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EDITORS CORNER

Welcome to the Autumn (Easter) Edition for 2018

On returning to my substantive for a total of seven weeks I am again on secondment this time as the accredited educator for orientation and staff returning to work for the e-documentation system within the local health network sites. Hence the delay in completing the newsletter.

The membership of the committee has changed and we welcome the new committee and Office Bearers for 2018/2019. As a reminder the ANZSVN **NEW membership email address** for contacting ANZSVN is at

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CoNNMO National Priorities

The Coalition of National Nursing & Midwifery Organisations (CoNNMO) comprises fifty four national nursing and midwifery organisations. These bodies reflect the diverse generalist and specialist contexts of practice in which the nursing and midwifery workforce undertakes their essential roles. CoNNMO is unique in its reach and extensive magnitude of numbers of the combined organisational memberships. It advocates for the health and wellbeing of the Australian population, through empowered, focused and skilled nursing and midwifery workforces. The coalition supports and enhances the leadership, capacity and impact of the goals of the member bodies.

The following CoNNMO national priorities were established through a rigorous process of collaboration and consultation with our member organisations. They guide contemporary practice and education for our professions.

1. All consumers of healthcare have the right to accessible, safe, high quality care provided by competent, well-educated nurses and midwives.
2. Nurses and midwives lead their professions to improve public awareness of their essential role in the health care system and drive collaborative improvements with other health professionals.
3. Caring, compassion and empathy delivered within a regulated professional framework is an essential element of all aspects of nursing and midwifery practice.
4. Nurses and midwives are integral to a sustainable, affordable and accessible Australian healthcare system and are essential voices to be included in local, State, Territory and Federal health policy discussions and decision making.
5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, history and culture is a core element of nursing and midwifery practice. A National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce Strategy involving the nursing and midwifery professions is urgently required.
6. Nurses and midwives must adopt a zero tolerance approach to bullying, racism, harassment, sexism and all other forms of discrimination that have no place in nursing and midwifery practice.
7. Embedding mentoring and reflective practice into the growth and development of all nurses and midwives is essential.
8. Work must be undertaken to remove legislative, regulatory and administrative barriers that prevent nurses and midwives from practicing to their full scope of practice.
9. Collaborating and working in partnership with nursing and midwifery professional organisations is essential to progressing evidence informed practice.
10. Nurses and midwives need to be literate in digital health, to communicate, collaborate and provide optimal healthcare.
11. Nurses and midwives must be supported and resourced to lead research and innovation.
12. Nurses and midwives must use their considerable, informed and united voices to advocate for improvements in health and wellbeing for all.

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CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS DEBRIEFING

Adapted from <https://www.ausmed.com/articles/critical-incident-stress-debriefing/> March 2018

A 'critical incident' is defined by Davis (2013) as an unforeseen death in the daily delivery of care, a grave injury ..., a perceived physical or psychological threat to the health and safety of an individual, or community regardless of the type of incident.

As a healthcare professional we are often at risk following such an event include emergency, public safety personnel (responders) or employees, who will experience a dramatic or profound change or disruption in their physical (physiological) or psychological functioning.

In these situations' critical incident stress debriefings (CISD) allows the [person] to cope with the physical and physiological effects of a traumatic events. Providing a 'safe place' to express themselves and their feelings in a confidential environment.

"... the benefits of CISD are maximised if they occur within 24-72 hours post-event. The longer length of time between the experience ... and CISD lengthens, the less effective CISD becomes (Davis, 1993; Mitchell, 1988).

Emergency Debriefing Strategies

The following abbreviated strategies in the process of debriefing are suggested (Davis, 2013):

1. Assess the impact of the critical incident on staff
2. Identify emergent concerns and debrief the situation to give participants permission to express themselves and their actions/reactions
3. Anticipate events and reactions in the aftermath of the event;
4. Assess for inappropriate behaviors or responses to the situation;
5. Bring closure by identifying CISD resources and availability, encourage staff to attend privately or provide a group session as relevant

Provision 3.2 of the Australian Nurses Code of Conduct (March, 2018) addresses the nurse's responsibility to create a positive, culturally safe work environment through 'role modelling, and supporting the rights, dignity and safety of others, including people and colleagues.'

Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Services in Your Healthcare Setting

I would ask that each of you **assess the availability of CISD services in your healthcare settings.**

We must never lose sight of our responsibility to our colleagues and honour their contributions by recognising their needs and providing the post-care that they will need to continue to serve the most vulnerable victims of our communities.

ONLINE LEARNING

CULTURAL COMPETENCE PROGRAM



Cultural Competence in the Workplace is an online training course offered by SBS television.

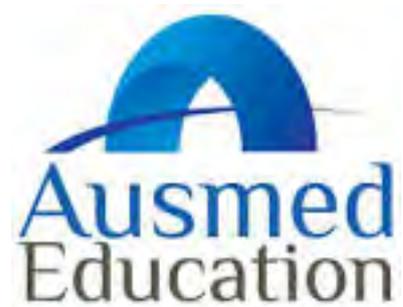
Aimed at building capability around cultural diversity in the workplace. It features engaging multimedia learning modules and a wealth of resources.

Available to organisations or individuals.

The CCP course explores topics including cross-cultural communication, addressing stereotypes, unconscious bias, diversity and the benefits of multiculturalism in the workplace. There are over 60 animations and films, including real people telling real stories. Also included are fun, interactive activities, plus options for further reading.

[HTTPS://CULTURAL-COMPETENCE.COM.AU/HOME](https://cultural-competence.com.au/home)

WOUND ASSESSMENT



Offered by AUSMED this online course further explores the components of, and increases skills in, performing a systematic, standardised, accurate assessment of local wound characteristics.

Presented by Sue Templeton, Nurse Practitioner: Wound Management for RDNS SA Ltd. Sue has extensive wound management experience in hospital and community sectors, managing individuals with a variety of acute and chronic wounds. Involved with Wounds Australia at both a national and state level.

Learning Outcomes:

- Identify - the characteristics that are included in a comprehensive wound assessment

- Describe - the various clinical presentations of each wound characteristic

- State - how to evaluate wound progress

- Describe - how to accurately measure wound dimensions

[HTTPS://WWW.AUSMED.COM/](https://www.ausmed.com/)

PSYCHOMETRIC ASSESSMENTS – WHAT TO EXPECT

ADAPTED from SEEK website

https://www.seek.com.au/career-advice/psychometric-testing-what-to-expect?tracking=NLC-SAU-eDM-NewsletterQ3-11305&utm_campaign=CandiNewsletterQ3&utm_source=SEEK&utm_medium=eDM&utm_content=Art2InactCandi

What is a psychometric assessment?

An assessment to measure a person's suitability for a role based on their intellectual capabilities and personality traits. Organisations believe that giving candidates a standardised test can provide an objective assessment to help inform their decision-making, particularly after initial interviews have been conducted in order to readily identify characteristics that can be hard to confirm at an interview. Psychometric assessments usually cover two areas – **abilities assessments** and **personality profiling**.

Remember: not the be-all and end-all, but part of an evaluation to determine the best fit for a role.

Abilities assessments – what you need to know

Abilities assessments or aptitude tests measure your intellectual capabilities as well as your problem-solving skills and your ability to understand new information in a limited timeframe.

The most common tests are:

- Verbal reasoning (which assesses your ability to solve problems using written materials)
- Numerical reasoning (which assesses your ability to problem solve using numbers)
- Aptitude tests tend to be multiple-choice, and they are usually timed, requiring the participant to work quickly through the questions.

How to prepare for an ability assessment

While you can't study for aptitude tests per se, there are a few things you can do to prepare for them, such as:

- finding out in advance which tests are going to be administered and what the format is
- doing some practice tests online – Sue says there are a number of websites where you can do practice tests for free
- reading widely
- playing word games, brainteasers and crossword puzzles

On the day:

- make sure you read the instructions carefully
- attempt as many questions as possible
- don't spend too much time on any one question
- if a question seems too difficult, make a guess or move on to the next question and come back to it at the end if you have time
- if you finish early, take the time to go back and check your answers

Example question – Verbal reasoning

QUESTION: Find the two statements that together prove that Rita has red hair

1: Rita has long hair.

The correct answer is E

2: Rachael has red hair.

3: Rachael is ten years old.

4: Rita's hair is the same colour as Rachael's.

5: Rachael has short hair.

