The Pediatric Special Interest Group Announces the One Million Pokes Saved Campaign

It is estimated that 90% of children entering the hospital setting will likely experience a needlestick or “poke”. As seasoned clinicians we know that in the world of neonates and pediatrics, attaining access in one stick is often difficult- even in the best of circumstances. Complicating this scenario is limited highly skilled vascular access inserters. In the end, we have increasing venipuncture attempts, needlestick pain, distraught families, children traumatized, and poor overall outcomes.

The Pediatric Special Interest Group is announcing a campaign to raise awareness to this problem. Our goal is simple: to reduce ‘pokes’ for infants and children.

Through the campaign, our goal is to advance research to better understand the problem and study initiatives to reduce pokes. We plan to focus on education, awareness, and the creation of resources to help hospitals and health care providers. It’s a big project and we have a lot of work ahead of us.

“We” means YOU! At the AVA Scientific Meeting we will have opportunities to sign up for areas that you are interested in. We will extend this opportunity to our general membership as well. Please keep your eyes on AVA emails for more information soon.

We can imagine the day that children don’t experience unnecessary pokes. There will be many parents who don’t sweat watching their child get poked. They won’t even know they were spared. But we will. Hope you will join us in this campaign. We will be sending out more information so that you can get involved.

#1Mpokes
JOIN US HELP RAISE AWARENESS THROUGH RESEARCH, EDUCATION, TOOL DEVELOPMENT, AND PARTNERSHIP TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO REDUCE NEEDLE STICKS FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

RESEARCH
Create a vision for future research to contribute evidence that is currently lacking in pediatric vascular access.

SPECIAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE
Determine the groundwork of education and special skills required to preserve children's precious vasculature and how to share that knowledge with others.

TOOLS
Generate tools that help build skills needed to implement change.

PARTNERSHIP
Develop collaborative relationships with pediatric focused organizations and institutions to raise awareness and champion change.

EVERY CHILD ENTERING A HOSPITAL SETTING WILL LIKELY EXPERIENCE A NEEDLESTICK
Children fear being poked.
This is the greatest fear for hospitalized children.
As pediatric healthcare providers we are taking a stand to improve needle stick success for children around the world.

#1MPokes
The Vascular Access Certification Corporation wishes to congratulate the 286 clinicians who passed the June 2016 exam. In addition to the US based test takers one Canadian, and 2 candidates from Spain passed the exam. VACC was pleased to be able to offer the VA-BC™ exam during the June 2016 WoCoVa conference this year that took place in Portugal. A listing of all clinicians that hold the VA-BC credential can be found at http://www.vacert.org/website/article.asp?id=280815. VACC is also offering the VA-BC™ BC exam during the AVA Scientific meeting in September 2016 for our international attendees. More information about this can be found at http://www.vacert.org/website/article.asp?id=282550.

VACC is in the process of updating it’s web site. Completion of this update is expected in the next 90 days. The new web site will have a facelift and be more user friendly.

VACC will begin to accept applications for the December 2016 exam seating on September 1, 2016. Early registration takes place from September 1, 2016 through September 20, 2016. Late registration continues from September 21 through October 15th.

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This year AVA announced the first Impact Award, which honors and recognizes an AVA member(s) who has made significant contributions to the specialty practice of vascular access at a local level. We would like to congratulate Darilyn Cole, Connie Girgenti, and Christine Thomas as the three Impact Award winners for 2016. Their peers nominated them because of their exceptional leadership within their organization, community and/or region.

