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# Pioneering Approaches in Vein Visualization: A Systematic Review of Current Practices and Future Directions

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**Abstract**

Vein detection is a fundamental aspect of medical procedures such as intravenous (IV) cannulation and phlebotomy, playing a critical role in ensuring procedural success and minimizing patient discomfort. Traditional methods of vein localization, including visual inspection and palpation, can be challenging in patients with difficult venous access, such as infants, obese individuals, and those with dark skin tones. These challenges can result in increased procedure time, multiple insertion attempts, and a higher risk of complications. Advanced vein visualization technologies have been developed to enhance vein detection, with near-infrared (NIR) devices offering a non-invasive solution by projecting vein images onto the skin surface. These devices improve vein visibility, increasing the success rate of venous access and reducing procedural errors. However, their efficacy may vary depending on patient characteristics and device design. Recent technological advancements have integrated artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning into vein visualization systems to enhance accuracy and reliability. These innovations provide more precise vein mapping, particularly in complex clinical scenarios where conventional visualization techniques are limited. Additionally, the incorporation of mobile technology has facilitated improved vein detection in diverse healthcare settings, optimizing procedural efficiency. The ability to accurately locate veins is essential for preserving vein integrity, particularly as life expectancy increases and the demand for frequent medical interventions rises. The ongoing development of vein visualization devices holds significant potential in improving patient outcomes by reducing the risks associated with venepuncture failures and procedural delays. Further research continues to refine these technologies, integrating advanced computational techniques to enhance their effectiveness. The adoption of improved vein detection methods is crucial for increasing procedural success rates, ensuring patient safety, and optimizing healthcare efficiency.

**Keywords**: Vein visualization, Near-infrared imaging, Intravenous access, Medical imaging devices, Infrared vein finder.

## 1. Introduction

One of the most widely used diagnostic techniques in medicine is medical laboratory testing. Numerous illnesses, including most viral disorders, Genetic diseases, and endocrine abnormalities) can only be identified in a lab setting. A blood test is one of the primary techniques used in the laboratory. Blood can be extracted from a vein or a capillary in the finger. Finding the patient's vein is necessary for taking blood from it, which can be challenging when veins are hidden from view [1, 2]. To reduce preanalytical errors and patient discomfort from needless punctures in pursuit of a vein, vein viewers are utilized to draw attention to an invisible vein as well as discover it promptly. [1-4]. A non-invasive tool called a vein viewer shows a patient's veins, including those that are hidden from view. The device's fundamental idea is that blood haemoglobin and surrounding tissues absorb light differently. A camera records the light reflected from the surrounding tissues when the gadget shines light in the 750–950 nm range onto a portion of the patient's body. The final image is shown on the screen of the device or, if desired, projected onto the patient via a projector.

There are several uses for a vein viewer. For instance, it may be used to eliminate unseen varicose veins during phlebotomy, which encourages the creation of new forms [1]. Additionally, it might be appropriate for catheter installation, blood samples, and intravenous injections [2-4]. Additionally, there are non-medical uses, such as using biometrics to identify a person based on their vein pattern [5].

Numerous researchers point out several drawbacks of optical vein visualisation technology, including low visualisation depth, within 3–5 mm, weak vein visibility for patients with dark skin, poor vein visibility for patients with excess body weight, and poor vein visibility in patients with lots of skin imperfections (stretch marks, scars, pigment spots) [1–3]. However, this technique holds great promise. To increase patient comfort along with care quality, certain medical procedures, including injections and blood samples, would be made simpler with the development and active use of vein viewers. To advance the technique, researchers look at the potential applications of polychromatic sources, multispectral imaging, and hyperspectral imaging [6–8]. It should be mentioned that vein visualisation rarely uses the visible light spectrum as a source since the light has a modest penetration depth into biological tissue in the 400–700 nm range, less than 2–4 mm, in contrast to light in the 750–950 nm range, which can penetrate as deep as 5 mm [1, 2].

