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We live in a fast-moving world where new information can overload us while our day-to-day responsibilities can overwhelm us. We need to take the time to slow down and remember why vascular access is so important: We help patients. Capture your spirit at AVA 2017 by being inspired and empowered!

Improving patient care is the ultimate goal of AVA's Annual Scientific Meeting.



Vascular access is a multidisciplinary specialty; all healthcare professionals and industry representatives must work together to enhance patient outcomes in vascular access. Gather at AVA 2017 to collaborate with other experts who share your passion.

Enhance your clinical skills and learn the latest best practices at educational sessions, specifically designed to assist you with the challenges you face each day. Also learn vascular access best practices from the abstract posters and oral presentations.

At the Opening Reception and during coffee breaks, network with fellow colleagues and vascular access experts from across the country. Connect and learn from them at hands-on clinical sessions.

In the exhibit hall, discover the newest products and services from more than 70 exhibitors. The latest technology that can improve outcomes will be on display.

Your career requires you to be energized and refreshed through focused learning and networking. Step away from your day-to-day challenges and concentrate on improving your skills and learning from the experts.

Capture your *Spirit* at the AVA 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting.

On behalf of the AVA Conference Design Team (D-Team), it is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 31st Annual AVA Scientific Meeting in Phoenix, Arizona.

At this multidisciplinary conference you will be inspired by world class speakers who will present current evidence through a variety of educational sessions. You will have the opportunity to participate in hands-on workshops that will allow you to learn and enhance your current practices. Whether you are new to vascular access or an experienced clinician you will have opportunities to learn about the science of vascular access, explore cutting-edge innovative techniques and improve and expand your role.

The entire event kicks off with six exciting Pre-Conference workshops. These are interactive and cover the following areas; research, managing skin complications, alternative care sites, holistic care for the caregiver and a cadaver lab. If your specialty is pediatrics, you will not want to miss the full day Pediatric Pre-Meeting workshop that will offer a unique hands on experience never offered at AVA. You will spend part of the day exploring cardiac anatomy on actual preserved hearts, presented by a globally recognized cardiac anatomist.

The D-Team reviewed the comments from last year's conference, and in response a wide variety of sessions will be offered in a non-repeating format that focus on PIVs, PICCs, CVCs, midlines, alternative access, technique, research, science, homecare, dialysis, infection control, quality improvement and pediatrics. And back by popular demand is our closing session: Hot Topics in Vascular Access. During this session you will enjoy a treat while you interact with a panel of experts in both pediatrics and adult vascular access care. We encourage all levels of clinicians to ask questions in this non-threatening environment to spur conversation. Be sure to plan ahead and don't miss out on this closing event!

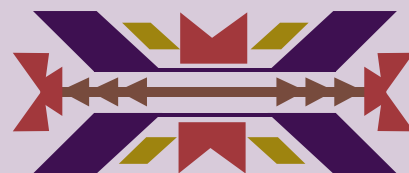
Attending everything you want might not be possible, however, we have taken the extra steps to ensure that you don't miss a thing. All AVA conference registrants will have access to the audio and handouts of all sessions presented so that you can listen to a session again, or catch one that you didn't attend live.

The Conference app will also keep you connected while you are at the conference. The app allows you to create your own schedule, take notes, review speakers and session content. Some sessions will include also interactive "text" where you can ask questions or participate in live polls that will enhance your experience. We will be on social media throughout the conference so be sure to tweet on #AVASM17.

I look forward to seeing you in Phoenix, Arizona for the 2017 AVA Scientific Meeting. We hope this 4-day experience and interaction with your colleagues will **Capture Your Spirit** by inspiring and motivating you to propel you to the next level in your practice.

Sincerely,

Amy Stone, RN, BSN, CRNI®, IgCN, VA-BC™, CMRN
Chair – D-Team, AVA Scientific Meeting, 2017



D-Team (Scientific Meeting Committee) is a committed group of volunteers who form the educational component of the AVA 2017 meeting. They dedicate a countless number of hours to ensure that the best education is provided to our attendees.

2017 Annual Scientific Meeting Design Team (D-Team)

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AVA is proud to announce **Suzanne Gordon** as our Keynote Presenter. Suzanne is an award-winning journalist and author/editor of 18 books. She has written for *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Washington Post*, *American Prospect*, *Atlantic*, *Toronto Globe and Mail* and *Toronto Star*. Suzanne is a popular lecturer. Much of her professional focus is on patient safety and helping to teach and encourage better communication and teamwork in healthcare settings.



