

The Rise of the Vascular Access Specialist

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Objectives

- ◆ The learner will describe Current state of vascular access .
- ◆ The learner will describe the motivation/need for advancing practice
- ◆ The learner will describe the steps required to advance practice
- ◆ The learner will describe the benefits to advancing practice

Where did you begin?

The start of your IV skills

- ◆ Nursing School
- ◆ On the job training

Do you get called for...

DIVA's

Difficult IV Access

What was the next step and why did you go there?

- ◆ PICC
- ◆ Midline
- ◆ USGPV



You are a
Vascular Access
Specialist



Being recognized as the “Vascular Access Specialist”

- ◆ Develop partners with administration, MD and staff
- ◆ Develop a culture that values the patient and their needs
- ◆ Demonstrate that quality, knowledge, and safety will drive continuous improvement.
- ◆ Placing the appropriate VAD saves LIVES and COST

Adding to your Toolbox

- ◆ Recognition as a Vascular Access Specialist among your peers, staff and administration



“Vascular Access Specialist” what’s next?

- ◆ CVC

- ◆ A-line

- ◆ IO

- ◆ Tunneling

How to get to that next step?

- ◆ Data collect
- ◆ Patient Needs
- ◆ Physician Champion
- ◆ Peer pressure

Inquiry Phase

- ◆ Can I take this on?
- ◆ Commitment
- ◆ Where do I get help and support?

Assessment Phase

- ◆ Who does it now?
- ◆ Is it in my scope of practice?
- ◆ What are the benefits?

Support Phase

- ◆ Physician champion
- ◆ Administrative support
- ◆ Team consensus

Design Phase

- ◆ Develop P&P
- ◆ Education
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Competency
- ◆ Preceptors

Implementation Phase

- ◆ P&P approval
- ◆ Schedule training
- ◆ Product supplies
- ◆ Communication rollout

Adding to your Toolbox

Midline

USGP IV

PICC



Expanded Scope

Recognition as a VAS

So you're not a “Sticker” but you are an “Infuser”

- ◆ What drives your passion?
- ◆ Educate staff encouraging what's right for that patient.
- ◆ Educate the patient and family

No Way!?

- ◆ Educate
- ◆ Share
- ◆ Provide research articles, evidence based practice
- ◆ Be consistent and sometimes insistent
- ◆ Be a resource for P&P development
- ◆ Be an advocate for the patient and family

Care & Maintenance

- ◆ INS Standards
- ◆ AVA position statements
- ◆ SHEA
- ◆ CDC
- ◆ P&P committee

Point Prevalence

- ◆ Dressing D&I
- ◆ CHG
- ◆ Securement device
- ◆ Alcohol caps
- ◆ Date, time, initials
- ◆ Proper use

Education & Enrichment

- ◆ Belong to national organizations: INS or AVA
- ◆ Attend local chapter educational events
- ◆ Attend National Conferences

Certifications

🟢 VA-BC

🟢 CRNI

Pass it on!

- ◆ Mentor
- ◆ Precept
- ◆ Teach

PICC Nurse vs Vascular Access Nurse

PICC Nurse

- ◆ Places access device ordered
- ◆ Places PICC, documents and reports to caregiver and never sees it again
- ◆ Assess pt. but vessels too small for PICC insertion, notifies caregiver
- ◆ Notifies staff of a dressing that needs changed
- ◆ Introduces self to new staff as the PICC Nurse

Vascular Access Nurse

- ◆ In collaboration with MD, places device best for pt
- ◆ Places PICC, documents, and follows up on its use and care during dwell time.
- ◆ Assess vessels, too small, gives options to staff of the possible alternatives
- ◆ Changes the dressing
- ◆ Participates in new employee orientation/education.

Are You a
“Vascular Access Specialist”



Do you have it?

Passion

Pass it on!

Remember that toolbox!

USGPIV

Passion

Certification

PICC

Recognition

Midline

INS/AVA involvement

Mentor

CVC, A-line, IO, Tunneling



Vascular Access Scorecard

	IV Skills
	PICC
	Midline
	USGPIV
	Expanded scope: CVC, A-line, IO, tunneling
	Resource for Policy & Procedures
	Commitment
	INS/AVA membership
	CRNI/VA-BC
	Precept/mentor/teach
	PASSION