



2022 NHVTA Spring Virtual Conference

Sunday, April 24, 2022

Morning Track - 9 am - noon (3 CEU)

Erin Spencer, M.Ed, CVT, VTS (ECC)

- **The First 10 Minutes: Initial Interventions of the Emergency Patient**
Veterinary Technicians are often the first ones to evaluate an incoming emergency. It is crucial to understand how to assess a patient's status and be prepared for initial interventions. This session will review steps to effective triage as well as a systematic way to prepare for initial interventions which can save precious minutes when they count most.
- **Guess the Hypo: Hypotension, Hypovolemia, or Hypoperfusion?**
Low blood pressure is a common occurrence in emergency and critical care settings. Understanding the root cause of a low blood pressure is important so that treatment can be directed at the root cause. This session will discuss hypotension, hypovolemia, and hypoperfusion through the lens of how they are related, how they are different and how treatment should be directed once you have identified which is present in your patient.
- **Ok I know it's Shock...but What Kind?**
While the definition of shock is clear, lack of oxygen and nutrients to tissues, the cause can be varied. Some treatments for shock are appropriate in any situation but others depend on the cause of the shock. This session will review various types of shock, common clinical signs of each, and appropriate treatments.

Speaker Bio - Erin Spencer, M.Ed, CVT, VTS (ECC)

Erin has been working in the veterinary field for over 20 years. Her career has brought a variety of opportunities and roles from management, to teaching in a veterinary technology program, to running field clinics in under-served communities on Native American reservations. She holds a VTS in Emergency and Critical Care and a Masters degree in Adult Education. Erin owns a consulting and training business, Brown Dog Veterinary Solutions and has been the Director of Veterinary Nursing Development for Veterinary Emergency Group since 2021. Erin is a past president of NAVTA and the Massachusetts VTA, president-elect of the Academy of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Technicians and Nurses, Treasurer of PrideVMC, and participates in various committees within the veterinary community.



12 noon – 12:45 pm - Lunch Break

Afternoon Track - sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition

12:45 pm – 4 pm (3 CEU)



Amy Karls, DVM – Hills Pet Nutrition

- GI Diets in Post-Op Recovery Protocols

Tasha McNerny, CVT, CVPP, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

- **Managing Intra-op Hypotension with Case Studies**

This fast paced, and highly interactive lecture will examine why patients develop hypotension under anesthesia and different drug classes that can be used to combat hypotension. multiple cases in depth. We will discuss practical ways for you to take your troubleshooting to the next level with different case studies to illustrate real life examples.

- **Post-Operative Analgesia and Recovery**

This lecture will explore options for post-operative pain control. Different modalities will be discussed including drug therapy options, physical therapies, and new treatment options to help keep your patients comfortable. We will discuss ways to implement pain scoring in your practice to help guide analgesic treatment. Case studies will be presented to better illustrate specific protocols for optimal multimodal analgesia.

Speaker Bio - Tasha McNerny, CVT, CVPP, VTS (Anesthesia & Analgesia)

Tasha is a Certified Veterinary Technician from Glenside, PA. She is also a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner and works closely with the IVAPM to educate the public about animal pain awareness. Tasha became a veterinary technician specialist in anesthesia in 2015. Tasha loves to lecture on various anesthesia and pain management topics around the globe and was recently named the VMX 2020 speaker of the Year for veterinary technicians. Tasha travels across the U.S. to consult with veterinary hospitals on best anesthesia practices. Tasha has authored numerous articles on anesthesia and analgesia topics for veterinary professionals and pet parents. In her spare time Tasha enjoys reading, spending time with her husband and son, and recording the Veterinary Anesthesia Nerds Podcast.

