

Sunday 23rd August | 14:15-15:15

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Session Title: Practical Session: Advanced Clinical Skills Workshop



Flick is an experienced referral RVN in surgery, including anaesthesia & ICU nursing. Alongside her clinical work, she has obtained the RCVS DipAVN (Small Animal) & a BSc(hons) top-up degree in Clinical Vet Nursing.

Flick is also an experienced educator, mentor, and university lecturer within vet nursing & animal biosciences. Flick has her own company, VSNPM Education LTD, providing training in surgical nursing & perioperative medicine. Currently, she is studying toward a CertEd & an MSc degree with two PgCertAVN qualifications in surgery and pain management.

Joining Flick is her Labrador co-worker, Bowie, a Medical Alert Assistance Dog who helps in managing POTS & dysautonomia.

Synopsis:

Following the theory, this practical workshop provides participants with the opportunity to practice & develop the skills necessary to care for patients with advanced nursing needs.

Under Schedule 3 regulations, the RVN will perform a wide range of procedures, including intravenous catheter placement, monitoring & maintaining a variety of feeding tubes, chest drains, and minor surgical procedures.

There will be an opportunity to practice essential suturing techniques, chest drain management, and nursing interventions for the safe management of tracheostomy tubes.

Participants can rotate through each station following example SOPs, and gain confidence through tutor demonstration & peer feedback.

Learning Objectives:

1. Demonstrate fundamental suturing techniques for skin closure and wound management.
2. Provide evidence-based nursing care for patients with advanced tubes and drains.
3. Apply nursing & clinical decision-making when performing Schedule 3 procedures to recognise complications, personal limits, and effective communication.
4. Plan for continued skill development in practice and discuss approaches to address nurse utilisation in practice.