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FOREWORD ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 8th WoCoVA!

We are pleased to welcome you to the 8th WoCoVA in the beautiful city of Prague in the Czech Republic.

Personally, this edition is going to be a very special WoCoVA, because it will be the last one that I am leading as president of GloVANet / WoCoVA.

This biennial multidisciplinary and multi-professional event will cover all aspects of vascular access, including topics of materials, choice of device, insertion techniques, tip location methods and prevention, and management of vascular access device related complications, among other topics in the VA field.

Scientific and educational sessions, hosted by the most important international experts, and oral and poster abstracts, presented by upcoming scientists, will offer an exceptional opportunity to advance the knowledge and expertise on vascular access.

In this 3-day high quality program you will be able to update and advance your knowledge on vascular access research & innovations and meet experts from all around the world. Furthermore, the aforementioned sessions and presentations will prove to be valuable to sharing experiences and learnings about future trends and innovations in the field of VA-devices.

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, the WoCoVA organizational team, the SPPK and the Czech University, I wish you a pleasant and insightful learning experience in Prague.

Sincerely,

Ton van Boxtel
Founder, CEO and president
GloVANet / WoCoVA



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GloVANet & WoCoVA

Mission GloVANet

GloVANet provides knowledge, tools, and education, based on the latest science and consensus, for all involved in vascular access, to have the best infusion technology for optimal patient care everywhere in the world.

World Congress on Vascular Access

Every 2 years, in the even years, GloVANet organizes its World Congress on Vascular Access (WoCoVA). The goals and objectives of this congress are:

Advance and disseminate knowledge and technology to improve the quality of treatment of patients all over the globe.

Encourage and support research to further improve the quality of vascular access and reducing VA-related complications.

Bring new technologies to a global audience.

Create a collegial environment for sharing information.

Provide professional and educational resources & opportunities globally.

Initiate and develop VA-related consensus tools and protocols.

WoCoVA Committees

To support its mission, WoCoVA has several committees to develop and execute its different programs:

Scientific Committee (11 members: Chair Mauro Pittiruti)

Global Committee (30+ members: Chair Josie Stone)

Organizing Committee (4 members: Chair Ton van Boxtel)



COMMITTEES

GLOBAL COMMITTEE

This committee consists of representatives from all over the world. It is the congress's ears and eyes ensuring that different global needs and opinions are covered on the subject of vascular access.

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SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The Scientific Committee ensures that the WoCoVA program meets its high standards, making sure that content presented meets WoCoVA's quality requirements.

Mauro Pittiruti, Chair Scientific Committee, Italy

Ton van Boxtel – The Netherlands
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Gloria Ortiz Miluy – Spain
Tim Spencer - USA
Josie Stone – USA
Marc Stranz - USA
Christian Dupont - France
Evan Alexandrou - Australia
Evangelos Konstantinou - Greece
Fulvio Pinelli - Italy

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The organizing committee deals with all aspects to make the congress a success.

Ton van Boxtel – Chair Organizing Committee
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HISTORY OF WOCOVA



2002 - 2009: AVA discussions

2009: Birth of WoCoVA



2010 1st WoCoVA
Amsterdam, Netherlands

2012: 2nd WoCoVA
Amsterdam, Netherlands



2014: 3rd WoCoVA
Berlin, Germany

2015: 1st WoCoVA Special Event
Hong Kong



2016: 4th WoCoVA
Lisbon, Portugal

2017: 2nd WoCoVA Special Event
Perth, Australia



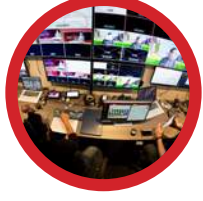
2018: Launch of GloVANet

2018: 5th WoCoVA
Copenhagen, Denmark



2019: 3rd WoCoVA Special Event
Sao Paulo, Brazil

2020: WoCoVA Live!
Virtual



2020 - 2023: WoCoVA MtE
Virtual

2021: 6th WoCoVA
Virtual



2022 WoCoVA MtE China
Virtual

2022: 7th WoCoVA
Athens, Greece



2023: 4th WoCoVA Special Event
Toronto, Canada

IMPORTANT CONGRESS INFO



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Industry Symposia
overview and times

Industry Product Demonstrations
Overview and times



DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL - FORUM HALL

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 10:05 **F01. Opening 8th WoCoVA**

09:00 – 09:20 **Opening** - *Ton van Boxtel, MSc, RN (NL)*

Welcome to all participants, speakers and supporting companies.

09:20 – 10:00 **Neutral, irritant, and vesicant solutions: a key to the choice of the VAD** - *Marc Stranz, PharmD (US)*

Phlebitis is a common complication of infused medications. This presentation reviews the vascular cytotoxicity of drugs and the success of protective measures. Causes such as pH, osmolarity, and intracellular drug activity are addressed, as well as underlying physiologic conditions that predispose to vascular inflammation. Nursing interventions to avoid phlebitis are well documented. Pharmacy's role is not so well defined, but recent publications provide a role and the necessary collaboration.

10:00 – 10:05 **Commercials**

10:05 – 11:05 **F02. Short peripheral cannulas today**
Chairs: Evan Alexandrou (AU) and Christian Dupont (FR)

10:05 – 10:25 **Standard vs. integrated SPC** - *Peter Carr, BSc, MMedSc, PhD, RGN (IE)*

This presentation will provide a synthesis of evidence on the use of an integrated and non-integrated peripheral intravenous catheter (PIVC) in clinical settings. It highlights some nuanced considerations before selecting a PIVC for optimal patient outcomes. Despite the widespread use of PIVCs few well designed clinical trials compare integrated PIVCs and non-integrated PIVCs. However, a critical appraisal of the published evidence to date will highlight factors such as insertion success rates, complication rates (including infection, thrombosis, thrombophlebitis, occlusion and dislodgement), dwell time, patient discomfort, and healthcare costs. In providing an analysis of clinical trials on these PIVC types insights into the advantages and limitations of each catheter type will be presented. Integrated PIVCs potentially reduce catheter failure by minimizing intravenous catheter movement, which can contribute to completion of therapy and an enhanced patient experience. However, concerns regarding increased costs and complexity of use may arise. Non-integrated PIVCs, often regarded as simpler and potentially more cost-effective, may pose higher risks of catheter movement and post insertion failure. This presentation will conclude with a critique of the clinical service provision required for these PIVCs. It will add some suggestions for future registered clinical trials comparing the effectiveness of integrated versus non-integrated PIVCs.

10:25 – 10:45 **New strategies for SPC: ultrasound guidance and glue** - *Amit Bahl, MD, MPH (US)*

Explore innovative approaches to vascular access in this presentation. Discover the inherent limitations of traditional methods for placing short peripheral catheters solely through palpation and visualization. However, there's a solution! Ultrasound emerges as a powerful adjunct modality in this process. Experience firsthand how ultrasound elevates the assessment process by delivering vital data that aids in vein mapping. Leveraging this information will optimize insertions, leading to superior vascular access outcomes. Despite its advanced nature, methods to overcome the learning curve and seamlessly integrate ultrasound into everyday practice will be discussed, ensuring accessibility for generalist nurses. Join us as we uncover the potential of ultrasound technology to enhance patient care and streamline procedures.

Abstract Presentation

10:45 – 10:55 **Efficacy of PIVC insertion using imaging technology compared to combined palpation and visualization. The EPIC randomised controlled trial** - *Tricia Kleidon (AU)*

10:55 – 11:05 **Discussion**

11:05 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 12:00 **Industry Symposium: Polymed/Plan 1 Health**

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

12:10 - 12:45 **Poster presentations (poster area)**

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL - FORUM HALL

13:00 – 15:05 **F03. Choice of Vascular Access Device (VAD) in oncology**

Chairs: Evangelos Konstantinou (GR) and Jiri Charvat (CZ)

13:00 – 13:20 **The device of the future in oncology: the PICC-port** - *Sergio Bertoglio, MD (IT)*

The PICC-port represents a technical evolution of the brachial port which has proven to be extremely safe and effective for medium and long-term central and non-central venous infusions. Since its introduction in Italy over five years ago, its development has clearly grown in many countries with major complication rates completely similar to those of chest ports and decidedly improved compared to brachial ports. Initially used mainly in oncology patients, its indications have expanded to include chronic non-oncological pathologies. Recent clinical trials have highlighted greater patient acceptance and better QoL when compared with that of other long-lasting vascular access devices.

13:20 – 13:40 **Tunneled catheters vs. PICCs vs. ports: different devices, different indications** - *Jonathan Moss, MBChB, FRCR, FRCS (UK)*

The CAVA trial is the worlds largest randomised trial comparing PICC, Hickman and PORTs. PORTs approximately halved the complication rate compared with the the other two devices. A health economic analyses demonstrated them to be cost effective and qualitative analysis showed them to be the preferred option from a patient and staff perspective. The trial provides more evidence to support a global change from PICC and Hickman to PORTs for those needing chemotherapy of 3 or more months duration

13:40 – 14:00 **Current insertion bundles for port placement** - *Fabrizio Brescia, MD (IT)*

The insertion of totally implantable venous access devices with subcutaneous reservoir (ports) is a widely used procedure in clinical practice. These devices are usually preferred for cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy and requiring infrequent access (less than once per week). In the last four decades, ports have been inserted mostly by direct cannulation of deep veins of the supra/ infraclavicular area, with subcutaneous placement of the reservoir above the major pectoral muscle (so-called 'chest-port'). Chest-port insertion was soon regarded as a relatively invasive procedure potentially associated with immediate (pneumothorax, hemothorax, arterial puncture, arrhythmias, air embolism) and late complications (thrombosis, occlusion, infection, catheter pinch-off). In the last decade, a new type of brachial port has been introduced in clinical practice, the so-called 'PICC-port'. It is a brachial port inserted according to the methodology currently adopted for peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC). Several studies have demonstrated that PICC-port insertion is completely safe, is not associated with any relevant immediate complications, and the overall incidence of late complications is significantly lower than traditional brachial ports. Furthermore, the PICC-port yields an excellent aesthetic result and is associated with optimal patient compliance. Current insertion bundles for port placement include effective strategies that aims to minimize immediate, early, or late insertion-associated complications.