AVA is excited to have Suzanne at AVA 2017. Please join us during her keynote presentation, and if you are interested in putting collaborative communication into practice, sign up for her 2-hour workshop Saturday afternoon. Suzanne will also be joining us in the exhibit hall for our opening reception, where she will be signing books. To learn more about Suzanne please visit www.suzannegordon.com.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 | 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Promoting Best Practice: Collaborative Communication for Better Patient Care

Learning about and utilizing best practices as an individual professional and convincing other staff to value and utilize your expertise and knowledge to enhance quality patient care are two different things and require different skill sets. In this session we will discuss how to utilize motivational techniques so that expertise can be effectively shared and best practices implemented in the clinical setting. We will look at common communication confusions and mistakes and consider communication and motivational best practices. A special focus will be placed on behaviors to adopt and those to avoid, as well as language that enhances or discourages collaboration and teamwork. Gordon's concept of Team Intelligence as well as concepts of psychological safety, cross-monitoring and power dynamics will be explored in this session.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 | 1:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Putting Collaborative Communication into Practice

**This workshop is provided at no cost to meeting attendees, however, pre-registration at www.avainfo.org/annual is required to secure a seat*

Putting Collaborative Communication into Practice Requires practice. In this two-hour interactive session based on her keynote presentation, Suzanne Gordon will discuss common obstacles to implementing best practices and how collaborative communication skills can be used to overcome them. Participants will be asked to describe scenarios in which they had difficulty encouraging the implementation of best practices and interactive groups will work on how to use collaborative communication to overcome these obstacles.

OPENING RECEPTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 | 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Capture the *Spirit* of AVA networking!

Experience the spirit of Phoenix while Native American music and hoop dancers welcome you to the exhibit hall. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while mingling with AVA exhibitors, meet new friends, network with fellow colleagues and have the opportunity to get a book signed by AVA Keynote Presenter, Suzanne Gordon.



What a great ending to your first day...eating, drinking, networking and possibly winning some amazing prizes!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 | 3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Going Peripheral: Central Line De-escalation Methods

Cheryl H. O'Malley, DNP, MSN, BSN, BA

The University Hospitals of Cleveland Medical Center has successfully reduced its CLABSI rates in the past few years and sought to understand avenues to continually reduce CVC utilization, CVC days, and the number of CVC accesses. We conducted a 2-month study tracking all central line accesses over individual shifts in three different critical care settings. For each observation period, the total number of accesses was counted as well as the reason for the access. At the end of the study we had a richer picture of how central lines are used. It became obvious that routine blood collections make a significant portion of accesses. We conclude that by enforcing a policy of no blood collections from CVCs, we would be able to use fewer central lines, remove them earlier, and access them less often.



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 | 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

CVAD Lock Solutions—Finding a Solution to Fight the Triple Threat of Clot Formation, Bacterial Colonization and Biofilm Formation

Jocelyn Hill, MN, RN, CVAA, VA-BC™

There is an interrelationship between bacteria, biofilm and fibrin that is responsible for the high incidence of treatment failure and catheter loss. It is through the understanding of these complex interactions in CVADs that we can begin to develop strategies to improve outcomes. With Home TPN, patients have chronic illnesses and CVADs that are essentially their “life lines” and these strategies are key to their ongoing success on a Home TPN Program. This session will describe the experience of a Home TPN Program that implemented a novel lock solution for patients that are at risk for occlusion and infection based on clinical status and infusion therapy (TPN). Consideration for this change was based on evidence to support the elimination of heparin for a lock solution and a recent publication of evidence-based criteria for appropriate CVAD lock solutions. Data was tracked prospectively on incidents of occlusion and infection, with the need for intervention and removal/replacement of the CVAD.



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 | 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM

What Lies Beneath: The Use of Ultrasound Imaging for Assessment of Venous Structure and Function

Andrew C. Bulmer, PhD

Alexandra M. Hawthorn, BBiomedSci(Hons)

Venography remains a vitally important, clinically relevant tool for assessment of deep vein thrombosis and guidance of cannula insertion and placement. However, thanks to recent advancements in ultrasound technology, very high resolution imaging is now available in portable units, expanding the potential use of venography in both scientific and clinical settings. In this presentation, we provide an overview of superficial vein structure and function, revealing new insight into phenomenon including assessment of blood flow dynamics, imaging of intravenous structures including valves, indwelling cannulae and thrombi. With this information, practicing clinicians will be provided with new information to assess the cause of cannula failure, including vascular injury, constriction, sub-optimal placement and thrombus formation guiding the management of cannulas.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

