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Keeping the Lines Open with Evidence Based Practice and Advanced Technologies

2008 NATIONAL CLINICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM presented by vhatv

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Live Webcast: Wednesday, August 6, 2008

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About the program:

Intravascular catheters are indispensable in modern-day medical practice and provide necessary vascular access. They can, however, put patients at risk for local and systemic infectious complications. Catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSIs) are the most life-threatening and account for significant medical costs, estimated at \$2.3 billion annually.

This program will look at the connection between CRBSIs and thrombosis – how they're related and why they can lead to serious and potentially life-threatening complications. The panel will discuss best practices for CRBSI prevention, appropriate techniques for catheter maintenance and the importance of teamwork as a critical component of care. The program will also address interventions that include catheter flushing, thrombolytics and advanced device technology to prevent intraluminal thrombotic occlusions.

Who Should Attend:

- Nurses: critical care nurses, ED nurses, home infusion nurses, IV specialists, medical/surgical nurses, nurse practitioners, nurse educators, staff nurses, vascular access nurses
- Clinical pharmacists
- Infection control practitioners

You'll Learn to:

- Explain the relationship between catheter-related bloodstream infections (CRBSIs) and thrombotic occlusions and why this is important
- Give examples of appropriate techniques and interventions to prevent blood reflux, thrombotic occlusions and CRBSIs
- Describe available technology to prevent intraluminal blood reflux and improve patient care

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Panel Members:

Lynn Schallom, RN, MSN(R), CCNS, CCRN

Clinical Nurse Specialist
Surgical and Burn/Trauma ICU
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
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Julie E. Shomo, RN, BS, BSN, CRNI

Lead IV Specialist
Riverside Methodist Hospital
Columbus, OH

Accreditation Information

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- Register (either before or after program) at <https://events.vha.com/events/keepinglinesopenaug2008>
- Attend entire session.
- Complete an evaluation form online at <https://events.vha.com/events/keepinglinesopenaug2008> within one week following the program.

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This program is designated for 1.25 Hours.

VHA Inc. is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, Provider Number CEP12580 for 1.50 contact hours.

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