14:00 – 14:20 **Choice of VAD and risk of bleeding: a GAVeCeLT consensus** - *Maria Giuseppina Annetta, MD (IT)*

In this presentation, we will report the results of the GAVeCeLT consensus about the indication and the choice of the most appropriate venous access device when there is an abnormal coagulation state, either because of underlying disease or because of anti-thrombotic or anti-platelet treatment.

Abstract Presentations

14:20 - 14:30 **PICC-PORTs – experience from the Vascular Access Centre of the 3rd Medical Faculty of Charles University and the Thomayer University Hospital in Prague** - *Oliver Kuchař (CZ)*

14:30 - 14:40 **The power of a team: PICC-port insertion by Interventional Radiology team in Canary Island. Preliminary results** - *Aday Garcia Almeida (ES)*

14:40 - 14:50 **Education in vascular access with regard to the results of a national survey and the implementation of new treatment modalities in cancer patients** - *Viktor Manasek (CZ)*

14:50 - 15:00 **Discussion**

15:00 - 15:05 **Commercials**

15:05 – 15:45

Break

15:15 – 15:39

Poster presentations (poster area)

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL - FORUM HALL

15:45 – 17:25 **F04. The midline (midclavicular) and the long peripheral catheter (mini-midline)**

Chairs: Amit Bahl (US) and Antonio Gidaro (IT)

15:45 – 16:05

The persistent confusion between LPC and midline - *Maurizio Pacilli, MBBS, Paed Surg, MD, FRCS, FRACS (AU)*

Peripheral intravenous access involves intravenous devices that terminate distal to the subclavian or femoral veins. There are three main options for peripheral intravenous access, these are:

1. Peripheral intravenous catheters (PIVCs) or “cannulas” – 2-6 cm in length and inserted with a catheter-over-needle method;
2. Long peripheral catheters (LPCs) – 6-15 cm in length, most commonly inserted with a direct Seldinger method and relatively new;
3. Midline catheters (MCs) – 15-25 cm in length and most commonly inserted with a modified Seldinger method. Standard PIVCs are only reliable for 2-4 days. LPCs, on the other hand, are reliable for 7-14 days, whilst remaining relatively straightforward to insert compared to MCs. While the nomenclature of PIVCs and MCs is generally consistent, this is not the case for LPCs. Furthermore, confusion remains with the use of LPCs, regarding the indications for insertion, the use of ultrasound guidance for vein cannulation, the position of the tip and type of products suitable for infusion. The aim of this talk to provide a comprehensive overview of the current issues and confusion surrounding the use of LPCs and MCs.

16:05 – 16:25

Ultrasound for tip location of midline - *Stefano Elli, RN (IT)*

Midline catheters, as opposed to the more commonly known long peripheral catheters, are characterized by the position of the tip intrathoracically rather than in the upper limb. This particularity requires greater attention in determining the correct position of the catheter tip (tip location), which still struggles to find resonance in common clinical practice. The use of ultrasound for tip location of Midlines represents a simple, effective, and low-cost opportunity. The most critical position for Midline tip is probably the transition area between axillary and subclavian vein.

16:25 – 16:45

Midlines for home infusion - *Victoria Armenteros-Yeguas, RN (ES)*

One of the indications of midlines is the safe infusion of intravenous therapy at home with a unique and successful vascular access device. Although there is a large amount of literature sharing this experience, there is still a lack of knowledge about midclavicular. The intravenous therapy team (ITT) of Araba University hospital started using this catheter in 2012. Over the last 11 years, more than 7500 midclavicular lines have been inserted by the ITT. More than 10% of the catheters inserted during the hospitalization were used for home care too. Midclavicular lines are removed without any complications in more than 80% of the cases. On balance, the experience of home service health professionals has been extremely positive.

16:45 – 17:05

The current indication to LPC - *Jiri Charvat, MD, PhD (CZ)*

Peripheral vascular access is sufficient in the majority of patients. Short peripheral catheter (peripheral cannula) has been invented several decades ago. The advantage of a peripheral cannula is relatively easy insertion in the case of a good peripheral venous system. However, its dwell time is limited to a few days and is also associated with the occurrence of frequent complications. Thirty years ago, a 15-25 cm long catheter appeared (midline), which is stable in the vein and can be inserted for up to several months. However, its complications (especially thrombosis) are associated with a relatively significant involvement of the venous system, because its tip is located in the axillary or subclavian vein. During the first decade of our century, a long peripheral catheter (mini-midline) was introduced into practice, which is 6-15 cm long. It is inserted either from the forearm or from the arm, and its tip always ends in the patient's arm. Currently, there are several types of these catheters. They can be inserted under visual control in patients with a good superficial venous system or under ultrasonographic navigation in DIVA patients. Current indications and contraindications for the introduction of this vascular device will be presented in the lecture. The advantages of ultrasonography during its insertion will also be mentioned.

Abstract Presentation

17:05 – 17:15

Safety and Efficacy of short peripheral intravenous catheters, long peripheral intravenous catheters, and midline catheters in patients undergoing bariatric surgery: an open-label randomized clinical trial - *Linfang Zhao (CN)*

17:15 – 17:25

Discussion

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL - SOUTH HALL

10:05 – 11:05 **S01. Vascular Access around the world (1)**

Chairs: Josie Stone (US) and Tim Spencer (US)

10:05 – 10:35

Implementing the INS Standard of Practice into other countries practices - *Marlene Steinheiser, CRNI, PhD, RN (US)*

Title: Global Implementation of the Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice (Standards)

Session Description:

In January 2024, the updated Standards were published, a global evidence-based document aimed at guiding clinicians in providing safe vascular access and infusion therapy care. During this session, using examples from clinicians around the world, we will explore the various factors, products/equipment, staffing, scope of practice, competency, education, and environments that impact clinicians when implementing the Standards.

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Describe the INS 2024 Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice (Standards) as a global resource to inform practice
2. Explore areas of global improvement in vascular access/infusion therapy impacting patient care
3. Verbalize considerations while implementing the Standards used to support best practices
4. Relate to exemplars from clinicians across the globe as they discuss factors impacting implementation and their methods for success
5. Examine patient case scenarios and our role as patient advocates.
6. Summarize the steps for successful Standards implementation & policy change

10:35 – 10:55

Implementing an evidence-based vascular access team and care bundles in low-resource circumstances - *Mohammad Bayoumi, MBBCH, MCS, MRCPCH, MD, FRCPC (QA)*

Dr Bayoumi will discuss the evidence behind implementing the neonatal vascular access team. He will share the experience of the neonatal vascular access team development at Hamad Medical Corporation in Qatar. Also, he will present the simulation-based training to the members before, during and after the implementation, the care bundles and the databases developed by the team and the challenges faced during the team development. He will also highlight the results and consequences of the neonatal vascular access team including reductions in the CLABSI rate, team publications, and future directions.

10:55 – 11:05

Discussion

11:05 – 11:15

Break

11:15 – 12:00

Industry Symposium: B.Braun

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch

12:10 - 12:45

Poster presentations (poster area)

13:00 – 15:05

S02. Preventing complications in neonates and children

Chairs: Maurizio Pacilli (AU) and Vito D'Andrea (IT)

13:00 – 13:20

Securement of VAD in children - *Amanda Ullman, PhD, RN (AU)*

Effective securement of vascular access devices is a vital procedure to ensure complication free device dwell. Technologies and practices are evolving rapidly to improve our approaches, but not all are 1) evidence-based, 2) neonate, child and young-person centred, 3) effective in complex healthcare situations. In this presentation we will examine the old and new approaches to vascular access device security, across these three criteria.

13:20 – 13:40

Technologies for diagnosis of extravasation - *Roland van Rens, MaANP, NNP (NL)*

Vascular access devices are crucial in neonatal care for administering medications and fluids, but they carry the risk of complications like infiltration and extravasation. Timely detection of these complications is vital to prevent harm and improve outcomes. This presentation reviews traditional tools, scoring systems, and advanced technologies for early detection.

13:40 – 14:00

Prevention of primary malposition in neonates: the Neo-ECHOTIP protocol - *Giovanni Barone, MD (IT)*

The aim of this presentation is to review all the available evidence about ultrasound-based tip navigation and tip location of central catheters in the neonatal population and to illustrate the novel protocol for tip navigation and location (Neo-ECHOTIP) based on such evidence.