Point/Counterpoint IJV vs AxV CICC

Mary Costantino, MD

Jack LeDonne, MD, FACS, VA-BC™

For Centrally Inserted Central Catheters, two insertion sites have achieved acceptability and popularity, i.e., the Internal Jugular Vein and the Axillary Vein. The Axillary Vein approach is commonly mistaken as a Subclavian Vein approach. However, in the ultrasound era it has become clear that the vein that is cannulated in the infraclavicular fossa is actually the axillary vein. There are many difference between an IJV and AXV approach. Some of the difference are small and some are large. Most of the disagreement between the two approaches relates to non-tunneled catheters. There is less disagreement related to tunneled catheters. These two physicians will present their rationales for their respective choices for vascular access.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 | 11:45 AM – 12:15 AM

Adults and Children's Perspectives of the Experience of a Peripheral Intravenous Catheter

Marie Cooke, RN, PhD

Patients can be a powerful and untapped tool in the insertion and care of peripheral intravascular cannula (PIVC) to reduce associated complications and failure. One US study identified that high participation patients were half as likely to experience adverse events as compared to those with low participation. Safety and quality advocates internationally call for increased consumer participation in health care. Patient participation in PIVC bundles is a potentially cost effective strategy to improve outcomes. It is important to understand the perspectives of those who have had the experience to translate into patient participation strategies. This international web-based cross sectional study of over 700 participants establishes what aspects of PIVC insertion and care are relevant and important to them. In this way our future practice, research and translation of research can focus on outcomes and strategies important for patients to improve their participation and engagement in care.

The PediSIG Presents

The Association for Vascular Access is proud to announce AVA PediSIG—our multidisciplinary group dedicated to best practice in the science of vascular access for children and infants—will be delivering an unprecedented, cutting-edge program at the 2017 AVA Scientific Meeting. If you are a practitioner dedicated to the best practice in the science of vascular access for children and infants—then you can't miss AVA 2017!

Friday, September 15, 2017

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOP

Pediatric Special Interest Group (PediSIG) Pediatric/Neonatal Vascular Access Workshop 

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Lunch included)

Contact Hours: 9.6

Laurel Merritt, RN, BSN, VA-BC™
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PEDIATRIC RECEPTION

5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

(One ticket to this event is included with purchase of the Peds Pre-Meeting Workshop. Additional reception tickets can be purchased while completing your online registration.)

Join fellow pediatric vascular access professionals for drinks and appetizers during this networking reception immediately following the workshop.

Saturday, September 16, 2017

POWER HOUR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM

Aligning Nationwide Practices for Peripheral Intra Venous (PIV) Safety
Sylvia A. Rineair, MSHA, BSN, RN, VA-BC™
Melissa C. Whitehead, BSN, RN, CPN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Venous Anatomy: Normal and Abnormal

Diane E. Spicer, BS, PA(ASCP)

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

3rd Annual PEDISIG Neonatal and Pediatric National Grand Rounds
Elizabeth Sharpe, DNP, ARNP, NNP-BC, CNS, VA-BC™

Sunday, September 17, 2017

GENERAL SESSIONS

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

Central Venous Catheter Maintenance and Lock Therapy in Intestinal Failure Patients: Is it Time for Change?
Riad Rahhal, MD, MS

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Improving Vascular Access in Pediatric Surgical Patients: Development of an Anesthesia Vascular Access Team
Marc Mecoli, MD

POWER HOUR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Insertion and Securement of Peripheral Intravenous Catheters in Preterm and Sick Newborns
Deanne L. August, BSN
Amanda J. Ullman, RN,
GradDipPaedICUNursing, MScience, PhD, CentaurFellow

EXPRESS LEARNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

Experience with Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Placement at a Tertiary Care Pediatric Center
Dewansh Goel, MD

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Difficult Vascular Access: Utilization of Non-traditional Venous Access Options
Janice D. McDaniel, MD, VA-BC™

Monday, September 18, 2017

POWER HOUR BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Children's Comfort Promise—Pokes Are a Child's #1 Fear
Judith Goebel, RN, BAN, VA-BC™
Betsy Brand, CCLS

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

EXPRESS LEARNING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Development of a Pediatric CVC Dressing Inventory and Site Care Algorithm using an Interdisciplinary Approach
Chris A. Kramer, RN, MSN, CCRN
Sandy M. Conn, BSN, RN, CPN, WCC

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

The Power of One
Stephanie Pitts, MSN, RN, CPN, VA-BC™

HOT TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Peds Ice Cream Social
Laurel Merritt, RN, BSN, VA-BC™
Linda Burns, RN, VA-BC™



= All sessions that display this logo are part of the Pediatric SIG track



= All sessions that display an asterisk are considered "crossover" sessions in that some portions may be applicable to vascular access professionals specializing in pediatrics populations.



