The Rise of the Vascular Access Specialist

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Objectives

- The learner will describe the 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
- USGPIV
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

USGPIV

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

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<td>Places access device ordered</td>
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<td>Assess pt. but vessels to small for PICC insertion, notifies caregiver</td>
<td>Assess vessels, too small, gives options to staff of the possible alternatives</td>
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<td>Notifies staff of a dressing that needs changed</td>
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<td>Introduces self to new staff as the PICC Nurse</td>
<td>Participates in new employee orientation/education.</td>
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Are You a
“Vascular Access Specialist”
Do you have it?

Passion

Pass it on!
Remember that toolbox!

- USGPIV
- PICC
- Midline
- Mentor
- CVC, A-line, IO, Tunneling

Passion

Certification

Recognition

INS/AVA involvement
### Vascular Access Scorecard

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