## Baltic Forum and Conference on Vascular Access and Intravenous Therapy

November 1st, 2025, Riga, Latvia

### **AGENDA**



### **Registration & Opening**

Time	Block / Session	Speaker
08:45-09:30	Registration	
09:30-09:45	Opening: Welcome & Introduction	NHS CCUH – Dr. Zane Straume LARA – Prof. Aleksejs Misčuks

#### BLOCK 1 – Teams, Experience & Strategy

Time	Block / Session	Speaker
09:45–10:10	Keynote: Evolution of Vascular Access Field Over 30 Years	Dr. James Bennett, UK
10:10–10:30	Importance of a Vascular Access Team and the role of GloVANet	Ton Van Boxtel, NL
10:30–10:45	Reality Check: Challenges with the First VAT	Dr. Ivars Veģeris, LV
10:45–11:00	Establishing a VAT – Czech Experience	Martina Douglas, CZ
11:00–11:15	Nurse-led VAT: Five-Year Insights & Initial PICC Cases	Maciej Latos, PL
11:15–11:25	Q&A / Discussion	-
11:25–11:45	Coffee Break	-

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#### **BLOCK 2 – Catheters & Strategy**

Time	Block / Session	Speaker
11:45–12:15	Keynote: Nurses in the Field with Ultrasound (USG) Skills	Dennis Woo, USA
12:15–12:30	Skip the Stick: Safe and Effective Non-IV Options	Dr. Reinis Balmaks, LV
12:30–12:45	Not Your Standard Line: A Pediatric Surgeon's Perspective on Venous Access in Complex Cases	Valts Ozoliņš, LV
12:45–13:00	Ultrasound-Guided Midlines: Competence & Pitfalls	Maciej Latos, PL
13:00–13:15	PICC in the ICU – Czech Experience	Dana Mokra, CZ
13:15–13:30	USG-Guided Catheter Choice in DIVA Patients	Petra Šimková, CZ
13:30–13:45	From Novice to Skilled: A Nurse's Journey with USG	Ilze Mūze, LV
13:45–13:55	Q&A / Discussion	-
13:55–14:50	Lunch Break	-

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### **BLOCK 3 – Clinical Practice, Ethics & the Future**

Time	Block / Session	Speaker
14:50–15:20	Keynote: Tunneled Devices – Now and in the Future	Dr. James Bennett, UK
15:20–15:35	No Pain, Just Vein	Dr. Jānis Kolbergs, LV
15:35–15:50	Living with Long–Term IV Access – Patient Perspective	Video with subtitles
15:50–16:05	Home Infusions – How Far Are We?	Inta Visņevska, LV
16:05–16:20	The Right Line from the Start: Clinical & Economic Value	leva Zariņa, LV
16:20–16:35	Ethics and Patient Rights in Vascular Access Care	Signe Mežinska, LV
16:35–16:45	Q&A / Discussion	-
16:45–17:30	Panel: Quality, Measurement & Improvement	Bennett, Woo, Latos, Veģeris
17:30–17:50	Conference closing Next steps	Linda Fridenberga, LV











