“My first AVA Scientific Meeting was in 2009. After spending 9 months as my hospital’s central line nurse, a colleague recommended I attend AVA to learn the latest in vascular access. I was overwhelmed and inspired (in that order) and had absolutely no idea how much I didn’t know.

In the very specialized world of pediatric and neonatal vascular access, it is a gift to have an opportunity to network with a large group of peers.

I have met so many amazing people who are generous with sharing not only their good but also their “bad” or “learn from” moments. In this family of passionate clinicians, I have been able to develop my expertise and diffuse that knowledge when I return to my home institution.”

- Mary Beth Hovda Davis, MSN, VA-BC™ Nurse Clinician-Pediatric Vascular Access University of Iowa Children’s Hospital
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SPEAKER: Amanda Ullman, RN, GradDipPed ICU Nursing, MN (Research) PhD

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SPEAKER: Amy Paradis, MS, NNP-BC, CNS

Ultrasound Guided Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter Insertion with Peel Away Introducer in Neonates
SPEAKERS: Anna Liang, NR and Pam Koch, RN

Making Your First Stick Count: Identification and Management of Children with Difficult Peripheral Venous Access
SPEAKER: Jessica Shults, RN, MApSaci (Research)

Proving the Value of Vascular Access Teams Through Collaborative Quality Improvement Efforts: An Exercise in CLABSI Reduction in a Pediatric Hospital
SPEAKERS: Lisa R. Sheehan, MSN, RN, VA-BC™ and Dana Etzel Hardman, MSN, MBA, RN, CPN

Bridging the Gap: Implementation and Evaluation of a Midline Program at Two Large Pediatric Institutions
SPEAKERS: Darcy Doolman, MSN, RN, CRNI®, VA-BC™ and Linda Burns, RN, VA-BC™

“Stuck in the Middle”—More than a PIVC, but not quite a PICC. Function and Outcomes of Midlines
SPEAKERS: Tricia M. Kleidon, RN, BSc(Nursing), Grad Cert (Paediatrics), MNursSc(Nurse Prac), and Stephanie A. Pitts, MSN, RN, CPN, VA-BC™

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