14:00 – 14:20

Arterial access in neonates - *Robin van der Lee, MD, PhD (NL)*

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Abstract Presentations

- 14:20 - 14:30 **Securing non-cuffed central venous catheters in pediatric patients: The SECURED randomized clinical trial** - *Tricia Kleidon (AU)*
- 14:30 - 14:40 **Keep it simple specialists. One PICC, one securement device, until the end of need** - *Mikaela Olsen (US)*
- 14:40 - 14:50 **Pulsed wave Doppler across the superior cavoatrial junction as an aid to ultrasound-based catheter tip location by microbubble test: a pilot study** - *Antonio La Greca (IT)*
- 14:50 - 15:00 **Discussion**
- 15:00 - 15:05 **Commercials**
- 15:05 – 15:45** **Break**
15:15 – 15:39 **Poster presentations (poster area)**
- 15:45 – 17:25** **S03. Exit site protection**
Chairs: Nancy Moureau (US) and Giancarlo Scoppettuolo (IT)
- 15:45 – 16:05 **Should we use cyanoacrylate glue for all VAD insertions?** - *Gloria Ortis Miluy, MSc, RN (ES)*
- In the past years, cyanoacrylate glue has been introduced into the clinical practice of venous access devices used for increased device stabilisation, to seal the insertion site reducing local bleeding and risk of infection and close skin incisions. There are many papers demonstrating benefits of glue in the vascular access field. However, there are still unanswered questions to solve. This presentation offers an overview of recent data for this topic.
- 16:05 – 16:25 **Prevention and treatment of MARSII** - *Amanda Ullman, PhD, RN (AU)*
- Medical adhesive related skin injury (MARSII) surrounding the vascular access site impacts at least 1 in 10 of our patients, often causing significant discomfort and increased risk of infection to our most vulnerable population (e.g., those with cancer, chronic co-morbidities). In this presentation we will review the new and traditional strategies available to prevent and treat MARSII, as well as practical resources necessary to support their sustained implementation.
- 16:25 – 16:45 **How to choose the transparent dressing** - *Christian Dupont, RN (FR)*
- Which criterias are relevant to prevent moisture, mechanical and chemical complications as you choose a transparent dressing? What about sensitive skin? What to do in practice?
- 16:45 – 17:05 **The best securement: subcutaneous anchorage** - *Alessandro Crocoli, MD (IT)*
- The implementation of subcutaneous anchoring devices has significantly diminished mechanical complications associated with central venous access, thereby transforming its performance. Moreover, these devices have demonstrated remarkable versatility and utility in alternative contexts.
- Abstract Presentation**
- 17:05 – 17:15 **Enhancing Nursing Excellence in Peripheral Catheterization: Insights from an Action Research Study** - *Paulo Santos-Costa (PT)*
- 17:15 – 17:25 **Discussion**

DAY 2 - THURSDAY 18 APRIL - FORUM HALL

08:30 – 10:05 **F05. Femoral catheters**

Chairs: Fulvio Pinelli (IT) and Fabrizio Brescia (IT)

08:30 – 08:50 **The great novelty in femoral access: the superficial femoral vein** - *Mauro Pittiruti, MD (IT)*

08:50 – 09:10 **The transhepatic view for ultrasound-based tip location of femoral lines** - *Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT)*

Femoral inserted central catheters are often inserted in patients with difficult or impossible access to the superior vena cava. Also for these central devices, proper tip location is mandatory for the correct use of the device, and it should be preferably carried out by intra-procedural methods. In this presentation, we will describe a novel, easy and accurate method of intra-procedural tip location to be applied when the final desired position of the tip is in the subdiaphragmatic vena cava, i.e., the trans-hepatic view of the inferior vena cava. This method allows a very precise location of the tip in the tract of vena cava between the renal veins and the hepatic veins: the tip of the catheter is visualized directly inside the vein, or indirectly using the 'bubble test'.

09:10 – 09:30 **Tools and techniques for femoral vein access** - *Matt Ostroff, MSN, VA-BC (US)*

After extensive work with the femoral approach over the past 9 years from the neonatal to geriatric patient population Matthew intends to review the indications/contraindications, assessment protocols, and describe tools and techniques for femoral access including: phlebotomy, midline catheters, direct puncture of the superficial femoral vein, pseudo tunneling with long needles, traditional tunneling, prone access, and terminal catheter tip confirmation.

09:30 – 09:40 **Vascular access quality control and risk management in China** - *Jinghui Zhang, MSN, RN (CN)*

1. Introduction of intravenous therapy in Xiangya Hospital of Central South University
2. Application background of femoral vein catheterization
3. Quality control of femoral vein catheterization
4. Risk management of femoral vein catheterization

Abstract Presentation

09:40 – 09:50 **Knowledge of vascular access of nursing professionals in public hospitals of the Valencian Community** - *Sonia Casanova-Vivas (ES)*

09:50 – 10:00 **Discussion**

10:00 – 10:05 **Commercials**

10:05 – 11:15 **F06. The DIVA (Difficult Intra Venous Access) patient**

Chairs: Sergio Bertoglio (IT) and Victoria Armenteros-Yeguas (ES)

10:05 – 10:25 **Is there an ideal DIVA score?** - *Rick van Loon, PhD, CRNA (NL)*

Difficult intravenous access is a common situation in daily clinical practice, resulting in challenging situations for both healthcare providers and patients. Many solutions were found for these patients, with focus on improving first attempt cannulation success. Ultrasound seems to be the most promising and beneficial technology that can be applied during intravenous cannulation in patients with a known or predicted difficult intravenous access. For this, classification of patients with an increased risk for failed cannulation is key and should be performed before attempting to insert a catheter. Many predictive tools were created and published in recent literature. But do we have consensus on the definition of a difficult intravenous access? And can we create a generalized predictive tool that can be used throughout the entire hospital and in every category of patients? And is there a technological innovation that can assist in during the selection and classification of patients? In this presentation, we will shed a light on this definition and use of tool to predict the risk for failed cannulation or the presence of a difficult intravenous access.

10:25 – 10:45 **The obese patient** - *Evangelos Konstantinou, MsC, PhD, RN (GR)*

Vascular Access Treatment of Obese Patients

10:45 – 11:05 **Ultrasound in DIVA patient** - *Evan Alexandrou, MPH, PhD, RN (AU)*

Ultrasound guided peripheral venous access for difficult venous access (DIVA) is becoming an accepted practice in hospitals worldwide. This presentation will discuss current evidence on the effectiveness of ultrasound for DIVA patients and its application for assessment, insertion and using ultrasound to inform device selection so to help reduce post insertion failure.

11:05 – 11:15 **Discussion**

DAY 2 - THURSDAY 18 APRIL - FORUM HALL

11:15 – 11:25 Break

11:25 – 12:10 Industry Symposium: StatSeal

12:10 – 13:10 Lunch

12:20 – 13:02 Poster presentations (poster area)

13:10 – 15:30 F07. PICC vs CICC

Chairs: Stefano Elli (IT) and Jonathan Moss (UK)

13:10 – 13:30 **A new approach to the problem – the DAV expert revisited - Fulvio Pinelli, MD (IT)**

Based on some strong concepts (avoid the unnecessary venous access; define the correct indication to central line vs peripheral line; take into consideration the exit site; and so on) in 2015 the DAV-expert, the GAVeCeLT algorithm of choice of vascular access, is firstly released. In the following years, it is updated and expanded to include pediatric and neonatal patients. The first to cover all clinical situations: emergency, elective, intensive care, non-intensive care; and all devices: short-, medium- and long-term VADs, also available as app, this new version has been launched as an “expert system”, which is simultaneously both an algorithm and a guide that offers the evidence behind each suggestion.

13:30 – 13:50 **PICC in the patient with chronic renal failure: a decision-making algorithm - Antonio Gidaro, PhD (IT)**

Definition, incidence, and risk of future dialysis by degree of renal failure. A critical reading of the 2019 KDOQI guidelines to point out the main reasons for contraindication of PICC and midline insertion in renal failure. The presentation aims to propose a decision-making algorithm to identify patients with low expected life span who may benefit from PICC and midline insertion even in renal failure.

13:50 – 14:10 **The GAVeCeLT protocols for central venous catheterization (SIF, SIC, SIP) - Tim Spencer, BN, CCRN, RN, VA-BC (US)**

This session will provide a review of the SIP/SIC/SIF protocols, outlining evidence-based methods for intravascular device insertion to improve patient safety and procedural efficiency.

14:10 – 14:30 **The axillary approach in 2023 - Ryszard Gawda, MD, PhD (PL)**

Ultrasound-guided cannulation of the axillary vein in modern intensive care. The presentation shows if an infraclavicular approach to the axillary vein can be used as a first-choice method of central venous cannulation in critically ill patients.

Abstract Presentations

14:30 – 14:40 **Cost effectiveness of shifting PICC lines from interventional radiology/surgical suite to a dedicated bedside clinician: creation of a vascular access full-time employee (FTE) - Kathy Kokotis (US)**

14:40 – 14:50 **Centrally inserted central catheter in severe thrombocytopenic patients: can we choose the axillary approach? - André Caiado (PT)**

14:50 – 15:00 **Implementation contexts and strategies for peripherally inserted central catheter material and design selection: A qualitative exploration using CFIR/ERIC approach - Samantha Keogh (AU)**

15:00 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:00 – 16:45 Industry Symposium: ivWatch

16:45 – 17:45 F08. Panel Discussion: Vascular Access: Developing the specialty (Plenary)

Chairs: Massimo Lamperti (AE) and Ton van Boxtel (NL)

Education and training

Introduction by Massimo Lamperti, MBA, MD (AE)

Recognition of the Vascular Access specialty

Introduction by Ton van Boxtel, MSc, RN (NL)

Panel members

Mauro Pittiruti (IT), Nancy Moureau (US), Tim Spencer (US), Even Alexandrou (AU), Marije Hoekendijk-Beukers (NL)

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08:30 – 10:05 **S04. Catheter related Infections**

Chairs: Victor Rosenthal (US) and Ton van Boxtel (NL)

08:30 – 08:50 **The role of taurolidine for prevention and treatment** - *Giancarlo Scoppettuolo, MD (IT)*

08:50 – 09:10 **The role of tetrasodium EDTA for infection prevention** - *Steve Reynolds, MD (CA)*

Tetrasodium EDTA is an anticoagulant, non-antibiotic, antimicrobial, and antibiofilm agent. In its tetrasodium form, it possesses four negatively charged functional groups that are able to form a “claw-like” complex around a positively charged metal cation. This results in an irreversible, high-affinity bond between the EDTA and the ion. As such, it acts as a very strong chelating agent. When used as a central venous access device (CVAD) locking fluid, tetrasodium EDTA is able to remove ions that are needed to stabilize bacterial cell wall structure, to enable growth and maturation of a biofilm colony, and those that act as cofactors in the anticoagulation cascade. Consequently, it serves to protect against these three key avenues of CVAD complication formation. In the laboratory setting, it has been shown to completely eradicate biofilms isolated from patient CVADs, and potentiate the effect of antibiotics in resistant organisms. When used clinically, tetrasodium EDTA has resulted in an increase in colonization-free catheter survival time for hemodialysis patients, and a reduction in CLABSI and occlusion rates in the long-term parenteral nutrition population. There are also two multi-centered clinical trials currently ongoing investigating the effect of locking with tetrasodium EDTA on CVAD complication rates in adult critical care (Canada) and pediatric oncology (Australia) patients. When used as a CVAD locking fluid, tetrasodium EDTA has the potential to significantly reduce rates of colonization, CLABSI, occlusion, and thrombosis, in addition to contributing to worldwide antibiotic stewardship initiatives.