= Additional fees apply (see page XX for details)

Schedule At-A-Glance

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – Pre-Meeting

7:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Registration Open
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Pre-Meeting Workshops (AM Sessions) 
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Pre-Meeting Workshops (PM Sessions) 
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Pediatric Reception <i>(included in Pediatric workshop fee)</i> 

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – Day 1

7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Registration Open
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Electronic Poster Displays Open
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Coffee Break 
7:45 AM – 8:15 AM	AVA Essentials
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Keynote Address
10:15 AM – 11:15 AM	General Session – Herbst Winner Session
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Exhibitor Symposia OR Lunch on your own
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Power Hour Breakout Sessions
1:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Special Workshop with Keynote <i>*pre-registration required</i>
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Power Hour Breakout Sessions
4:15 PM – 5:15 PM	Power Hour Breakout Sessions
5:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Opening Hall Reception 

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 – Day 2

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Electronic Poster Displays Open
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Exhibitor Symposia
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Focus Groups
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Coffee Break 
9:00 AM – 11:15 AM	General Sessions
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Power Hour Breakout Sessions
12:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Exhibits Open— <i>Exclusive 12:30 – 2:30 PM</i>
12:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch in Hall 
2:30 PM – 3:30 PM	Oral Abstract Presentations
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Express Learning Breakout Sessions
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Express Learning Breakout Sessions
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	Platinum Showcases
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Network Leadership Meeting
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Exhibitor Symposia

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – Day 3

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration Open
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Exhibitor Symposia
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Focus Groups
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Electronic Poster Displays Open
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Coffee Break 
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Poster Sessions
9:15 AM – 12:45 PM	General Sessions
12:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Exhibits Open— <i>Exclusive 12:45-2:45</i>
12:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall 
2:45 PM – 3:45 PM	Oral Abstract Presentations
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Power Hour Breakout Sessions
5:15 PM – 6:15 PM	Platinum Showcases
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Exhibitor Symposia

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 – Day 4

7:00 AM – 2:30 PM	Registration Open
7:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Electronic Poster Displays Open
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Focus Groups
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Coffee Break 
7:30 AM – 8:15 AM	AVA Business Meeting & Townhall Discussion
8:30 AM – 10:45 AM	General Sessions
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Express Learning Breakouts
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Express Learning Breakouts
12:15 PM – 2:15 PM	Exhibits Open
12:15 PM – 1:45 PM	Lunch in Exhibit Hall 
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Vascular Access Coffee Talk 
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Peds Ice Cream Social 

 = Additional fees apply

 = Coffee Break

 = Meal

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- Searchable content by track, speaker and more
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Friday, September 15, 2017

**Pediatric Special Interest Group (PediSIG)
Pediatric/Neonatal Vascular Access Workshop**



8:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Lunch included)

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During the Pre-Meeting Workshop on Friday, Dr. Julie Jaffray (Hematology/Oncology, Children's Hospital of Los Angeles) will discuss her recently published work on thrombosis in pediatric patients; the largest ever of its type in pediatrics. Dr. Janice McDaniel (Interventional Radiology, Akron Children's Hospital) will discuss the latest strategies and implications for thrombolysis and provide hands-on ultrasound instruction. For the first time in AVA history, Pediatric and Neonatal vascular access clinicians will have the unique opportunity to experience cardiac anatomy presented by a globally-recognized cardiac anatomist, Diane Spicer BS, PA(ASCP), in a new hands-on experience. One of our own PediSIG experts, Jane Hartman MSN, RN, PNP-BC (Vascular Access, Cleveland Clinic) will be updating us on new advancements in PIV success in pediatrics, including hands-on experience. If you are a practitioner dedicated to the best practice in the science of vascular access for children and infants—then you can't miss the Pedi-SIG forum at AVA 2017!

Vascular Access Procedural Lab

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM OR 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Contact Hours: 4.8

Amy Bardin-Spencer, MS, RRT, VA-BC™

The vascular access procedural lab is a hands on opportunity to review, insert and discuss invasive procedures on cadaveric specimens. Each attendee will rotate through a set of dynamic stations to increase procedural confidence and awareness. These stations allow clinicians to perform the following: RaCeVA ultrasound assessment, insertion of acute and long term central venous catheters, perform tunneling techniques for both peripheral and acute catheters, insertion and manage of interosseous access followed by an anatomic cadaveric review of vascular pathways.