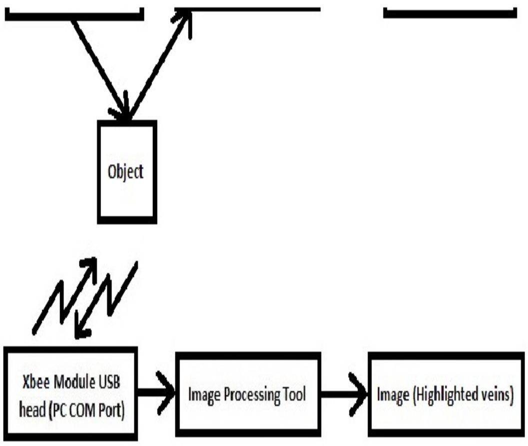


**Figure 1.** Block diagram of vein finder [3].

One of the most important steps in many medical treatments is venepuncture. However, there are numerous challenges in locating a dynamic and real-time visualisation of the vein architecture. Among the most often performed medical procedures on patients are intravenous cannulation and venepuncture [9]. It contains information regarding health monitoring and potential disorders that can be identified in a human blood vessel [10]. But it is frequently challenging to find a decent visualisation of venous anatomy [11]. As a result, the nurse is forced to act using their understanding and expertise of anatomy [11]. This occasionally results in mistakes that could hurt the patient directly or indirectly. Because it may reach tissues up to several centimetres deep, infrared radiation is a good choice [9]. According to Azueto-ríos [12], the near-infrared spectrum (700–900 nm) was shown to have the highest absorption range for NIR-I. Water has less of an impact on scanning, even though Crisan and Tebrean (2017) found that both veins and arteries strongly absorb near-infrared radiation (NIR) within a limited radiation window of 750–950 nm. NIR radiation is strongly absorbed by veins due to their narrow optical window. When exposed to near-infrared radiation, haemoglobin and water behave differently at different wavelengths. As a result, the 700–950 nm optical window can be selected. As a result, the 700–950 nm optical window may be selected. Haemoglobin inside the blood vessels absorbs infrared radiation, whereas the surrounding tissues that are not blood vessels absorb it and instead reflect it as the block diagram and prototype shown in figure 1 and figure 2 [13]. Because blood vessels absorb infrared light, they will look darker than other areas when photographed [10]. The human body's superficial veins can be captured by infrared radiation [14].

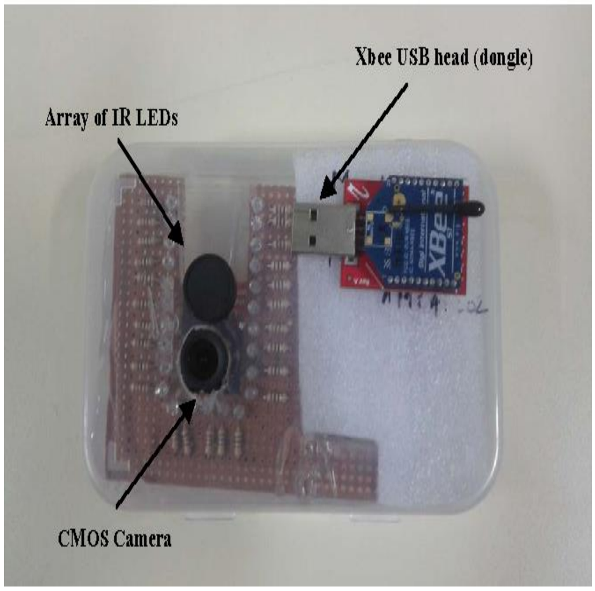


**Figure 2.** IR Probe (source) [3]

Figure 2. IR Probe (source) was designed using an array of IR LEDs around the serial JPEG Camera (CMOS). The Xbee USB Head (dongle) is shown in the figure placed on top of the prototype [3]. Near-Infrared (NIR) Imaging, one of the most widely used approaches, struggles with imaging depth constraints, making it ineffective for deeper veins, particularly in obese patients. Ultrasound-based methods, though highly effective in locating deeper veins, require specialized training and are not always practical for real-time use in high-demand clinical settings. Additionally, visible spectrum (VIS) imaging is highly dependent on ambient

lighting conditions and skin pigmentation, reducing its reliability for darker-skinned patients.