ANSWER: A: 1 & 2 B: 1 & 4 C: 1 & 5 D: 2 & 3 E: 2 & 4

Example question – Numerical reasoning

QUESTION: Find the missing number in the following sequence:

75 78 74 ? 73 76 72

The correct answer is D

ANSWER: A: 78 B: 79 C: 76 D: 77 E: 75

Personality assessments – what you need to know

The aim to inform decision-makers about your behavioural style, interests, preferences and motivations. The format can vary and may include multiple-choice, True/False or a sliding scale.

This gives the organization an idea of such things as how you relate to others, how you approach and solve problems, how you prefer to be managed and how you handle stress and conflict.

There are no "right" or "wrong" answers. Important to not over-think or gear answers towards what you perceive they may be looking for, as this might create an inaccurate impression of you.

How to prepare for a personality assessment

The most important element to undertaking this assessment is that your answers are honest, and remember, no-one is perfect, so approach these assessments like you would any other part of the selection process by:

- being informed and well prepared
- having a positive attitude
- making sure you are well rested before taking the test
- allowing adequate time to complete the test
- attempting to complete all of the questions

Example question – Personality assessment (sliding scale)

I enjoy talking to strangers.

Never

Sometimes

Neutral

Usually

Always

The correct answer is the one that you feel best relates to you most of the time.

Hopefully, when you're asked to complete a psychometric assessment you will feel prepared.

DIARY | HEALTH PROMOTION AND CONFERENCE DATES

| April

- Fabry Awareness Month <https://www.fabry.com.au/>
- 7 World Health Day <http://www.who.int/campaigns/world-health-day/2018/en/>
- 8 Healthy Hips Day <http://www.healthyhipsaustralia.org.au/healthy-hips-week/>
- 11 World Parkinson's Day <https://www.parkinsons.org.au/>
- 13 FND Awareness Day <https://fndhope.org/>
- 15-21 Osteopathy Awareness Week <http://www.osteopathy.org.au/>
- 16-22 National Advance Care Planning Week <https://www.advancecareplanning.org.au/>
- 24-30 World Immunisation Week <http://www.who.int/campaigns/immunization-week/2017/event/en/>
- 2nd Advanced Nursing Science and Practice | 12-13 April | Hawaii | <http://nursingscience.nursingconference.com/>
- Australian Resuscitation Council Advanced Life Support Level 1 course | 8-15 April | Royal Caribbean International Explorer of the Seas | Sydney-South Pacific | www.cruiseseminars.com.au/events/080418/
- 6th Rural and Remote Health Scientific Symposium - *Outback in front: 20 years of rural and remote health research* | 11-12 April | Canberra | <http://ruralhealth.org.au/6rrhss>
- 2nd Advanced Nursing Science and Practice | 12-13 April, Hawaii | <http://nursingscience.nursingconference.com/>
- Dermatology Nursing Conference | 29 April – 3 May | <https://goo.gl/M6E4Ar>

| May

- Lung Health Awareness Month <https://lungfoundation.com.au/>
- 5-12 May Motherless Daughters Awareness Week <https://www.motherlessdaughters.com.au/>
- 8 National Amyloidosis Day <http://www.agf.org.au/>
- 10 World Lupus Day <http://lupus-sle.org/index.html>
- 12 International ME/CFS Awareness Day <http://mecfslymewa.org.au/>
- 13-20 Pneumonia Awareness Week <https://lungfoundation.com.au/>
- 16 Hae Day <http://www.haeaustoralasia.org.au/>
- 20-26 National Palliative Care Week <http://palliativecare.org.au/>
- 20-27 Schizophrenia Awareness Week <https://www.mifa.org.au/index.php?lang=en>
- 21-28 Exercise Right Week <http://exerciseright.com.au/>
- 31 World No Tobacco Day <http://www.who.int/campaigns/no-tobacco-day/2018/en/>

17th National Nurse Education Conference – Changing Worlds: Synergies in nursing, midwifery and health education | 1-3 March, Melbourne | www.dconferences.com.au/nnec2018

5th International Conference Global Network of Public Health Nurses | 5-7 March, Nairobi | www.icn.ch/

Enrolled Nurse Conference | 3-4 May, Melbourne | www.ausmed.com.au/course/enrolled-nurse-conference

Palliative Care Nurses Australia Inc Biennial Conference | 20-21 May, Brisbane | www.pcna.org.au

