

Conference Learnings

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CONFERENCE LEARNINGS

Society of Vascular Nursing

Boston, MA

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Conference Topics

- Management and treatment of Venous Thromboembolism-DVT (2/3 of patients), PE (1/3 of patients) 4th leading cause of death
- Management of PAD-affects 8 million Americans, despite prevalence only 25% undergo treatment. Medical management of PAD decreases morbidity and mortality.
- Preventing SSI- Vascular surgery patients have a 5-10% incidence compared to 2-6% in clean surgeries. Many ways to decrease appropriate antibiotic timing, glucose control, pre-op bathing.

Learning to Consider for LVHN

- Increase staff awareness of DVT risk factors – heart failure, COPD exacerbation, sepsis, prior history of VTE advanced age, cancer , stroke with limb paresis, bed rest
- Start a comprehensive vascular rehabilitation program working with the patient to decrease their risk factors for PAD- HTN, obesity, hyperlipidemia, diabetes, smoking
- Practice change- 98% of wash basins had some form of bacteria- there was a 64% reduction in MRSA /VRE that used CHG compared to soap and water.

Group Discussion

ACTION ITEMS

Where the rubber meets the road