Beyond individual technique limitations, there is a lack of standardization in validation methodologies. Studies employ diverse datasets and evaluation metrics, making it difficult to compare the efficacy of different systems objectively. Some rely on small or homogenous patient populations, limiting generalizability across diverse demographics. Furthermore, many studies validate their methods against manual vein palpation, which itself is highly subjective and prone to variability among clinicians. More robust validation strategies—such as large-scale clinical trials and cross-modality comparisons (e.g., with ultrasound or CT imaging)—are needed to establish the true effectiveness of these technologies.

Lastly, integration challenges persist, as most techniques operate in isolation rather than being combined into a multi-modal system. A hybrid approach that leverages the strengths of multiple modalities (e.g., combining NIR with AI-driven enhancement or ultrasound with edge computing for real-time analysis) could improve overall performance. Addressing these limitations is crucial for advancing vein visualization technology toward reliable, real-world clinical application.

## 2. Research Related to Different Techniques and Methodologies

A real-time optical visualisation system for a venous bed is presented by P.A. Ryabochkina et. al. [15] using near infrared (the NIR) vein finder technology. This method uses video processing algorithms and spectrum division of light to improve vein visualization, which may be useful for hand venous imaging. Utilizing spectral division of light flux and near infrared (NIR) vein finding technology. Van Quan, Pham et. al. [16] In this study, a mobile hand vein finder device with a 3 MP camera and 10 LEDs (850 nm as well as 940 nm) that use near-infrared illumination is presented. To improve venous patterns and facilitate precise venipuncture in medical settings, it processes photos. The accuracy of vein detection using NIR imaging was validated by comparing its results with traditional vein localization methods such as manual palpation and ultrasound imaging. The sensitivity and specificity of vein visualization were measured based on successful venipuncture rates and contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) values.

Refer to Hui Ern [17]. For non-contact, mobile visualisation of dorsal hand veins, the study combines near infrared (NIR) technology along with a CMOS camera. It achieves great image quality across various skin tones as well as body frames, resulting in a portable and accurate imaging tool. Korostyleva, Irina I. [18] Using 850 nm infrared LEDs, the proposed biotechnical system visualises subcutaneous veins and captures photos efficiently, even under high ambient light levels. In 68% of test subjects, it successfully visualises veins; the results are better when ethyl alcohol along with glycerol are used. Mela, Christopher A. [19] To facilitate IV placement and diagnostics, the study introduces a real-time dual-modal vein imaging technology that combines visible spectrum (VIS) and near-infrared (NIR) pictures. This method greatly improves vein visibility in the human hand, especially for veins less than 0.5 mm in diameter. Remizov, N. V. [20] A prototype vein viewer for optical vein visualisation that can be used on the hand and other body parts is discussed in the study. To improve vein contrast with the skin's surface, it assesses various optical components and LED sources. Fitriya F [21] The study uses an infrared LED with a wavelength of 726 nm to see veins in the dorsal hand. To improve vein image quality, it uses image processing methods as sharpening, histogram equalisation, local threshold segmentation, and greyscale conversion. [22] Danni Ai A new augmented reality technique for visualising the hand's subcutaneous veins is presented in the study. It improves intravenous injection accuracy plus lowers failure rates by capturing and reconstructing vein architecture using two industrial cameras and near-infrared lighting. Khudhair Salah Shaimaa [23] Infrared light at 850 nm is used in hand vein visualisation technology to take pictures of the veins on the hand and wrist. After these photos are processed using algorithms, the SURF approach extracts important information and achieves a 97% identification accuracy rate.