Inaugural Australian Supervision Association Conference – *Clinical ‘SUPER’ vision – people, passion, purpose* | 22-24 May, Melbourne | <https://www.acsaconference2017.org.au/>

26th World Congress on Nursing Care *Advanced technologies and best practices in nursing & integrated care* | 21-23 May | Osaka, Japan. <http://nursingcare.nursingconference.com/asia-pacific/>

3rd World Congress on Nursing Practice & Research - *Hand in hand creating tomorrow: Nursing practice, education and research* | 23-24 May | Montreal, Canada | <http://nursepractitioner.nursingconference.com/>

Australian College of Perioperative Nurses (ACORN) and joint Asian Perioperative Nurses Association (ASIORNA) Conference | 23-26 May | Adelaide | <http://www.acorn.org.au/conference2018/>

June |

Bowel Cancer Awareness Month Nationwide Bowel Cancer Australia

27 – 2 Cancer Research Awareness Week

20 Red Apple Day Nationwide Bowel Cancer

18-24 World Continence Week

48th World Congress on Advanced Nursing Research - *To promote excellence in nursing research*
14-15 June | Dublin, Ireland | <http://nursingresearch.nursingmeetings.com/>

SimGHOSTS 2018 Australia | 27-29 June 2018 | *In Collaboration with: Simulation Australasia, Australian Society for Simulation in Healthcare (ASSH) & Serious Games* | University of the Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs, QLD | https://www.simghosts.org/sim/Australia_2018.asp

July |

8 World Hepatitis Day

8-14 National Diabetes Week

5- 11 National EOS Awareness Week

20th Asia Pacific Diabetes Conference - *Therapeutic approaches for diabetes management and endocrine complications* | 9-10 July 2018, Sydney, NSW | www.diabetesexpo.com/asiapacific/

5th Annual Congress on Emergency Nursing & Critical Care - *Exploring the innovations in emergency*

nursing and critical care | 16-17 July | London, UK | <http://emergency.nursingmeetings.com/>

5th World Congress on Hospice and Palliative Care - *Refinement and renovation of medicate with hospice palliative care* | 16-17 July | Melbourne | <http://hospice-palliativecare.conferenceseries.com/>

21st World Nursing Education Conference - *Technology innovations in nursing education* | 16-18 | Melbourne | <http://nursingeducation.nursingconference.com/asia-pacific/>

August |

6–13 Dental Health Week

8 Top 8 Challenge Day

8 Dying To Know Day

19-25 Speech Pathology Week

20-25 Be Medicinewise Week

September |

Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

3-10 SStroke Week

9-15 Women's Health Week



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ANZSVN CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

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VVNSIG - Victoria

Hello again from Melbourne,

Weather is still as changeable as ever- hot days and cold days. It would be nice to have some rain though. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday period and are now well and truly back into it.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership remains now stands at 22.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

We held our AGM on Tuesday 28th November, at Alfred Hospital and are pleased to welcome Sam White as an Ordinary Committee Member. While no elections were due, 2 committee members will be overseas in May & June and need to maintain a quorum for our May meeting. Thanks Sam.

EDUCATION

At our Education session on Tuesday 28th November, Dr Abbey Willcox, Haematologist spoke on "VTE in a New Era – an Approach to Direct Oral Anticoagulation", and Dr Jonathon Beavers, Consultant Physician in Geriatric Medicine on "The Role of Vascular Disease in Dementia" Both were very entertaining and informative. Thanks for support from Bayer Australia Ltd.



Our February 27th Education session was held at Royal Melbourne Hospital, where Dr Martin Hodgson, Director of Hyperbaric Therapy, spoke on Hyperbaric therapy for Wound Healing, and Ms Lois Rowan, Nurse Practitioner (Diabetes) Consultant spoke on Diabetes Management. I know I personally got a lot out of this session.

Our next education session will be held on 29th May at St Vincent's Hospital. Details will be announced closer to the date.

Janice Caine,
President, VVNSIG



South Australian Society for Vascular Nursing

Circulatory Bulletin

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to the first SASVN newsletter for 2018! I am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to take on the role of SASVN president for the next two years and would like to extend our thanks to the outgoing president, Vanessa Heidenreich, for her hard work and commitment during the past two years. Vanessa continues on with the SASVN committee providing her ongoing support and guidance.

