

Saturday July 5, 2025

07:30 – 08:15	Arrival and Registration
08:30 – 09:30 Megan Brashear	<u>Get Your Blood Pumping About Blood Pressure</u> A patient's blood pressure gives the nursing team valuable information about patient perfusion, fluid balance, and disease status. Are you confident understanding what blood pressure readings mean? Are you comfortable both setting up and interpreting direct arterial blood pressure monitoring? How can you troubleshoot and treat both hyper and hypotension? Are you aware of the disease processes that can change blood pressure? Everything you wanted to know to get you excited about measuring, interpreting, and monitoring blood pressure in your patients.
09:30 – 10:30 Megan Brashear	<u>Acid Base Tic Tac Toe</u> The acid/base balance in the body is delicate and often challenging to understand. Beginning with the basics, this lecture will help technicians to understand why they should be concerned with their patient's acid/base status and what can be done to treat disorders. A simple tic tac toe method will be taught that aids in determining primary disorders.
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA
11:00 – 11:45 Amy Newfield	<u>Caring for the Hospitalized Senior Pet</u> It's well known that as pets get older they have different needs. This is true for caring for them when they are hospitalized. There are behavioral and medical needs that are unique to aging pets when hospitalized in a veterinary clinic. This lecture will leave nurses appreciating the geriatric pet more and understanding the unique care that pet requires.
11:45 – 12:30 Dr Delisa Appleton	<u>Unleashing Your Patient's Microbiome: Advanced Nutrition Technology for Long, Healthy Life</u> Ready to unlock the secrets of your patient's microbiome? Dive into the captivating world of feline and canine guts and discover how they hold the key to wellness. Learn about the power of prebiotic fibres, antioxidants, and the fight against free radicals.
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH
13:30 – 14:30 Amy Newfield	<u>Diabetic Emergencies</u> Attendees will leave understanding why diabetes occurs and the emergencies that can follow. DKA, hypoglycemia and hyperosmolar nonketonic diabetes and the treatment and nursing care of these pets will be discussed.
14:30 – 15:30 Megan Brashear	<u>The S Word: Understanding SIRS and Sepsis</u> Many patients in the ICU are at risk for or are suffering from SIRS and sepsis. Can you recognize these syndromes? Do you know which patients are at risk? Beginning with an overview of the physiology of these disease processes, this lecture will help veterinary technicians become more confident monitoring at-risk critical patients and help them recognize problems early and know how to intervene.
15:30 – 16:30 Megan Brashear	<u>Respiratory Emergencies</u> Respiratory emergencies can present at any time to the hospital and the nursing team must be ready to react. By utilizing real patient case studies, this lecture begins with triage of these patients and emphasizes how to recognize potential problems based on the patient's breathing pattern. Patient handling, emergency drugs, oxygen delivery methods, and special case considerations will be covered leaving the attendees ready to receive their next respiratory emergency.

Sunday July 6, 2025

08:30 – 09:30 Amy Newfield	<u>Medical Mistakes: How to avoid and some of the common ones</u> Mistakes happen. Let's talk about some of the common mistakes made and how to avoid mistakes. How to handle the mistake is equally important.
09:30 – 10:30 Amy Newfield	<u>A HBC Enters Your Clinic...Step by Step of What To Do</u> Even if you do not work in emergency clinic, the chances are you will have a hit-by-car pet come through your doors. The first 15 minutes of that pet's arrival is the most important. Attendees will learn exactly what to do in what order when a hit by car pet comes through the doors. Triage, catheter selection, fluid therapy and more will be discussed.
10:30 – 11:00	MORNING TEA
11:00 – 11:45 Amy Newfield	<u>Becoming a Unicorn Team</u> Want to help create and work for a team of unicorns? What skills are needed to be the best team? This lecture dives into the top 10 ingredients needed to ensure you have the best team. Even if you aren't in a leadership role you can impact your team with some of these tips.
11:45 – 12:30 Megan Brashear	<u>Over the Counter, Under the Weather</u> Some of the most dangerous toxins are found within easy reach of dogs. This lecture will cover clinical signs, emergency treatment, nursing care, and long term effects of common over the counter medication including acetaminophen, ibuprofen, vitamin D, and xylitol.
12:30 – 13:15 Amy Newfield	<u>From Poop to Vomit</u> This lecture reviews the basic anatomy of the GI tract and discusses both common and uncommon diseases and injuries in both the dog and cat. Participants will walk away fully understanding the complexities of the GI system, diseases/injuries that can occur and treatment options that are available.
13:15 – 14:15	LUNCH
14:15 – 15:15 Megan Brashear	<u>Thriving, Not Just Surviving in Veterinary Medicine</u> Burnout, compassion fatigue, mental health concerns; veterinary medicine is facing multiple challenges that have little to do with patient care. But that does not mean we can ignore these issues! This lecture, given by a veterinary nurse with 20 years spent in Emergency and Critical Care, will address the problems we face and give practical tips for increasing resiliency and being mentally ready for whatever the day brings.
15:15 – 16:15	TBA