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**The Art and Science of Self Care: Exploring
and Integrating Concepts of Holistic Health**

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Contact Hours: 4.8

Theresa Konieczny, RN-BSN, LMT, VA-BC™

Feeling like a Vascular Access Robot, stuck focusing on the parts and pieces of your patients? Begin conference this year with a little “me” time and bring the heart back to your practice! Come to this unique session wearing comfy clothes and be prepared to stretch in more ways than one. This self-care workshop will lead participants through the intellectual and experiential understanding of various holistic techniques, as well as the research that supports and substantiates the benefits of the connectedness they bring. The presenter will facilitate discussions on the concepts of Vascular Access Specialist, Self-Care and Holistic Health, as questions such as “Who am I as a Vascular Access Specialist?” and “What does self-care mean to me?” are explored. This session will not only inform but empower attendees by enhancing their well-being and expanding their self-care routines. Learn the science behind why mindfulness works and the art of practicing it in your personal and professional life in a fun, no-pressure atmosphere.



Enhance your AVA experience by adding one more day to your agenda.

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Dressing Drama: What the Skin has to do with it, Where to Put it, and What the Heck Happened Here!?! \$

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Contact Hours: 4.8

Michelle M. DeVries, MPH, CIC

Connie Girgenti, RN, VA-BC

Nancy L. Moureau, RN, BSN, CPUI, CRNI®, VA-BC™

Laura Krick, MBA, CPM

Amy K. Stone, RN, BSN, CRNI®, VA-BC™, IgCN, CMRN

Amanda J. Ullman, RN, GradDipPaedICUNursing, MScience, PhD, CentaurFellow

This 4 hour interactive program hosted by several experts from various perspectives will give you evidence-based, multi-media perspective on how access is more than about the needle and the bundle. We will take you through the new evidence which identified the incidence and types of CVAD associated skin injury, share about the importance of healthy skin surrounding CVAD sites and the link between skin and fundamentals to prevent complications, promote function and patient comfort. Additional evidence will be discussed about the importance of site selection as it relates to site care, with in-depth review of micro-organism bio-load by exit site and a discussion around patient risk factors. Lastly, a panel will empower you to drive change in your practice through a series of discussions using visual images to guide our perspectives and provide our institutions the foundation to improve patient care, using tools and testing your voracity to impact patient care. If your program already has low complication rates, then this session is for you, there are risks all around, and you will walk away learning how you can affect patient outcomes beyond your access device placement.

Across the Line: Maintaining the Continuum of Care For Patients With VADs; Acute, Subacute and Community Perspectives for Optimal Line Insertion and Maintenance \$

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Contact Hours: 4.8

Jon A. Bell, RN, MSN

Elizabeth RS Dow, CRNI®, VA-BC™, WCC

Amy K. Stone, RN, BSN, CRNI®, VA-BC™, IgCN, CMRN

This 4-hour interactive program will take you on a journey exploring various perspectives along the continuum of health care. We will give you evidenced base views of what happens to the VAD as the patient moves from one area of care to

another. We will discuss the arrival of a patient in the Emergency room following them to returning to an alternative care site. We will describe and discuss Acute Care and Alternative Care sites. We will review current standards of practice and discuss how they differ in insertion and maintenance of VADs in different settings. Lastly, we will have hands on interaction utilizing several tools for communication and assessment.

Data Collection, Research, Writing Policies and Getting Published \$

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Contact Hours: 4.8

Amy Bardin-Spencer, MS, RRT, VA-BC™

Mary Duncan, RN, MSN, CIC

Samantha Keogh, RN, PhD

Claire M. Rickard, RN, PhD

Stephanie Wittwer, RN, BSN, VA-BC™

The overarching aim of this workshop is for researchers and clinicians to work together on scoping and conducting pragmatic research studies in the clinical setting. On successful completion of this workshop attendees will understand the principles to help develop and frame a research question that informs a comprehensive literature search. They will then work through the key steps to critically appraise relevant studies and design projects for either scoping the problem further or testing interventions in practice. This will include presentation on traditional and novel trial designs and pragmatic advice on data collection. Presenters will then give general advice on analysis and interpretation of results, report and publication writing, and dissemination more widely ahead of implementing into policy and practice. Content includes evidence-based terminology, principles and processes; comparing and contrasting current practice with the most current evidence; use of audit results to identify areas of practice that are consistent with the evidence and those needing revision; and formulating strategies for promoting the uptake of evidence-based practice.



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AVA ESSENTIALS

7:45 AM - 8:15 AM

This session is designed for ALL conference attendees and will cover a range of topics from how to make the most of this year's conference to unique benefits you can receive as a member of AVA. Please join us to learn about the different session types offered at AVA 2017, how to get the most from the meeting app, as well as how AVA membership can benefit you and your practice.