09:10 – 09:30 **Infection of peripheral VADs** - *Marcia Ryder, Bs(hons), MS, PhD (US)*

More recent global data indicate peripheral VAD-BSI rates are comparable to CVAD-CABSI rates while the incidence rate of short peripheral catheter (SPC) local infection is an alarming 7x that of SPC-CABSI and SPC-failure rates. Pre-existing and current standards of care appear to be ineffective at reducing SPC infections. What are we missing?

09:30 – 09:40 **Barriers and best practices in vascular access practices of the Czech Republic** - *Jiri Charvat, MD, PhD (CZ)*

Catheter infection is the most serious complication associated with vascular access. In the past decades, a number of guidelines regarding prevention and solution of this complication have been created. In order to comply with these guidelines it is necessary to educate continuously the medical staff dealing with the vascular access. The selection of optimal vascular device, compliance with the correct insertion of device as well as its management during device dwelling are crucial in the prevention of catheter infection. The aim of the lecture is to inform how these principles are implemented in the Czech Republic. The importance of the national multiprofessional and multidisciplinary society in the field of vascular access will be discussed.

Abstract Presentation

09:40 – 09:50 **Anti-microbial or hydrophobic materials vs conventional peripherally inserted central catheters: a multicentre, randomised controlled trial** - *Amanda Ullman (AU)*

09:50 – 10:00 **Discussion**

10:00 – 10:05 **Commercials**

10:05 – 11:15 **S05. Venous access devices (VADs) in children**

Chairs: Amanda Ullman (AU) and Elias Kehagias (GR)

10:05 – 10:25 **The new pediatric DAV Expert consensus** - *Alessandro Crocoli, MD (IT)*

GAVeCeLT's expert system DAV-EXP simplifies the process for selecting the best venous access device (DAV) for each clinical case. It was crucial to bring adult patient principles to pediatrics, where the lack of a systematic approach and the belief of “wanting to do as I have always done” had caused errors and injury to young patients.

10:25 – 10:45 **Intracavitary ECG in children** - *Mark Weber, MSN, CRNP-AC, FCCM (US)*

Intracavitary ECG is essential for central venous catheter tip location in the pediatric population. This session will discuss the important electrophysiologic principles of IC-ECG and the subtleties of its use that can be found in the pediatric population. Following a firm understanding of the physiology new research and upcoming trends in the application of IC-ECG will be discussed. At the completion of this presentation participants will have a clear understanding of the practice of IC-ECG and the potential applications to their patient population.

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- 10:45 – 11:05 **Tip location by ultrasound (ECHOTIP-ped) in children** - *Mauro Pittiruti, MD (IT)*
- 11:05 – 11:15 **Discussion**
- 11:05 – 11:15 Break**
- 11:25 – 12:10 Industry Symposium: Vygon**
- 12:10 – 13:10 Lunch**
- 12:20 – 13:02 Poster presentations (poster area)**
- 13:10 – 15:30 S06. Venous access devices (VADs) in neonates**
Chairs: Robin van der Lee (NL) and Matt Ostroff (US)
- 13:10 – 13:30 **Bundles for UVC and ECC insertion** - *Roland van Rens, MaANP, NNP (NL)*
- Inserting vascular access devices may introduce potential complications, but many can be prevented through thoughtful material selection, methodological approaches, and techniques. This presentation underscores the critical necessity for tailored bundles in UVC and ECC insertion, considering the unique challenges in a neonatal population, to ensure optimal care and minimize complications.
- 13:30 – 13:50 **Bundles for CICC and FICC insertion in neonates** - *Christian Breschan, D.E.A.A., MD, PhD (AT)*
- As clearly shown by Spagnuolo in 104 cases, the seven SIC bundles for CICC and FICC insertion also apply to neonates. They only added the use of counter fixation of the catheter wings by using Statlock®. However, there are some noteworthy differences:
Subcutaneously anchored devices only exist for 3 Fr size catheters requiring a minimum diameter of 3mm of the targeted vessel which may not always be the case in babies weighing less than 1kg. Likewise such babies may also lack enough subcutaneous fat tissue for the tunneling process. Tunneling is also time consuming making it sometimes difficult to use in unstable babies or emergency situations. In addition neonates will always require deep sedation for a CICC insertion making a careful preprocedural preparation mandatory, including an adequate, warm environment, hyperextension of the neck as well as being prepared for a respiratory or cardiovascular collapse during the insertion procedure. The USG, in-plane cannulation of the brachiocephalic vein remains the first choice for CICCs in neonates.
- 13:50 – 14:10 **The increasing use of cyanoacrylate glue in neonates** - *Vito D'Andrea, MD (IT)*
- The growing utilization of tissue adhesive technology in the realm of neonatal vascular access signifies a significant advancement in medical practice. Traditionally, securing vascular access in neonates has presented challenges due to their delicate physiology and limited accessibility. However, the introduction of tissue adhesive has revolutionized this aspect of neonatal care.
Cyanoacrylate glue is a fast-acting adhesive that polymerizes rapidly upon contact with moisture, forming a strong bond between surfaces. While traditionally used in household repairs and crafts, medical-grade cyanoacrylate adhesives have gained recognition for their potential application in securing venous catheters in neonates.
In neonatal care, the secure fixation of venous catheters is crucial for delivering essential medications and fluids to newborns, especially those in neonatal intensive care units (NICUs).
Cyanoacrylate glue offers a promising alternative for securing venous catheters in neonates. Its rapid polymerization process creates a strong and durable bond, effectively anchoring the catheter in place without the need for traditional tapes or sutures. This not only reduces the risk of skin trauma during catheter removal but also minimizes the risk of accidental dislodgement, which is particularly important in critically ill neonates.
Moreover, cyanoacrylate glue provides a waterproof and bacteria-resistant seal around the catheter insertion site, reducing the risk of infection and promoting skin integrity. This can be particularly advantageous in NICU settings where infection control is paramount.
In summary, cyanoacrylate glue could become a valuable tool in neonatal care, enhancing patient outcomes and improving the delivery of essential therapies to newborns.
- 14:10 – 14:30 **The neonatal DAV Expert Consensus** - *Giovanni Barone, MD (IT)*
- The neonatal DAV-expert algorithm is a GAVeCeLT/GAVePed consensus for the choice of the most appropriate venous access in newborns. The DAV expert offers a systematic set of recommendations on the choice of the most appropriate vascular access device in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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Abstract Presentations

- 14:30 – 14:40 Long-term catheter in pediatric oncology. Brachiocephalic vein ultrasound guided puncture era, analysis of complications and catheter survival - *Chaves Ribeiro (BR)*
- 14:40 – 14:50 Chest-to-arm tunneling technique in long-term central venous access placement in the pediatric patient: the CHARM-PED (CHest-to-Arm Tunneling in PEDIatric population) protocol - *Giorgio Calabrese (IT)*
- 14:50 – 15:00 Pediatric central venous access device lock solutions: A network meta-analysis - *Victoria Gibson (AU)*
- 15:00 – 15:10 A prospective study on routine echocardiography before CVC removal - *Giorgio Lamberti (IT)*
- 15:10 – 15:30 Discussion
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break**
- 16:00 – 16:45 Industry Symposium: Teleflex**

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- 08:30 – 09:35 F09. Arterial catheters**
Chairs: Massimo Lamperti (AE) and Amy Bardin (US)
- 08:30 – 08:50 **The SIA protocol** - *Tim Spencer, BN, CCRN, RN, VA-BC (US)*
- This session will review the Safe Insertion of Arterials (SIA) protocol, outlining the methods for arterial catheterization to minimize insertion-associated complications and improve device functionality while maintaining an improved patient safety profile.
- 08:50 – 09:10 **Ultrasound approach to the axillary artery** - *Ryszard Gawda, MD, PhD (PL)*
- Percutaneous cannulation of the axillary artery in intensive care. The presentation outlines the evidence regarding the clinical utility of a new ultrasound-guided cannulation technique of the axillary artery in critically ill patients.
- Abstract Presentation**
- 09:10 – 09:20 **Journey of vascular access teams in the Czech Republic: Development, successes and challenges** - *Martina Douglas (CZ)*
- 09:20 – 09:30 **Discussion**
- 09:30 – 09:35 **Commercials**
- 09:35 – 09:45 Break**
- 09:45 – 11:15 F10. Tip location in 2023: Intracavitary-ECG and ultrasound**
Chairs: Ton van Boxtel (NL) and Lieve Goossens (BE)
- 09:45 – 10:05 **IC-ECG in 2023: the standard for tip location?** - *Evan Alexandrou, MPH, PhD, RN (AU)*
- Intra cavity ECG (IC-ECG) has become the mainstay for tip location / confirmation for bedside CVAD insertion. This presentation will discuss current evidence on the effectiveness of IC-ECG and its application for acute PICCs, CICCs and FICCs as well as for chronic devices such as implanted ports and longterm dialysis catheters.
- 10:05 – 10:25 **The ECHOTIP protocol for ultrasound-based tip location** - *Antonio Gidaro, PhD (IT)*
- We will explore the ECHOTIP protocol and review new studies published since its release. Special attention will be paid to the navigation and localization of the tip for PICC insertion into the femoral vein, which was not included in the first version of the ECHOTIP protocol.
- 10:25 – 10:45 **Wireless ultrasound transducers and wireless devices for IC-ECG: a revolution in clinical practice** - *Fabrizio Brescia, MD (IT)*
- Safety in the placement of any central venous device has improved thanks to the widespread and growing use of ultrasound guidance. Ultrasound is used not only in all phases of placement of a central venous device. The intracavitary ECG method is the most accurate, safe and cost-effective method and is indicated by international guidelines as the first-choice method for an adequate tip location. Therefore, the global use of ultrasound and the intracavitary ECG method are an integral part of the insertion bundles of all central venous access, essential for the daily clinical activity of each vascular access team. The main requirements for an ultrasound transducer and for an IC-ECG device are: ease of use, portability, adequate image quality to clearly visualize vascular and nervous structures for an US and the absence of interferences for an IC-ECG device. Using a wireless IC ECG system for tip location in combination with wireless and pocket-sized ultrasound probes with multiple transducers is very useful in bedside insertion, in COVID patients, in patients infected with multi-resistant germs, as these devices are easy to sanitize. The linear transducer of the ultrasound probe can be used for the preliminary ultrasound evaluation, for the ultrasound-guided venipuncture and the immediate exclusion of complications potentially related to the venipuncture; in case of non-applicability or non-feasibility of the IC-ECG method, the convex transducer of the probe can be used for tip location by TTE. All the key maneuvers of the insertion procedure can be performed using two simple and space-saving devices.
- 10:45 – 10:55 **Infusion Therapy Planning in the different specialties** - *Claudia Luz, (BR)*