SASVN have hosted the first education evening of the year – Renal Access: The who, when and how. It was a really informative evening with three equally interesting guest speakers, and was well attended by a range of clinicians. On that note, we are in the process of developing ideas for future education evenings and workshops. To assist in providing members with educational opportunities that are relevant and engaging, I urge you to participate in the survey that has been sent out.

You may have noted that we have changed the way in which you are able to renew your membership or join SASVN. We are looking at a paperless system which means that applications will no longer be accepted via mail or fax. You will also find that we are trying to update members with upcoming events and news using a number of different media, particularly social media, and as such, there is a new PR role that has been implemented this year. Hopefully this will mean that no member will miss out on important information.

We have a team of enthusiastic individuals on the committee and I am sure that this is going to translate into a wonderful year for the SASVN.

Regards,
Davina, SASVN President



CONGRATULATIONS TO SASVN VASCULAR NURSE OF THE YEAR 2017

YOLANDA PINEDA DE CHAVARRIA

Yolanda has worked at the RAH Vascular department since 2008. People quickly noticed that she was quiet, efficient and always provided high quality care for her patients. Her colleagues frequently commented that she always completed her work with outstanding pride, and a true passion for the care she was providing. Over the years, she has developed excellent wound management skills and has truly excelled in this field. She consistently demonstrates an extensive knowledge base in wound management, dressing products and wound bed preparation. A quiet achiever she is always present at SASVN education events and journal clubs. Yolanda has dedicated herself to nursing and is a passionate vascular nurse. Always keen to gain more knowledge and skills and apply them in the workplace. Her dedication, knowledge and passion have indeed been noticed over the years – and the SASVN was proud to award Yolanda the ‘Vascular Nurse of the Year 2017’ award. Congratulations Yolanda a well-deserved award



If you feel your colleagues excel in the field of vascular nursing please consider nominating them for SASVN Vascular nurse of the year 2018. Details on how to nominate are available on the ANZSVN website.



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN VASCULAR NURSING NEWS – WHAT'S NEW?

CALHN

AMPUTEE NURSE- 3 MONTH PILOT PROJECT

Summary- To improve discharge planning, education & counselling for both elective and emergency major limb amputation clients.

Role performed by Erika Crowther Vascular ANUM.

She is currently in the process of gathering background information on 50 major limb amputation clients from April to December 2017. Collating data on demographics, pre and post-operative care and discharge delays. Doing a gap analysis on increased length of stay to assist in developing guidelines for short and long term goals. This pilot project will look at ways of decreasing length of stay and improving the overall rehabilitation process for major limb amputation clients.

VASCULAR REHABILITATION

“Claudication club” is about to commence at the new RAH. This 12 week program provides both education and a structured exercise program to both claudicants and post vascular intervention clients.

When: Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 4pm

Where: Level 3 Outpatient Gym RAH

Enquiries: Vascular NC Kate Marston who will assess for suitability.

SALHN

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

Things at Flinders are cracking along for 2018, with our clinical activity beginning to ramp up after the Christmas break.

Our Vascular Ward here at SALHN continues to settle in after our move in June last year. In an effort to consolidate some nursing education we have kicked off the iPrepWound education program – an experimental education system where we look at assessing knowledge/skill deficits and then providing tailor made education to staff based on these assessments. The program is in its very early stages, but we are hoping to have something to report to the wider vascular community via a presentation at the ANZSVS conference being held in Auckland, New Zealand this year.



Our AAA screening program has kicked off again this year – with a bit of a slow start. We are in the throes of expanding this to further South, with our next target area to be the Victor Harbor / Goolwa region.

Our Junior Medical team this year are settling in well, with an all-South Australian team this year – Chris Delaney (Fellow), Ed Travers (Set 5 Trainee) and Ben Thurston (Set 1 Trainee). Ed is sitting his final exams this year so we will wish him well!

Other projects in the pipeline this year include several Surgeon led teaching endovascular courses and we will be looking at some novel methods of patient frailty / fitness for surgery monitoring through use of limb mounted velocity monitoring!

NALHN

WHAT'S NEW AT LYELL MCEWIN HEALTH SERVICE

Patients who live within the NALHN catchment area are now able to have their fistula formation; fistulograms and fistuloplasties at LMHS. Dr Kurian Mylankal has regular lists at LMH for these procedures meaning that patients from the north will no longer have to travel to RAH for these procedures.