Van Tien Tran [24] to improve contrast and vein visibility for diagnosis and treatment, the study addresses near-infrared (NIR) imaging techniques that use wavelengths ranging from 750 to 940 nm to visualise veins across the hand, comprising fingers, palms, wrists, and arms. Garg Divisha [25] A portable vein finder intended to improve vein visibility, especially in difficult situations, is the subject of the study. It can be used on hands and other challenging locations since it uses a revolutionary image enhancement technology that greatly increases vein recognition. Deep learning models used for vein segmentation were trained on datasets containing diverse skin tones and vein structures. The models were validated using standard evaluation metrics such as precision, recall, F1-score, and intersection-over-union (IoU) to measure segmentation accuracy. Training methods included convolutional neural networks (CNNs) optimized with data augmentation techniques to enhance robustness across varying patient conditions. In some of research Performance evaluation was conducted by comparing vein images obtained from different techniques, including NIR, ultrasound, and dual-modal imaging. Metrics such as vein visibility score, processing time, and detection success rate were analyzed to determine the effectiveness of each method. Additionally, clinician feedback was incorporated to assess the usability of these systems in real-world medical scenarios.

**Table 1:** Research related to Different techniques and methodologies [15-25].

| Sr. No. | Study | Methods Employed | Research Gaps |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Biotechnical System for Vein Detection | Illumination Technique: 12 LEDs emitting 850 nm near-infrared light. | Limited Software Processing: Lack of advanced image processing may affect vein visualization quality. |
| | | Image Capture: Infrared camera with an IR filter. | |
| | | Visualization Process: Direct transmission to a tablet without additional software processing. | |
| | | Testing Variability: Assessment across different ages and genders. | |
| | | External Factors Assessment: Evaluation of ambient light intensity and IR LED radiation. | |
| | | Skin Reflectance Modification: Application of ethyl alcohol and glycerol. | |
| | | Success Rate Measurement: 68% successful visualization rate. | |
| 2 | Dual-Modal Imaging System | Imaging Combination: Visible spectrum and near-infrared imaging. | Limited Depth Penetration Studies: There is a Need for more extensive research on vein visualization through varying tissue depths. |
| | | Beam Splitter Technology: Directs VIS light to a colour camera and NIR light to a monochrome camera. | |
| | | Illumination Setup: Circular array of 48 LEDs emitting 850 nm light. | |
| | | Image Processing Techniques: Real-time gamma correction, histogram equalization, and contrast enhancement. | |
| | | Alignment and Resolution Testing: Use of a resolution target for image alignment. | |
| | | Depth Penetration Studies: Assessment of vein visualization through tissue layers. | |
| | | Vein Counting Methodology: Comparison of imaging system counts with visual inspection. | |
| | | Statistical Analysis: Evaluation of detection accuracy. | |
| 3 | 3D Printed Modular Vein Viewing System | Prototype Development: Modular design with interchangeable parts. | Limited Skin Tone Representation: Narrow |

| Sr. No. | Study | Methods Employed | Research Gaps |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | Optical Elements Testing: Analysis of long-pass optical filters (HWB780 and HWB830). | focus on a specific skin phototype. |
| | | - LED Illumination Sources: Use of 850 nm and 940 nm LEDs. | |
| | | Focal Length Variation: Assessment of lenses with different focal lengths. | |
| | | Visualization Quality Estimation: Development of a quantitative assessment methodology. | |
| | | Experimental Trials: Testing with 20 volunteers aged 20–24 with Fitzpatrick skin phototype III. | |
| 4 | Vein Detection as Biometric Authentication | Vein Detection Technique: Utilization of unique and stable vein patterns. | Environmental Variability: Insufficient consideration of how environmental factors affect vein image quality. |
| | | Infrared LED Utilization: 726 nm infrared LED for vein visualization. | |
| | | Image Processing Steps: Grayscale conversion, image sharpening, histogram equalization, and segmentation. | |
| | | Parameter Optimization: Determination of optimal exposure distance. | |
| 5 | Augmented Reality Vein Imaging System | - 3D Reconstruction: Use of two industrial cameras with reflective near-infrared lights. | Real-Time Processing Limitations: Potential challenges in processing speed for real-time applications. |
| | | - Vein Segmentation: Multiple-feature clustering method. | |
| | | Vein Matching and Reconstruction: Alignment based on epipolar constraint and homographic properties. | |
| | | Skin Surface Reconstruction: Active structured light with spatial encoding. | |
| | | Fusion Display: Real-time augmented visualization. | |
| | | Performance Evaluation: Assessment using various metrics and real vein data. | |
| 6 | Hand Vascular Pattern Technology | Image Acquisition: Infrared light source at 850 nm. | Environmental Sensitivity: Need for studies on the system's performance under varying environmental conditions. |
| | | Image Segmentation: Various image processing algorithms. | |
| | | Feature Extraction: Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SURF) method. | |
| | | Feature Matching: Euclidean distance method. | |
| | | Accuracy Assessment: 97% accuracy rate. | |
| 7 | NIR Vein Imaging Study | NIR Imaging Techniques: Visualization of veins beneath the skin. | Comprehensive Evaluation: Need for a more thorough comparison of various NIR imaging techniques. |
| | | Imaging Modes: Transmission, reflection, and combination modes. | |
| | | Wavelength Selection: 750 to 940 nm range. | |