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Abstract Presentation

10:55 – 11:05 **Optimizing Clinical Excellence: A Programmatic Approach to Difficult Intravenous Access in the Emergency Department - Amit Bahl (US)**

11:05 – 11:15 **Discussion**

11:15 – 11:25 Break

11:25 – 12:10 Industry Symposium: BD-China

12:10 – 13:10 Lunch

12:20 – 13:02 Poster presentations (poster area)

13:10 – 14:35 F11. Tunneling

Chairs: Maria Giuseppina Annetta (IT) and Gloria Ortiz Miluy (ES)

13:10 – 13:30 **The RAVESTO protocol - Matt Ostroff, MSN, VA-BC (US)**

Inspired by the work of Dr. Pittiruti, Matthew has brought tunneling innovation to the bedside in the United States. Ostroff, Moureau, and Pittiruti's paper The RAVESTO protocol discusses all of the possible exit sites for tunneled catheters. Through some of the most interesting cases studies, the RAVESTO protocol will be depicted from traditional tunneling, to tunneling multiple catheters at the same time.

13:30 – 13:50 **Chest-to-arm tunneling - Elias Kehagias, MD, PhD (GR)**

The Chest-to-Arm Tunneling technique is a method to tunnel Vascular Access Devices (Ports, PICCs or cuffed PICCs) from the arm implantation or arm insertion site to the chest, where the venous access is, usually the internal jugular vein (IJV). It consists of splitting the total tunnelled distance in two halves, creating an externalization-reinsertion skin nick over the edge of the deltoid muscle.

13:50 – 14:10 **Tunneling midlines - Stefano Elli, RN (IT)**

Midline catheters (midclavicular) offer greater stability and durability compared to the more common long peripheral catheters. Despite their peripheral catheter characteristic, during placement, they require the same precautions as Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters (PICCs), including the need to keep the exit site in the Dawson's green zone. Like with PICCs, it may be useful to puncture the target vein closer to the axillary cavity and move the emergency site into the green zone through catheter tunneling. Although tunneling is now a simple, fast, and low-risk procedure, it is advisable to evaluate the cost-benefit ratio and choose the appropriate tunneling technique to avoid resorting to central access in case upper limb veins in the green zone are not available.

Abstract Presentation

14:10 – 14:20 **Avoiding catheter-related thrombosis: Off-label use of peripherally inserted central catheters as tunneled centrally inserted central catheters - Thomas Douchy (BE)**

14:20 – 14:30 **Discussion**

14:30 – 14:35 **Commercials**

14:35 – 15:25 F12. Data collection and Education

Chairs: Evan Alexandrou (AU) and Marlene Steinheiser (US)

14:35 – 14:55 **Minimal requirements for VA training - Massimo Lamperti, MBA, MD (IT)**

Education and training in vascular access have three fundamental steps: before, during and after vascular access insertion. Traditional education based on theoretical and hands-on training is rapidly changing with the introduction of new teaching techniques such as online learning platforms and the possibility to perform distance training to evaluate the performance of the trainees and their competencies. Artificial intelligence has already been used to facilitate the recognition of vascular structures but its exponential introduction in the clinical fields could probably be used to detect possible complications in advance and support the education and training during the different phases of the education process for vascular accesses.

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14:55 – 15:15 **Global data collection for global VA research - Victor Rosenthal, MD, PhD (US)**

Over 50 years ago, the U.S. CDC initiated measuring central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI), outlining definitions, criteria, and methodologies for data collection, and expressing CLABSI rates per 1000 central catheter-days. While industrialized countries adopted similar monitoring methodologies, low-resource nations lagged. In 1993, I began measuring infections using this methodology in Argentinean hospitals, discovering CLABSI rates were twelve times higher than in the U.S., emphasizing critical benchmarking importance. Publishing our findings and implementing targeted measures to reduce CLABSI rates led to invitations to lecture in over 70 countries, all expressing interest in adopting this methodology. This culminated in the establishment of the International Nosocomial Infections Control Consortium (INICC), an online platform facilitating data input, report generation, benchmarking, CLABSI reduction, and research dissemination in peer-reviewed journals. Through INICC, we lowered CLABSI rates in hospitals across 150 cities in 50 countries spanning Latin-America, Asia, the Middle-East, Africa, and Eastern-Europe. Utilizing multiple logistic regression, we identified independent factors for mortality and CLABSI, along with catheter types with the lowest infection risk. We developed an optimal bundle of measures, resulting in a remarkable 90% reduction in CLABSI rates and mortality. Our research extended to bloodstream infection (BSI) rates associated with other vascular devices, such as short peripheral lines. With INICC members, we have published over 400 papers and been cited in over 21,000 opportunities, contributing to global BSI prevention understanding. I extend a warm invitation to share my presentation and encourage your participation in our global organization dedicated to measuring and reducing BSI rates.

15:15 – 15:25 **Discussion**

15:25 – 15:50 Break

15:50 – 17:10 The future of Vascular Access
Chair: Tim Spencer (US)

15:50 – 16:20 **Vascular access team now and tomorrow - Amy Bardin, (US)**

16:20 – 16:50 **Vascular Access, the past, the present and the future - Ton van Boxtel, MSc, RN (NL)**

16:50 – 17:10 **Closing - Ton van Boxtel, MSc, RN (NL) and Tim Spencer, BN, CCRN, RN, VA-BC (US)**

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08:30 – 09:35 **S07. Vascular Access around the world (2)**

Chairs: Josie Stone (US) and Paloma Ruiz Hernández (ES)

08:30 – 09:00 **Global questionnaire on dressing, occlusion & locking** - *Christian Dupont, RN (FR) and Paloma Ruiz Hernández, MSN, PAN, PhD, RN (ES)*

What a long survey! However colleagues from 44 different countries assessed it. So come to discuss about our common practices and our differences about dressing, occlusion and locking without forgetting to underline evidence-based.

When we work daily in our hospitals with VA we do it according to their protocols and following the recommendations of the clinical practice guidelines. But: do we really follow the same guidelines and recommendations when we are going to change the dressing, to perform the skin antiseptics, to choose the best lock solution? What are the aspects that bring us close and what are ones that distance us? To know more about these points, a survey was launched by WoCoVA. More relevant aspects will be shown during the congress in the Vascular Access around the world session.

09:00 – 09:20 **Regulatory and licensure barriers to clinicians placing vascular access devices in Austria/Germany** - *Christian Breschan, D.E.A.A., MD, PhD (AT)*

Though it is estimated that around 4 million central venous catheters per year are established within the German speaking community, the largest one in the EU, there still do not exist any vascular access teams as such, nor do there exist any guidelines for vascular access training or VA management. The only existing legal restriction in Austria in terms of vascular access says that central venous catheters are only allowed to be inserted by physicians or physicians in training under supervision.

09:20 – 09:35 **Discussion**

09:35 – 09:45 Break

09:45 – 11:15 **S08. Catheter-related thrombosis**

Chairs: Massimo Lamperti (AE) and Jiri Charvat (CZ)

09:45 – 10:05 **Should we perform ultrasound before CVC removal?** - *Fulvio Pinelli, MD (IT)*

Despite several effective preventive strategies central venous access devices (CVADs) are inevitably associated with the potential development of catheter-related thrombosis. This complication may be symptomatic or—more often—asymptomatic. Even if remote, the chance that CVAD removal may mobilise an asymptomatic thrombus and cause pulmonary embolism, is theoretically possible. On the other hand, the diffuse adoption of an ultrasound scan aiming at detecting an asymptomatic catheter-related thrombosis may be logistically difficult and expensive. No clear evidence-based recommendations exist on this issue and whether perform an ultrasound scan before CVC removal in asymptomatic patients remains a matter of debate. Additional evidence that may help clinicians in weighing the clinical advantages of the exam (optimal safety for the patient) versus its practical disadvantages (logistic cost) is warranted.

10:05 – 10:25 **Old and new drugs for the treatment of catheter-related thrombosis** - *Sergio Bertoglio, MD (IT)*

Pharmacological approaches for the treatment of DVT now rely on anticoagulation. For many years the use of VKA and LWMH/Fondaparinux has been a cornerstone in clinical practice. Recent randomized clinical trials have demonstrated that DOACs are an effective and safe therapeutic alternative to LMWH in patients with VTE including those with cancer. However, this is true and well established only for patients with DVT of the proximal veins of the lower limbs and/or PE, while the level of evidence is low in the case of thrombosis involving other venous sites, such as the upper extremities and catheter-related thrombosis (CRT). Although there is scant literature regarding DOACs for CRT treatment, the results of the upcoming trials are attractive and promising. However, a tailored strategy must always be considered for individual pathologies and groups of patients; some limitations to the indiscriminate use of DOACs must be duly considered and analyzed, particularly for CRT.