The procedures are all done under local anaesthetic with anaesthetic support as required; which allows them to go home the same day; along with patient information and packs for dressing changes at home.

The renal access nurses Yvonne Mathews and Rebecca Taylor from RAH have been very supportive of this service, providing education to all of the necessary units including pre-admission clinic; theatre; radiology; recovery and day surgery; coming out to LMH for our first fistula formation just prior to Christmas. Cyra Alconaba Vascular CN; has also provided education to ward 2D staff just in case they require an overnight stay for any reason.

This is an exciting new service for LMH and patients living in the northern suburbs

Wendy McInnes, Vascular Nurse Practitioner
Lyell McEwin Hospital; NALHN



SA SOCIETY FOR VASCULAR NURSING EDUCATION CALENDAR 2018

Education and Trade Display

August — Monday 27th

Topic to be advised

Trade Display 1830 and Presentations 1900

Journal Club—Sponsored By Molnlycke

April—Monday 16th

November—Monday 5th

Vascular Nurses Week

7th - 14th of July

Workshop

Saturday 7th of July

ANZSVS 2018 Vascular Conference

Saturday September 29th to Monday October 1st - Auckland, New Zealand

“Collaboration, Partnership, Consensus”

AGM

December – Monday 10th—The Highway Inn, 290 Anzac Highway, Plympton

EDUCATION DIARY 2018

Wounds Australia Conference 2018





AVT and SASVN MEMBERS





SASVN EDUCATION NIGHT

Vascular ANUM Annie Mathew has kindly provided us with a summary of the night.

The first of our SASVN education nights for the year was a great success.

The topic was **“The Who, When, How of Renal Access”**

“Approximately 35-40 members attended the education evening.

I really enjoyed the evening as I was keen to know about both peritoneal and haemodialysis.

Since the transition to the new RAH the vascular ward now also shares a wing with the renal ward as well as a dedicated vascular wing.

We also frequently have vascular patients who are receiving peritoneal dialysis and require assistance in managing their PD.

It was a very informative session providing information for both inpatient and community peritoneal/haemodialysis with a display of access lines & accessories also displayed.

The renal access and treatment options nurses Yvonne Mathew & Deni Grzunov discussed the treatment options for renal failure patients and the waiting periods/problems encountered managing patients in the community

Vascular surgeon Mr Kurian Mylankal also did a presentation about arterio-venous fistulas and the ongoing treatment required to maintain patency e.g. fistuloplasty.

He gave a well-structured talk about the importance of patient assessment, history and management of patients with fistula complications. This was my favourite topic.”

Our education nights are always a good way to keep up to date with the ever evolving world of vascular nursing.

Also providing a great opportunity to network with colleagues from a variety of fields and finally to assist with your continued professional development by collecting CPD hours.



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**Vascular Seminar 2017 report
John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle**

On Friday November 27 we held our second vascular conference in John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle. There were approx. 25 attendees from various hospitals around the Hunter and Sydney regions.

The morning session covered topics from vascular pain, pseudoaneurysms, wound care, Rehab (S.T.A.R.T) program, toe pressures/ dopplers. Our vascular doctors, clinical nurse specialists and Sonographer kindly presented for us.

The afternoon session consisted of a hands on session where our sponsors kindly showed participants how to use VAC dressings, wound products, clexane and compression dressings. Our Sonographer, Adam Tolfree, also kindly showed participants around JHH sonography lab and showed participants how to perform toe pressures and vascular dopplers. This was a huge hit with attendees.

A big thank you to Janet Bourke from Sanofi, O'Neal Riley from Hartmann, William Byrnes from Smith and Nephew and Jan Walton from Acelity for sponsoring and helping us run the hands on session. Our conferences could not happen without them. We are hoping to run another conference in 2019.

We hope to see you there.

Conference Dates 2018

ANZSVN September 28-30 Auckland, New Zealand

SVN June 20-23 Boston, United States of America

Vascular Nursing Modules

SLHD & SWSLHD

Vascular Nursing course 2018 dates

Module 1 RPA 24th May

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Module 2 Liverpool 5th July

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Module 3 Concord 26th July

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AGM Meeting 2017

Quorum not met. Rescheduled to 2018 – date yet to be confirmed