| Sr. No. | Study | Methods Employed | Research Gaps |
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| | | Use of Optical Filters: Crossed polarizers and neutral density filters. | |
| | | Analysis and Evaluation: Comparison of different NIR imaging methods. | |
| 8 | Development of the Vein Finder | Device Development: Use of affordable components. | Cost-Effectiveness: There is a Need for studies on the balance between cost and performance. |

**Table 2:** Validation Techniques [15-25]

| Study | Technique | Key Findings | Validation Techniques & Performance Metrics |
|---|---|---|---|
| Study A | Near-Infrared Imaging (NIR) | Effective for superficial veins | Accuracy validated via ultrasound comparison; contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) measured for vein visibility |
| Study B | Machine Learning for Vein Segmentation | Achieved high segmentation accuracy | Dataset: X-ray & NIR vein images; CNN model trained with cross-validation; evaluated using precision, recall, F1-score, and IoU |
| Study C | Ultrasound Imaging | Reliable for deeper veins | Clinical trials with n=50 patients; success rate of venipuncture recorded; statistical significance tested ($p<0.05$) |

**Table 3:** Comparison table [15-25]

| Technique | Strengths | Real-Time Processing | Depth Penetration | Applicability (Patient Demographics) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Near-Infrared Imaging (NIR) | High contrast for superficial veins, non-invasive | Fast | Shallow (≤5mm) | More effective for lighter skin tones |
| Ultrasound Imaging | Works for deep veins, widely used in clinical settings | Moderate | Deep | Suitable for all skin tones and obese patients |
| Machine Learning-Based Techniques | Automated, adaptable to various imaging modalities | Fast with optimized models | Medium to deep (depends on technique) | Dataset bias may affect accuracy across populations |

Different imaging methodologies for vein detection exhibit distinct advantages and limitations. Near-infrared imaging (NIR) is effective for superficial veins due to its high contrast but struggles with deeper structures and may be influenced by skin pigmentation. Ultrasound imaging, in contrast, allows for deeper vein detection and is widely used in clinical settings, though it requires specialized training and equipment. Machine learning-based approaches offer automation and adaptability but rely heavily on dataset quality and may introduce biases in patient demographics. In terms of real-time processing, NIR and optimized ML models provide faster results, whereas ultrasound has moderate processing speeds. These variations highlight the need for a tailored approach depending on clinical requirements and patient characteristics.