10:25 – 10:45 **The persistent confusion between fibroblastic sleeve and thrombosis** - *Mauro Pittiruti, MD (IT)*

10:45 – 10:55 **PICC & TIVAD thrombosis** - *Martine Jérôme, MSc, RN (BE)*

A nurse-led vascular access specialty team is contacted for a variety of catheter-related problems. Suspicion of catheter-associated deep vein thrombosis (CA-DVT) in peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs) and totally implanted vascular access ports (TIVADs) is one of the reasons for which a healthcare provider or patient consults the team. Clinical signs such as pain, edema, erythema and engorged veins are well-known. But what is the actual incidence of this catheter-associated problem? How many days after catheter insertion does a CA-DVT typically occur? How extensive is the thrombosis? What type of anticoagulant medication is initiated and what is the duration of this treatment? In this session, the answers to these questions will be discussed. In addition to insights from clinical practice, strategies to prevent and manage CA-DVT will be described.

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10:55 – 11:05 **Prevalence of PICC-related thrombosis in adults with hematological malignancies: A systematic review** - *Elizângela Santos (BR)*

11:05 – 11:15 **Discussion**

11:15 – 12:10 Break

12:10 – 13:10 Lunch

12:20 – 12:56 Poster presentations (poster area)

13:10 – 14:35 S09. Lumen occlusion in 2023
Chairs: Marcia Ryder (US) and Amit Bahl (US)

13:10 – 13:30 **The heparin-free hospital** - *Lieve Goossens, PhD, RN (BE)*

Effective flushing and locking of intravenous catheters are essential to maintain their patency. Traditionally, heparin has been the standard agent for catheter locking, but emerging evidence suggests that 0.9% Sodium Chloride may be an equally effective alternative. Moreover, there is growing recognition of the importance of the flushing procedure itself. In the last years more scientific evidence has become available on flushing and locking practices for intravenous catheters, with a specific focus on comparing the efficacy of heparin and 0.9% Sodium Chloride for catheter locking. A lot of hospitals became heparin-free hospitals for intravenous catheters. The results of an international survey conducted to assess the prevalence of heparin-free hospitals and their flushing and locking protocols will be presented and discussed. This comprehensive review provides valuable insights into the evolving landscape of intravenous catheter maintenance practices and highlights areas for further research and improvement.

13:30 – 13:50 **Blood sampling: how and when** - *Nancy Moureau, BN, CPUI, CRNI, PhD, RN, VA-BC (US)*

Blood sampling, closed blood sampling and blood culture collection with intravenous catheters are common medical procedures used to obtain blood for diagnostic purposes without additional needle sticks. Intravenous catheters, peripheral and central, already in place for fluid or medication administration, allow convenient access to the vascular system, but these procedures are not without risk. Strict aseptic techniques are essential to prevent contamination and ensure accurate test results. Closed blood sampling with intravenous catheters, and devices that allow direct sampling with diversion of waste, involves extracting blood and preserving the sample in a sterile and closed environment. This method is integral in minimizing the risk of contamination and infections. Healthcare professionals can access the patient's blood without exposing it to the external environment using specialized sampling ports or adapters on the intravenous catheter. This method is particularly beneficial in critical care areas and for individuals with challenging venous access or those requiring frequent blood tests, such as hospitalized patients. Normal saline flushing with a push pause turbulence approach is effective in clearing blood from a catheter following blood sampling. During the procedure, healthcare professionals collect blood samples directly from the catheter, minimizing patient discomfort, and may reduce the risk of complications associated with repeated needle insertions. By integrating blood sampling into existing intravenous access, this approach enhances efficiency, patient comfort, and overall healthcare delivery. As a routine practice, it contributes to a more streamlined and patient-centered approach to medical care.

13:50 – 14:10 **Prevention and treatment of lumen occlusion** - *Christian Dupont, RN (FR)*

How do you know that your catheter is blocked? What do we exactly know about flushing, rinsing, locking? What to do in practice to prevent and treat the catheter occlusion?

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14:10 – 14:20 **Development of a machine learning-based risk assessment method using transformer models to enhance ultrasonography utilization in the prevention of peripheral intravenous catheter failure** - *Toshiaki Takahashi (JP)*

14:20 – 14:35 **Discussion**

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DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

11:15 – 12:00
Forum Hall

New frontiers of femoral access: from 'groin port' to 'FICC-port'

The evolution of femoral access in the last five years - *Mauro Pittiruti*
Indications for FICC-port - *Fulvio Pinelli*
Venous anatomy of the lower limb and possible access sites - *Fabrizio Brescia*
Insertion techniques of FICC ports - *Maria Giuseppina Annetta*

The Plan 1 Health symposium aims to analyze the most recent surgical technique options relating to the implant of vascular access via the femoral route. It will analyze and disclose the most recent clinical aspects related to the implant site, vascular access methods and techniques, and the use of US support for a safe vascular access and the correct catheter tip positioning. The new clinical perspectives of femoral access for fully implantable long-term devices such as FICC and PICC-port will be discussed.



11:15 – 12:00
South Hall

Peripheral intravenous catheters: A global glance

Peripheral intravenous catheters: a global glance -
Stephanie Pitts & Sandra Dvorakova

Peripheral intravenous catheter insertion and care varies significantly around the world. Yet the goal of infusing intravenous fluids, medications, nutrition, blood products is the same. Variation in care stems from various local standards of care, culture of care, staffing models/responsibilities and variation in product availability globally. During this session we will explore different continents as it relates to PIVC insertion and care identifying similarities and differences. This collaborative session will allow us to begin to explore how we work towards a foundation of global PIVC consensus in care.



11:15 – 12:00
Terrace 2A

Vascular access excellence, wherever the patient is: Strategies for improving patient care & reducing costs with outside hospital care - *Chair: Stephen Church*

A reflection on the challenges and benefits of an OPAT service in Swansea Bay Health Board - *Frankie Thompson*
Humanization of care, a new era. Home-Vascular Access Service - *Monica Pinto*

Healthcare provision is currently undergoing significant transformation due to several factors, including an aging population, rising prevalence of chronic diseases, resource constraints, and financial pressures. Governments and healthcare organizations are actively exploring new models for delivering care. One key focus area is shifting healthcare provision outside the traditional hospital-based acute care setting. This symposium will spotlight two innovative approaches to healthcare delivery that leverage the expertise of hospital infusion: Outpatient Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT): Initially implemented in the UK, OPAT is now gaining broader adoption across Europe, including examples in Switzerland and Germany. By allowing patients to receive antimicrobial treatment without the need to stay in hospital, OPAT improves patient outcomes and reduces strain on hospital resources. Secondly, Supporting Patient Carers: Involves empowering patient caregivers to play a more active role in care, maintenance, and monitoring of the patient's vascular access. Supporting them through technology to provide remote assistance for effective communication with the hospital team. By enabling patients to be managed at home, this approach enhances patient well-being, frees up hospital capacity, and contributes to overall cost savings in the healthcare system. These innovations represent a positive shift toward patient-centred care and more efficient resource utilization.

Objectives:

1. To understand that vascular access plays an important role in managing patient care outside of the normal acute care hospital environment, which has advantages for the patient and the healthcare system.
2. How vascular access can be used in an outpatient setting to effectively delivery antimicrobial therapy.
3. How technology can help to empower, enable, and support care givers to provide vascular access management in the home.



DAY 2 - THURSDAY 18 APRIL

11:25 – 12:10
Forum Hall

Strategies for the prevention of CLABSI: Focus on promotion of dressing integrity and Longvity®

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Strategies for the prevention of CLABSI: Focus on promotion of dressing integrity and Longvity® - *MiKaela M. Olsen*

- Explain evidence-based central venous catheter dressing change recommendations.
- Discuss strategies for achieving zero tolerance for blood at the insertion site.
- Outline strategies to ensure catheter dressing longevity in challenging situations.

11:25 – 12:10
South Hall

Unlocking new horizons to elevate patient care and safety
Chairs: Richard Leech, Matt Ostroff


Value Life

Midline, safe, and cost-effective VAD for mid-term peripheral infusion therapy - *Hervé Rosay & Julian Phelps*
Optimizing care access with PICC-Port in oncology - *Aldwin Del Mundo*

Midline: Safe and Cost-effective VAD from Mid-term peripheral Infusion Therapy.
Discover the economic benefits of Mini-midline and Midline catheters compared to Short Peripheral Catheters (SPC). Our medico-eco study unveils the cost-effectiveness of Mini-midline and Midline based on complication rates, paving the way for more efficient and affordable patient care. From cost-effectiveness to practical application, dive into the results of a comprehensive clinical practice audit involving 1045 patients that demonstrate the safe and reliable use of midline catheters. Learn how the introduction of mid clavicular tip placement leads to patient safety and care reliability in the choice of midline catheters for extended dwell times.

Optimizing Care Access with PICC-Port in Oncology

Discover the Picc-port service at St Georges, the second major institution in England to implement Nurse-led PICC port insertion. Explore the motivations behind launching the PICC port service, the establishment process, and the methods employed for ongoing service monitoring. An assessment of the PICC Port service's efficiency has been conducted through a retrospective analysis of clinical data from patients who underwent PICC port insertion within this service. During the session, uncover a comprehensive and holistic approach, grounded in various parameters, aimed at showcasing positive outcomes for both patients and the hospital.

11:25 – 12:10
Terrace 2A

Advances in Vascular Assess Technology: How technology can help you to improve patient care & experience
Chair: Servane Pelle



Strategies for preventing catheter related thrombosis in 2024 - *Mauro Pittiruti*
How strong collaboration between healthcare professionals and product development teams improves patient care & experience - *Shane Messerly*

Brief overview:

Catheter-related thrombosis in vascular access is frequently encountered, yet the precise causes remain somewhat elusive due to the number of factors that may influence it. Catheter-related thrombosis often leads to premature catheter removal. Our first speaker will delve into the key factors contributing to these events, specifically how device choice and the insertion technique are crucial factors in minimising catheter-related thrombosis. Practical guidance on avoiding such complications will be provided.

