Guidewires rarely require positioning more than 20 cm deep depending on the stature of the patient.\(^1\,^2\)

Depending on patient stature, the superior cavoatrial junction averages\(^1\):

- 18 cm for right subclavian access
- 21 cm from the left subclavian

Advancing the guidewire deeper risks intra-cardiac or inferior vena cava (IVC) wire placement with the potential for\(^2\):

- Cardiac arrhythmia
- Perforation
- Snaring of other intravascular devices

Recommendation: Advance the guidewire only as far as needed to allow passage of the catheter over the wire.