WELCOME & KEYNOTE PRESENTATION

8:30 AM - 10:15 AM

Promoting Best Practice: Collaborative Communication for Better Patient Care

Suzanne Gordon

Please see page 4 for more details.

HERBST AWARD PRESENTATION

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

The Suzanne LaVere Herbst Award for Excellence in Vascular Access is the highest recognition AVA offers to a member each year. Join us as we celebrate this year's award recipient.

EXHIBITOR SYMPOSIA

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

WORKSHOP WITH KEYNOTE

(pre-registration required; see page 4 for more details)

1:45 PM-3:45 PM

Putting Collaborative Communication into Practice

Suzanne Gordon

POWER HOUR BREAKOUTS

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

Looking Ahead: Future Infection Prevention Challenges for the Specialty of Vascular Access

Hudson Garrett, PhD, MSN, MPH, FNP-BC, CSRN, CDONA, IP-BC, FACDONA, VA-BC™

New Standards, New Guidelines, New Confusion: Comparing Infusion Standards, CDC Guidelines With a Sprinkle of MAGIC

S. Matthew Gibson, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™, CPUI

***From Parent to Partner: Use of Family Consultants in Hospital Wide CLABSI and PIV Infiltration Work**

Michelle Niewinski, BSN, RN, CPN

Darlene Barkman, MA

Putting Best Practice Into Practice

Jill Nolte, BS, BSN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

ACA Impact VA

Leslie Wise

Aligning Nationwide Practices for Peripheral Intra Venous (PIV) Safety

Sylvia A. Rineair, MSHA, BSN, RN, VA-BC™

Melissa C. Whitehead, BSN, RN, CPN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

POWER HOUR BREAKOUTS

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Improved Blood Collection from PIVs: Angiographic and Ultrasound Imaging of the Upper Extremity Superficial Veins Supporting a Patient-Centric and Vein Sparing Approach

Paul Gagne, MD, FACS, RVT

People Still Do That? Clinical Convention vs. Evidence Based Medicine

Renee Odehnal, MS, BSN, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

Marijane Barbone, RN, VA-BC™

Should We Reconsider Ethanol Lock Concentrations for Catheter Disinfection?

Nisha Gupta, PhD

Jim Lacy, BSN, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

Intensive Risk: Maximizing Central Venous Access Device Performance in the Intensive Care 

Amanda J. Ullman, RN, GradDipPaedICUNursing,

MScience, PhD, CentaurFellow

Samantha Keogh, RN, PhD

The Peripheral Intravenous Catheter Journey—a Prospective Cohort Study of 1000 Patients 

Nicole Marsh, RN, MAdvPrac(HealthcareResearch)

Claire M. Rickard, RN, PhD

Venous Anatomy: Normal and Abnormal 

Diane E. Spicer, BS, PA(ASCP)

POWER HOUR BREAKOUTS

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Oh No! I've Been Summoned for Deposition! What Do I Do Now?

Jay J. Beebe, PhD, RN, PHN, CCRN, CRNA, VA-BC™, CRNI®

Understanding Infection Control Data (NHSN) for the Vascular Access Specialist

Michelle M. DeVries, MPH, CIC



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MAIN MEETING SESSIONS

Sunday, September 17

POWER HOUR BREAKOUTS *continued*

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

Nurse-Led PICC Line Team—Learning from India 
Sai Bala Madathil, MSN, DHM

Interactive Ultrasound Assessment—Importing Rapid Assessment for Central Venous Access (RaCeVA) into Your Daily Clinical Practice

Timothy R. Spencer, DipAppSci, BHS, ICCert, RN, APN, VA-BC™

Morbidity and Mortality: Management of Complex Vascular Access Cases

Andrea Lemmo, BSN, VA-BC™

Preliminary Results of Three GAVeCeLT Multi Center Studies 

Mauro Pittiruti, MD

3rd Annual PEDISIG Neonatal and Pediatric National Grand Rounds 

Elizabeth Sharpe, DNP, ARNP, NNP-BC, CNS, VA-BC™

OPENING RECEPTION IN EXHIBIT HALL

5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and drinks while mingling with AVA exhibitors, meet new friends, network with fellow colleagues, as well as have the opportunity to get a book signed by AVA Keynote Presenter, Suzanne Gordon.



EXHIBITOR SYMPOSIA

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM

GENERAL SESSIONS

9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

How Often Should Infusion Tubing Be Replaced to Prevent Infection? 

Claire M. Rickard, RN, PhD

Nicole Marsh, RN, MAdvPrac(HealthcareResearch)

Gillian A. Ray-Barruel, RN, PhD

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

When You Need to Think Outside the Norm! Techniques for Alternative Central Venous Access

Sal Faintuch, MD, MSc

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Central Venous Catheter Maintenance and Lock Therapy in Intestinal Failure Patients: Is it Time for Change? 