**Table 4:** conceptual framework for vein visualization techniques [15-25]

| Category | Techniques | Advantages | Limitations | Potential Enhancements |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Surface-Level Imaging (≤5mm Depth) | Visible Spectrum (VIS) Imaging | Simple, widely available | Affected by skin tone and lighting conditions | Combine with NIR for better contrast |
| | Near-Infrared (NIR) Imaging | Better vein contrast than VIS | Limited penetration depth | Integrate with AI-based image processing |
| Mid-Depth Imaging (5–10mm Depth) | Infrared Thermography | Detects temperature variations in veins | Low resolution, struggles with specificity | Use with deep learning for vein segmentation |
| | Doppler Ultrasound | Provides real-time blood flow imaging | Operator-dependent, expensive | AI-assisted interpretation for automation |
| Deep Vein Imaging (>10mm Depth) | High-Frequency Ultrasound (HFUS) | High precision for deep veins | Expensive, requires expertise | Integrate with portable ultrasound devices |
| | CT/MRI Venography | Gold standard for deep vein imaging | Costly, not practical for routine use | AI-enhanced image analysis for efficiency |
| Hybrid & AI-Driven Approaches (Future Direction) | Multispectral Imaging | Combines VIS, NIR, and thermal for higher accuracy | Computationally intensive | Use edge computing for real-time processing |
| | AI-Based Image Enhancement | Improves clarity and segmentation | Requires large training datasets | Standardized datasets for better model training |
| | Edge Computing for Real-Time Analysis | Reduces processing delays | Hardware-dependent | Optimize for mobile and point-of-care applications |

## 3. Research Gaps

The reviewed studies on vein visualization and recognition systems employ various methodologies, including near-infrared (NIR) imaging, dual-modal imaging combining visible and NIR spectra, and augmented reality for real-time subcutaneous vein imaging. These approaches utilize techniques such as image segmentation, feature extraction, and 3D reconstruction to enhance vein visibility and accuracy. However, a notable research gap exists in the integration of these diverse methodologies into a unified system that leverages the strengths of each approach. Additionally, there is a lack of comprehensive studies addressing the variability in vein visualization across different skin tones, ages, and physiological conditions, which is crucial for developing universally applicable vein detection systems.

To address these gaps, a collaborative study could be designed to develop an integrated vein imaging system that combines NIR imaging, dual-modal imaging, and augmented reality. This system would aim to enhance vein detection accuracy and applicability across diverse populations. The study should involve a multidisciplinary team comprising biomedical engineers, computer scientists, and clinicians to ensure a holistic approach. The methodology would include the development of advanced image processing algorithms capable of real-time segmentation and 3D reconstruction, tailored to accommodate variations in skin properties and physiological conditions. Furthermore, the collaborative study should implement a comprehensive evaluation protocol involving a diverse cohort of participants to assess the system's performance across different demographics. This would involve quantitative metrics such as vein detection accuracy, processing speed, and user satisfaction, as well as qualitative feedback from clinicians regarding the system's usability in clinical settings. By addressing the identified research gaps through a multidisciplinary and inclusive approach, the study aims to develop a robust and universally applicable vein imaging system that can significantly improve clinical outcomes in procedures requiring vein access.

The development of vein-finding devices has seen significant advancements, yet certain research gaps persist. Many existing devices employ near-infrared (NIR) technology for vein visualization, focusing primarily on enhancing superficial vein visibility. However, challenges remain in visualizing deeper veins, especially in patients with varying skin tones and body compositions. Additionally, while some devices incorporate image enhancement techniques, there is a lack of standardized methods to quantitatively assess their effectiveness. Furthermore, the integration of these devices into clinical workflows and their impact on patient outcomes require more comprehensive evaluation.

To address these gaps, a collaborative study could be proposed involving biomedical engineers, clinicians, and imaging specialists. The study would focus on developing a multi-modal vein imaging system that combines NIR with other imaging modalities, such as ultrasound, to improve the visualization of both superficial and deep veins. Advanced image processing algorithms, including machine learning techniques, could be employed to enhance image quality and provide real-time feedback. The system's performance would be evaluated through both qualitative assessments, like clinician feedback, and quantitative metrics, such as contrast-to-noise ratio and successful cannulation rates.