Prizing winning author & futurist Arthur C. Clarke once wrote "The only way to discover the limits of possible is to go beyond them into the impossible". ALL true innovation in the medical field, especially those in vascular access, have been a result of healthcare professionals working hand in hand with commercial product development teams. Our second speaker will present a case for even stronger collaboration and how open-mindedness to the "impossible" will improve patient care & experience. Past, present, and future innovations will be presented with the goal of driving excitement & energy around improved collaboration.

Objectives:

1. To understand the importance of the choice of the device in the prevention of catheter-related thrombosis
2. To understand the importance of the insertion technique in the prevention of catheter-related thrombosis
3. Showcase how open-mindedness to the impossible has changed the world
4. Drive energy and excitement around improved collaboration between healthcare professionals and commercial product development teams to improve patient care & experience

DAY 2 - THURSDAY 18 APRIL

16:00 – 16:45
Forum Hall

Pain is not an option: Changing how to monitor IVs for extravasations

Pain is not an option: Changing how to monitor IVs for extravasations -
Andrew Barton & Gary Warren



Andrew Barton led the development of the just launched National Infusion and Vascular Access Society (NIVAS) UK Extravasation Toolkit, which is designed to highlight the risks of extravasations and infiltrations and facilitate healthcare organizations' ability to improve patient safety and experience when it comes to IVs.

The session will provide an overview of the new Toolkit and how other organizations can use it as a template for developing their own. It will also provide an overview of vascular access and IV therapy, the complications and injuries that can arise from extravasations and their significant cost to healthcare organizations. The importance of selecting the right IV access device depending on the treatment and ways to prevent IV harm will also be discussed.

Gary Warren will then discuss the importance of early detection and continuous patient monitoring in IV therapy and provide an overview of the ivWatch IV sensor technology.

With his own hospital unit struggling with multiple extravasations a week, Barton led a study at Frimley Health NHS Foundation evaluating the IV infiltration and extravasation detection technology and will publicly share for the first time the results of the study. To date, the technology has prevented scores of potentially serious vesicant extravasation injuries, reducing the injury rate by 100% and increasing the accuracy of vascular injury diagnosis overall.

16:00 – 16:45
South Hall

The impact of colonization and infection on vascular devices

The impact of colonization and infection on vascular devices -
Amy Bardin & Victor Rosenthal



At Teleflex, our mission is to eliminate vascular related complications and save lives. Infection reduction and colonization reduction are often discussed in conjunction with one another. How often is there a focus on reducing colonization, whether it be an area on the body, or on the surface of a medical device? Does the ability to reduce colonization have the potential to improve patient outcomes? This session will explore risk reduction as it pertains to colonization reduction in an engaging and illuminating lecture.

16:00 – 16:45
Terrace 2A

Evidence-based needleless connector choice: adding to the CRBSI prevention bundle



Evidence-based needleless connector choice: adding to the CRBSI prevention bundle - *Marcia Ryder*

Dr. Marcia Ryder, PhD, MS, RN, FNAP examines how the dramatic rise of catheter-related bloodstream infection (CRBSI) over the pandemic years has led clinicians to reconsider the impact of the choice of needleless connector (NC) on CRBSI risk. The research demonstrating the influence of NC design on intraluminal biofilm formation will be described. New research identifying a specific design technology that significantly reduces the risk of catheter-associated bloodstream infection and mortality at considerable cost savings will be presented.

Objectives:

At the end of this session, you will be able to:

1. Identify critical needleless design features that minimize biofilm formation and bacterial transfer.
2. Understand the importance of needleless connector design features and their impact on the risk of CRBSI, mortality, and cost.
3. Re-evaluate needleless connector choice in your healthcare setting.

DAY 3 - FRIDAY 19 APRIL

11:25 – 12:10
Forum Hall

Change in Central Venous Catheter (CVC) tip navigation in China



Introduction: Development in CVC tip positioning - *Ton van Boxtel*

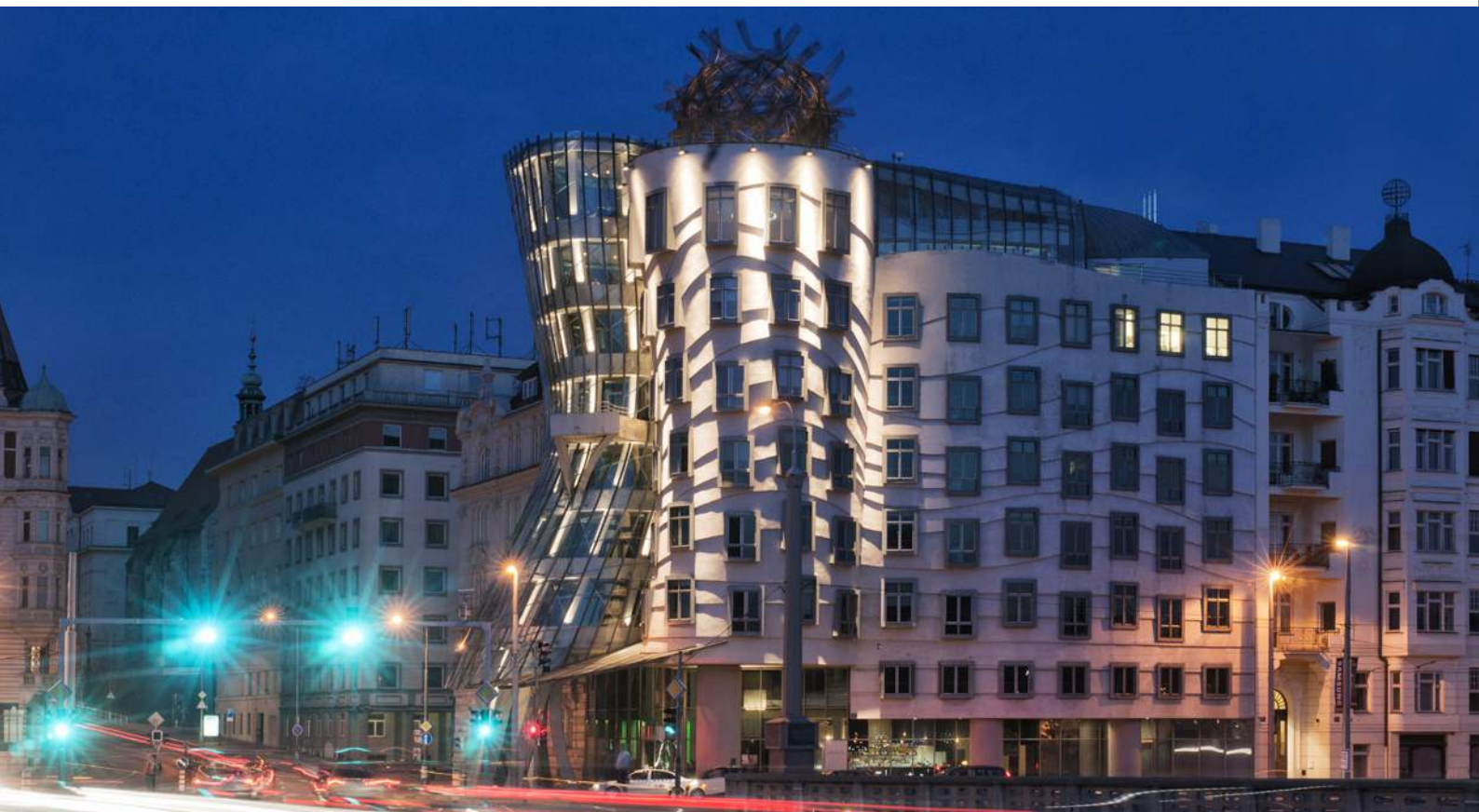
The need for ECG guided tip navigation and tip confirmation - *Weiyi Zhu*

This comprehensive presentation outlines key initiatives related to infusion therapy quality, including standardized assessment criteria, specialized training for new nurses, leveraging technology, establishing dedicated teams, and sharing expertise beyond Ruijin Hospital.

Learning Objective: Upon completion of this overview, learners will be equipped to implement effective infusion therapy practices, enhance patient care, and contribute to interdisciplinary collaboration in healthcare settings.

Malposition of PICC into middle thyroid and thymic vein: a case series - *Xiaoxia Zhang*

PICC navigation & ECG tip confirmation - *Andrew Barton*



INDUSTRY PROGRAM TERRACE 2A

WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL

11:15 – 12:00 **Symposium : Vascular access excellence, wherever the patient is: Strategies for improving patient care & reducing costs with outside hospital care**

Chair: Stephen Church, Director Medical & Clinical Affairs, BD MDS, EMEA



A reflection on the challenges and benefits of an OPAT service in Swansea Bay Health Board – Frankie Thompson, Lead Nurse Vascular Access & OPAT, Swansea Bay University Hospital, Wales, UK

Humanization of care, a new era. Home-Vascular Access Service – Dr. Monica Pinto, Director S.C Rehabilitation Medicine IRCCS National Cancer Institute G Pascale Foundation, Naples, Italy

12:15 – 13:15 **Product demonstration: Hands-on course: Right line, Right now!**



Facilitators: Teleflex Clinical and Medical Affairs Team

Overview: This course is dedicated to empowering the vascular access clinician to increase device success through appropriate device selection and optimal procedural technique. Within this 1-hour hands-on practical course, the learner will have the opportunity to consolidate their ultrasound skills for assessment and needling, as well as explore insertion and maintenance concepts for PICCs and Midlines.

Please note: This is the same session repeated twice, to allow additional opportunities for attendance around the scientific program.

13:45 – 14:45 **Product demonstration: A new type of PICC and PICC insertian solution**



At the Branden product demonstration we will present and show a new all-in-on PICC, which is made of polyurethane and with a check valve. Next to this we will show the EDUG system which includes a new ultrasound probe which is 2 in 1: both linar and convex.

