced by patients.

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