Additionally, the study should explore the device's usability across diverse patient populations, assessing factors like skin tone variability and tissue density. User-centered design principles would be applied to ensure the device is ergonomic and integrates seamlessly into clinical settings. Training protocols for healthcare providers would be developed to maximize the device's effectiveness. By addressing these areas, the collaborative study aims to develop a comprehensive vein visualization system that enhances clinical outcomes and broadens the applicability of vein-finding devices. The research gaps in vein visualization can be categorized into several key areas. Technological limitations include the lack of integration between Near-Infrared (NIR) imaging and other modalities such as ultrasound or machine learning-based enhancement, which restricts the capabilities of current systems. Additionally, real-time processing and adaptive imaging techniques require further development to optimize performance across various clinical settings. Clinical challenges persist in visualizing deep veins, particularly in obese patients or those with compromised vasculature, as well as in improving visibility for patients with dark skin tones. Validation gaps are evident, as many studies rely on small or homogeneous sample populations, limiting their generalizability; there is a need for larger, more diverse clinical trials to ensure the accuracy and reliability of vein visualization methods across different demographics. Finally, standardization issues hinder the comparison of different vein visualization technologies, as there are no universal benchmarks for evaluating device performance. A standardized framework is needed to assess factors like precision, recall, F1-score, and clinical usability.

## 4. Conclusions

Major advancements in vein detection techniques have significantly improved the accuracy and efficiency of venous access procedures. The integration of near-infrared (NIR) imaging, dual-modal imaging, and augmented reality has enhanced vein visualization, particularly in patients with difficult venous access. However, existing technologies still face limitations, such as reduced effectiveness in patients with darker skin tones, obesity, or deep veins. To overcome these challenges, a combination of NIR imaging with ultrasound or multispectral imaging can enhance both superficial and deep vein visualization. The application of artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning algorithms can further refine vein detection by enabling real-time image processing, improving accuracy, and minimizing procedural delays. AI-driven segmentation and pattern recognition techniques can adapt to variations in skin texture, vein depth, and physiological conditions, ensuring more consistent results across diverse patient populations. Speed and efficiency are critical factors in clinical settings, particularly in emergencies. The adoption of high-speed image processing techniques and optimized hardware components can reduce processing delays, allowing for real-time vein mapping. Additionally, improving the contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) and structural similarity index (SSIM) can enhance image clarity, making vein identification more precise and reliable.

Future research should focus on developing portable and cost-effective vein visualization systems with enhanced imaging depth, higher processing speeds, and improved adaptability to different clinical environments. Standardized evaluation protocols are necessary to compare the effectiveness of various technologies objectively. By integrating AI-driven image enhancement, real-time processing, and multimodal imaging, vein detection devices can significantly improve procedural success rates, reduce patient discomfort, and optimize healthcare workflows. One promising direction is combining multispectral imaging with AI-based pattern recognition to enhance vein visualization accuracy, especially for challenging cases such as deep veins and patients with dark skin tones. Additionally, improving processing speed using edge computing could enable real-time applications in clinical settings, reducing latency and improving usability for healthcare professionals. Another critical step is the development of a standardized dataset for benchmarking vein detection systems, which would allow for consistent evaluation and comparison across different methodologies. Establishing universal performance metrics, such as precision, recall, and F1-score, will be essential for validating new technologies and ensuring their clinical reliability. These targeted advancements can help bridge current research gaps and pave the way for more effective and widely applicable vein visualization solutions. This study highlights the advancements in vein visualization technologies and identifies key research gaps that must be addressed for improved clinical applications. Future directions should focus on integrating multispectral imaging with AI-based pattern recognition to enhance detection accuracy while minimizing false positives. Additionally, leveraging edge computing can significantly improve real-time processing, making these technologies more viable for point-of-care applications.

Beyond technological advancements, the cost-effectiveness, ease of use, and accessibility of vein visualization systems play a critical role in their widespread adoption. Many existing solutions require expensive hardware or specialized training, limiting their deployment in resource-limited settings. Developing low-cost, portable devices with automated AI-driven assistance can help bridge this gap, ensuring broader accessibility across diverse healthcare environments. Moreover, standardizing datasets and evaluation metrics will allow for better benchmarking and comparison of different methodologies, leading to more consistent and reliable clinical outcomes.

Ultimately, future research should prioritize not only technological innovation but also practical implementation strategies that ensure these advancements benefit a wide range of patient demographics, from high-resource hospitals to low-resource rural clinics. By addressing both performance and usability concerns, vein visualization technologies can become indispensable tools in modern healthcare.

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