16:30 – 17:30 **Product demonstration: Implementing best practice Vascular Access management**



The importance of vascular access management and how the Vascular Access Team can help drive best practice.

THURSDAY 18 APRIL

08:45 – 09:45 **Product demonstration: Experience VYGON products through demo & hands-on**



Join us for a dynamic presentation showcasing our complete vascular access solutions. You will experience hands-on demonstration of our products including:

- PPS® safety Huber needles enabling one-handed removal with a total needle body and tip protection and enabling easily positive pressure application upon removal
- Lifecath CT PICC Easy: Unique PICC line with proximal trimming couple with the extremely precise and versatile Pilot TLS IC-ECG system
- Smartmidline Mini-midline insertion with our compact and high image quality Vysion Andy wireless probe

10:00 – 11:00 **Product demonstration: Enhancing catheter line placement outcomes by incorporating SecurePortIV®**



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THURSDAY 18 APRIL

- 11:25 – 12:10 **Symposium : Advances in Vascular Access Technology: How technology can help you to improve patient care & experience**
Chair: Servane Pelle, Associate Director Medical & Clinical Affairs BD MDS, EMEA
- Strategies for preventing catheter related thrombosis in 2024 – Dr. Mauro Pittiruti, Surgeon, Catholic University Hospital, Rome, Italy**
- How Strong Collaboration Between Healthcare Professionals & Product Development Teams Improves Patient Care & Experience – Shayne Messerly, Director of Innovation, BD Medication Delivery Systems**
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Product demonstration: Glubran Tiss for VADs management... a drop to protect**
- Expectation:** At the GEM product demonstration you will learn how to use the glue (Glubran Tiss) in VADs management, the characteristics of the product, tips & tricks to apply it around the exit site of catheters. This by performing a practical session (hands-on) on skin pad simulators.
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Product demonstration: Enabling technologies for PICC Placement**
How ECG tip confirmation can help reduce procedure time and improve clinician's workflow.
- 16:00 – 16:45 **Symposium: Evidence-based needleless connector choice: adding to the CRBSI prevention bundle**
Dr. Marcia Ryder, PhD, MS, RN, FNAP



FRIDAY 19 APRIL

- 12:20 – 13:30 **Product demonstration: Hands-on course: Right line, Right now!**
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Exhibition Opening Hours

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Thursday 18 April: 9:30 - 17:00

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60 mins

April 17, 16:30–17:30

Implementing Best Practice Vascular Access Management: *The importance of vascular access management and how the Vascular Access Team can help drive best practice*



60 mins

April 18, 14:00–15:00

Enabling Technologies for PICC Placement: *How ECG tip confirmation can help reduce procedure time and improve clinician's workflow*

 **Terrace 2A**

 **Limited seats, so come early to get your spot!**

DAY & TIME	SYMPOSIUM TOPIC	PRESENTATIONS	SPEAKERS	BD MODERATOR
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		How strong collaboration between healthcare professionals and product development teams improves patient care & experience	Shayne Messerly , Director of Innovation, BD Medication Delivery Solutions	



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References:

1. Weiner, LM, et al. Antimicrobial-Resistant Pathogens Associated With Healthcare-Associated Infections: Annual Summary of Data Reported to the National Healthcare Safety Network at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2011-2014, *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2016; 1-14.

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Evidence-based selection of a needleless connector:
a CRBSI risk reduction strategy

Prague Conference Center | Prague, Czech Republic
18 April 2024 | 16:00–16:45

Dr. Marcia Ryder, PhD, MS, RN, FNAP examines how the dramatic rise of catheter-related blood-stream infection (CRBSI) over the pandemic years has led clinicians to reconsider the impact of the choice of needleless connector (NC) on CRBSI risk. The research demonstrating the influence of NC design on intraluminal biofilm formation will be described. New research identifying a specific design technology that significantly reduces the risk of catheter-associated bloodstream infection and mortality at considerable cost savings will be presented.

Objectives:

At the conclusion of this session, you will:

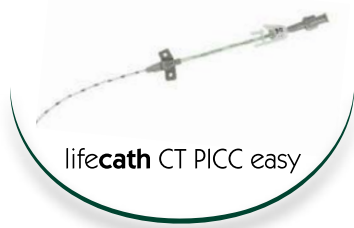
- Identify critical needleless design features that minimize biofilm formation and bacterial transfer.
- Understand the importance of needleless connector design features and their impact on the risk of CRBSI, mortality, and cost.
- Re-evaluate needleless connector choice in their healthcare setting.

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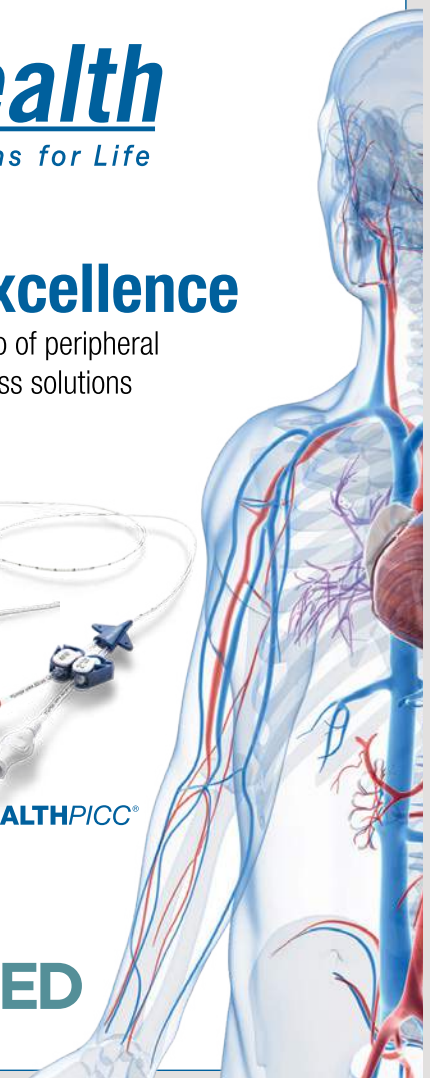


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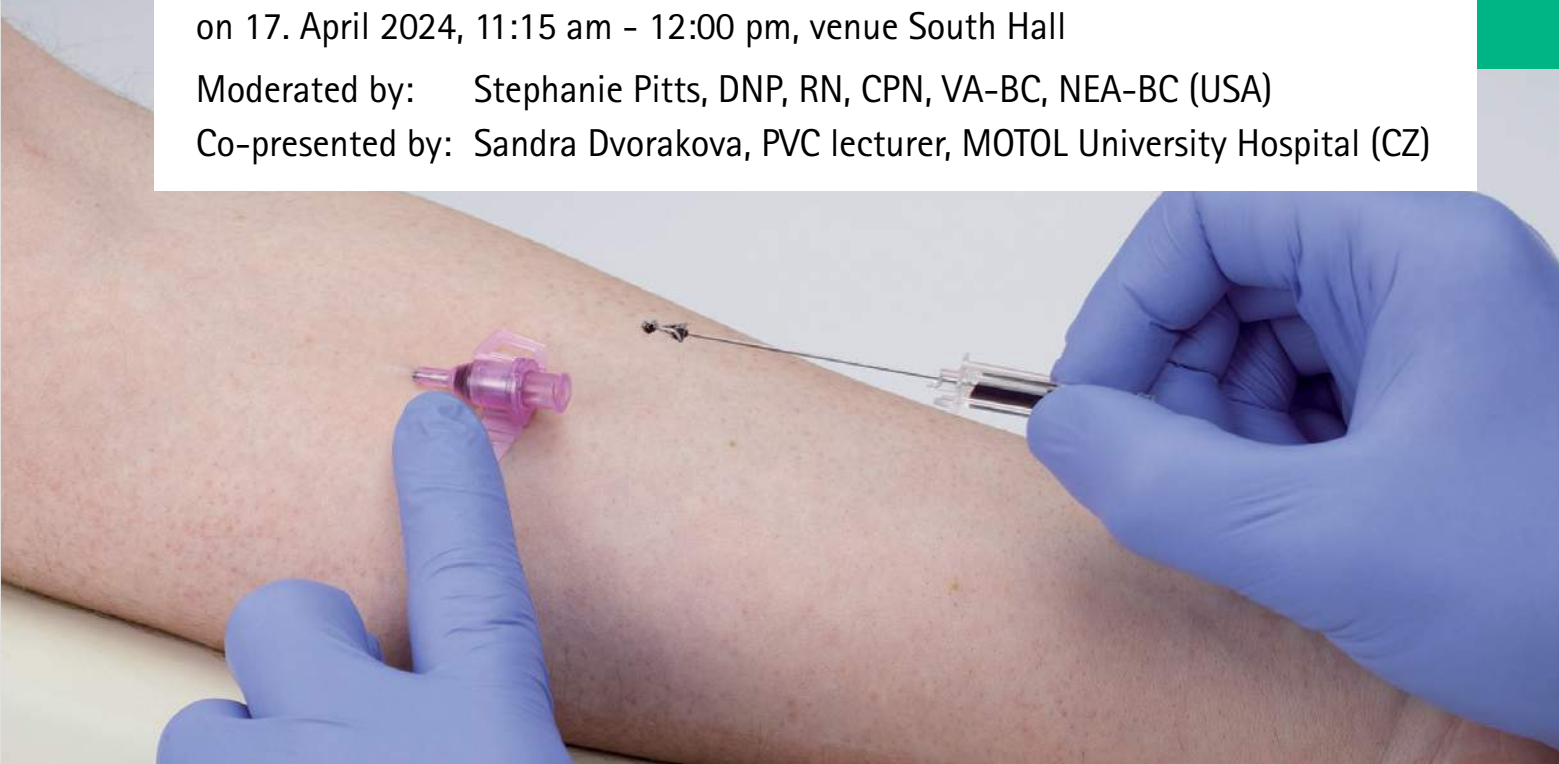
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Co-presented by: Sandra Dvorakova, PVC lecturer, MOTOL University Hospital (CZ)



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