Riad Rahhal, MD, MS

10:15 AM - 11:15 AM

Improving Vascular Access in Pediatric Surgical Patients: Development of an Anesthesia Vascular Access Team 

Marc Mecoli, MD

POWER HOUR BREAKOUTS

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

What Happened! PICC Placement and Upper Extremity Deep Vein Thrombosis (UEDVT)

Diana Melton, MSHA, BSN, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™, CPUI

Rhonda Peyton, RN, VA-BC™

Evidence Overview for Tissue Adhesive on Vascular Access Devices. Who, What, Where and When? 

Amanda Corley, RN, BN, ICUCert, GradCertHSci, MAdvPrac(HealthcareResearch)

Nicole Marsh, RN, MAdvPrac(HealthcareResearch)

Claire M. Rickard, RN, PhD

Problems with Your Pocket? Identifying Five Common Port Pocket Complications and How to Treat in an Effort to Preserve the Venous Access Device (based on the MGH Experience)

Judith Borsody Lotti, NP-C, VA-BC™

Gloria Salazar, MD

Catherine Saltalamacchia, ANP-BC

***Secure My Intravenous Line Effectively (the SMILE trial). Innovative Peripheral Intravenous (PIV) Dressing Techniques to Reduce PIV Failure**

Tricia M. Kleidon, RN, BSc(Nursing), GradCert(Paediatrics), MNursSci(NursePrac)

Nicole Marsh, RN, MAdvPrac(HeathcareResearch)

Skin Vulnerability and MARS: Implications in Vascular Access

Gaston E. Cartagena, PharmD

I Walk the Line

Beth Gore, PhD

Joan M. Bishop



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Insertion and Securement of Peripheral Intravenous Catheters in Preterm and Sick Newborns

Deanne L. August, BSN

Amanda J. Ullman, RN, GradDipPaedICUNursing, MScience, PhD, CentaurFellow

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EXPRESS LEARNING BREAKOUTS

3:45 PM - 4:15 PM

Chlorhexidine Gluconate Impregnated Central Venous Access Dressing: Can it be a Gold Standard of CLABSI Prevention: A Comparative Study at Tertiary Care Public Hospital

Rajat Choudhuri, MD

Midlines: Maintaining and Restoring Patency

Michelle L. Hawes, RN, MSN, DNP(c), CRNI®, VA-BC™

Vascular Access Liaison Program: Feasibility and Effectiveness

Mark S. Rowe, MNSc, RNP, VA-BC™

Comparing SecurAath® and StatLock® for Securement of Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters: Results of a Randomized Open Trial

Christel Janssens, RN, MSC

Going Peripheral: Central Line De-escalation Methods

Cheryl H. O'Malley, DNP, MSN, BSN, BA

Moving the Needle in Vascular Access

Amy Bardin-Spencer, MS, RRT, VA-BC™

Experience with Peripherally-Inserted Central Catheter Placement at a Tertiary Care Pediatric Center

Dewansh Goel, MD

EXPRESS LEARNING BREAKOUTS

4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

CVAD Lock Solutions—Finding a Solution to Fight the Triple Threat of Clot Formation, Bacterial Colonization and Biofilm Formation

Jocelyn Hill, MN, RN, CVAA, VA-BC™

What are the Real Sticking Points for Patients in Blood Collections?

Maureen Fagan, DNP, WHNP-BC, FNP-BC

Metrics that Matter: Using Proven Frameworks to Guide What to Measure and Why in Vascular Access Practice

Robert Dawson, DNP, MSA, APRN, ACNP-BC, VA-BC™

High Verses Low Jugular Insertion—The Impact on Dressing and Securement

Sheila Inwood, RN, VA-BC™

Less Invasive Long Term Vascular Access in the Arm: Initial Patient Satisfaction Survey Results and Clinical Data

Anthony Nelson, MD, FACS

The Ins and Out of IV Flushing: What Really Matters

Samantha Keogh, RN, PhD

Difficult Vascular Access: Utilization of Non-traditional Venous Access Options

Janice D. McDaniel, MD, VA-BC™

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GENERAL SESSIONS

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**What Lies Beneath:
The Use of Ultrasound Imaging for Assessment of
Venous Structure and Function** 

Andrew C. Bulmer, PhD

Alexandra M. Hawthorn, BBiomedSci(Hons)