Please join us in Orlando on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 9:00 AM, as we congratulate them!
Several members of the AVATAR Group will be heading to the USA next month to catch up with our good friends and vascular access colleagues at the 30th Association of Vascular Access ASM in Orlando, Florida. AVA is always a very special event, and it’s a fabulous opportunity to showcase research, promote best practice, network with clinicians and researchers from around the globe, and discover the newest, latest and greatest in vascular access from our industry colleagues. Several of the AVATAR Group are invited speakers at this year’s event, including Dr Samantha Keogh, Dr Claire Rickard, and Amanda Ullman, this year’s recipient of the Janet Pettit Scholar award. Peter Carr promises an engaging presentation about vascular access specialist teams, and Evan Alexandrou and Gillian Ray-Barruel will present findings from the One Million Global PIVC study. It promises to be an extremely interesting 4 days, and there will hopefully be time to say hi to Mickey Mouse! If you’ll be at AVA this year, do come and say G’day!

AVA Travel to AVA2016 is possible thanks to an educational grant from Becton Dickinson.

We are interested in the patient experience of IV cannulation. We currently have an online survey running for patients and parents of children who have had an IV in the past 5 years. We aim to get 1000 responses. So far, we’re up to 560. Please share the link with anyone who might be interested.

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Dear A V A Members:

Thank you to everyone that joined our webinar on August 17th about the A V A bylaws that will be presented to the membership for a vote this September. If you were unable to join the webinar, click here to view the recorded session.

We would also like to remind you that we will be holding another webinar on Wednesday, September 7th at 8:00 PM East Coast time. To register to attend this webinar CLICK HERE.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. It is recommended that you please check your computer to make sure you can attend the webinar. That can be done at View System Requirements.

Like the previous webinar, this presentation will be hosted by Mark Rowe (Past President of A V A), Marcia Wise (Past President of A V A and Herbst Award recipient) and Lee Grossman (AVA CEO). They will share information on the proposed changes, as well as answer your questions.

For those that wish to listen via conference call, the call in number is (562) 247-8321, Access Code: 746-843-275 and follow along with the PowerPoint slides you can download below.

Before and during the webinar, you may email your questions to thutchison@avainfo.org.

Thank you for your interest and we look forward to having you on the webinar.

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LITEVAN is pleased to report we wrapped up another successful annual educational conference on April 14-15, 2016. This was our 44th annual conference and this year’s program was a hit. The theme this year was “Vascular Access A World of Possibilities,” and our lineup of speakers and topics held true to our concept. A few of the topics and speakers were Journey to Clinical Indication presented by Chellie DeVries, BS, MPH, CIC, Reaching New Heights in Understanding CVC Complications: Heighten Your DVT Awareness presented by Mike Brazunas, RN, BSN, VA-BC™, and Liability under the ACS What Vascular Clinicians Need to Know presented by Russ Nasso, JD, just to name a few. We had 90 attendees and 20 exhibitors. We had several companies sponsor speakers: Ethicon Biopatch, BARD, PDI, Angiodynamics, 3M, Eloquist. In addition, we received an Educational Grant from B Braun. Please save the date to join us April 20-21, 2017, for our 45th Annual Educational Conference!

CenTexVAN member Christina Gatmaiten MSN, RN, VA-BC™ has gone above and beyond to help organize the San Antonio meetings. Christina sends out emails, helps with obtaining information for CEUs, and makes room reservations for the meetings. Christina is also an expert in connecting the speaker’s computers to the audio-visual equipment. Christina has amazing organizational skills and her efforts have helped increase CenTexVAN’s membership.

In addition, Christina is a true “cradle to the grave” vascular access specialist. She is able to provide the best vascular access for any age patient that is admitted to the Methodist Hospital system where Christina has worked for over 25 years. Christina is a walking encyclopedia. She keeps up with the latest research. Christina believes in mentoring and shares her knowledge with all her teammates. Christina attends department meetings and informs her hospital leaders of the latest evidenced-based vascular access practices.

On behalf of the CenTexVAN board, I want to thank Christina for your hard work in making CenTexVAN successful.

We hope you can join us at the Historic Portsmouth Seaport November 11th and 12th 2016 for a variety of Vascular Access events designed to stimulate ideas for patient care improvement, system accountability, value development, and professional knowledge and skill enhancement.

More information to follow!

We encourage you to mark your calendars for a historic vascular access education weekend in Portsmouth, NH!

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