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Making MAGIC in Michigan

Vineet Chopra, MD, MSc

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM

Point/Counterpoint IJV vs AxV CICC

Mary Costantino, MD

Jack LeDonne, MD, FACS, VA-BC™

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Lymphedema: Busting Myths; Gaining Understanding

Karen Laforet, RN, MCISc, VA-BC™, CVAA(c)

**Severe Extravasation Injuries ARE Preventable:
A Focus on Non-Cytotoxic Vesicant Administration**

Lisa A. Gorski, MS, RN, HHCNS-BC, CRNI®, FAAN

**Use of Novel, Noninvasive Pneumatic Compression to
Help Dilate and Mature AV Fistulae**

Kevin Beedon, MBA

Sanjay Desai, MD

***Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Outcomes
Polyurethane versus Endexo: the PICCOMPARE Pilot
RCT in Adult and Pediatric Patients** 

*Tricia M. Kleidon, RN, BSc(Nursing), GradCert(Paediatrics),
MNursSci(NursePrac)*

*Nicole C. Gavin, BSc(Hons), MAdvPrac(HealthcareResearch),
PhD(C)*

Mindful Practice—A Different View of Competence

Cindy L. Winfrey, MSN, RN, CIC, VA-BC™, CDONA™, FACDONA

**System Collaboration: ONE Mission—ONE Vision—
ONE Voice**

Staci J. Harrison, MSN, RN

Anne M. Galbraith, BSN, RN, VA-BC™

**Children's Comfort Promise—Pokes are a Child's
#1 Fear** 

Judith Goebel, RN, BAN, VA-BC™

Betsy Brand, CCLS

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Tuesday, September 19

AVA BUSINESS MEETING & TOWN HALL DISCUSSION

7:30 AM - 8:15 AM

GENERAL SESSIONS

8:30 AM - 9:45 AM

AVA's CVC Document—Highlights
Ken Symington, MD

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Turning Sickness Into Strength: How Vascular Access Has Helped Us To Live A Positive Life
Roy S. George
Emily Levy, BA

EXPRESS LEARNING BREAKOUTS

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Dialysis Access: Surgical and Catheter-Based Options
Mary Costantino, MD

Creating Value with the Development of an CVAD Patency Bundle Using Lean Healthcare Six Sigma Methodology
Lee Steere, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

Developing a Culture of Competency and Continuous Education Within a Vascular Access Team
Lori Kaczmarek, RN, BSN, VA-BC™

A Bundled Approach to Decrease the Rate of Primary Bloodstream Infections Related to Peripheral Intravenous Catheters
Mary Duncan, RN, MSN, CIC
Patricia Warden, RN, BSN, MS

The Collaborative Relationship Between Industry & Health Care Professionals: What Every Clinician Should Know
Karen Laforet, RN, MCISc, VA-BC™, CVAA(c)

Change Management: Lessons Learned from a Nurse-Led CVC Team
Sheila Hale, MSNc, BSN, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™

Development of a Pediatric CVC Dressing Inventory and Site Care Algorithm using an Interdisciplinary Approach
Chris A. Kramer, RN, MSN, CCRN
Sandy M. Conn, BSN, RN, CPN, WCC

EXPRESS LEARNING BREAKOUTS

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM

Not the Chest, Then Where? Alternative Placement of Venous Access Ports via the Arm and Translumbar Approach When Traditional Chest Placement Is Not a Feasible Option
Gloria Salazar, MD
Judith Borsody Lotti, NP-C, VA-BC™

***Adults' and Children's Perspectives of the Experience of a Peripheral Intravenous Catheter**
Marie Cooke, RN, PhD

The Nurse Entrepreneur
Michael Anstett, RN

The Subcutaneously Anchored Sutureless Device: The New Gold Standard for Catheter Securement
Mauro Pittiruti, MD

Revitalizing Your Vascular Access Program: One Team's Expression of Value Beyond PICC and Peripheral IV Insertion
Clint Latham, BSN, RN, VA-BC™

Debunking Concerns of Peripheral IV Blood Collections: A Study of the PIVO Device
Deborah F. Mulloy, PhD, RN, CNOR

The Power of One
Stephanie Pitts, MSN, RN, CPN, VA-BC™

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12:15 PM - 2:15 PM

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HOT TOPIC DISCUSSIONS

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

Ice Cream Social—Hot Topics in Vascular Access
Judy C. Thompson, MSNED, RN, VA-BC™
Amy Bardin-Spencer, MS, RRT, VA-BC™

Peds Ice Cream Social
Laurel Merritt, RN, BSN, VA-BC™
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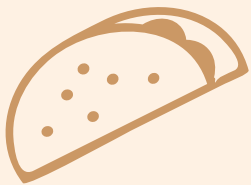
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