

Ultrasound Guided Vascular Access Course

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AHEC has been a leading provider of continuing education for healthcare professionals in imaging sciences since 1988. Our mission is to provide you with evidence-based education and training that will increase your knowledge, enhance your competency, and improve patient care. Since receiving ACCME Accreditation in 1998, we have assisted in the development of ultrasound skills for physicians, sonographers, nurses, midwives and other healthcare professionals.

The registration packet is designed to provide students with general information regarding AHEC, course information, CME credit, and disclosure of relevant financial interest. We wish you well in your professional advancements and are here to assist you in pursuing your educational goals. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance to you at 1-800-239-1361.

Congratulations and good luck pursuing your professional goals!

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Course Overview

Event Location: Advanced Health Education Center
8502 Tybor Drive
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Credit: 8 AMA PRA Category 1™

Time: 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Instructor: Shawn Shanmuganathan BS, RDMS, RVT

Course Description:

Central venous catheterization and PICC line insertions can be difficult and can cause serious complications. Central venous cannulation (CVC) is an important procedure in the practice of emergency and critical care medicine. A PICC line is, by definition and per its acronym, a peripherally inserted central catheter, and ultrasound is rapidly becoming a tool of choice for identifying the venous anatomy needed for success. With the increasing ability of bedside ultrasound, the technology has proven to reduce error and improve patient care. The Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality, the Institute of Medicine and the National Institute for Health & Clinical Excellence have all endorsed ultrasound-guided central venous cannulation (UGCVC) as a recommended practice. Given the importance of CVC it is paramount that physicians become proficient with UGCVC.

Ultrasound guided vascular access is rapidly becoming the standard of care in many medical institutions. Basic ultrasound expertise is invaluable, but there is a whole array of ultrasound procedures that can be performed that will increase your effectiveness and diagnostic accuracy. Go beyond the basics and get the skills you need to expand your effective use of ultrasound in your clinical environment!

Participants in this course will benefit from demonstration, hands-on scanning with phantoms where the ultrasound faculty will teach you the essential skills and techniques to perform exams that make a difference in patient outcomes by demonstrating cardiac problems, deep vein thrombosis, or need for an intervention that can be done under ultrasound guidance.

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Course Objectives:

At the completion of this course, the learner will be able to:

Orientation to Ultrasound Equipment and Function

- Recognize ultrasound equipment and describe its function.
- Discuss functions of the ultrasound machine such as: transducers, output, depth, focusing, real time imaging, Doppler imaging

Venous Anatomy and the Ultrasound Appearance of DVT

- Differentiate normal from abnormal venous anatomy
- Explain how to perform a basic venous ultrasound evaluation for DVT
- Be familiar with anatomical areas of the lower extremity and differentiate between veins
- Explain the basic techniques for limited ultrasound examination of deep veins

Ultrasound Guided Procedures

- Recognize and discuss ultrasound guided procedures
- Explain line placement in the jugular vein
- Explain line placement in the subclavian vein
- Explain the procedure for identifying and accessing the vein or structure using ultrasound guidance

Course Topics:

- Venous orientation and pathology to demonstrate DVT
- Upper and lower extremities, to include the jugular, subclavian, femoral, saphenous, basilic and superficial veins of the upper extremity
- Proper way to compress veins
- Use color Doppler to evaluate areas of suspected DVT prior to inserting a line
- Central and peripheral line placement
- PICC lines will be introduced as important and time saving ways of managing critically ill patients
- Hands-on practice will be offered for all topics using phantoms



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Course Schedule

Lecture 8am-11am | Scan Lab 11am-12pm | Lunch 12pm-1pm | Scan Lab 1pm-3pm

Lecture

8am – 9:30am

Orientation to Ultrasound Equipment and Function

- Transducers, output, depth, focusing, real time imaging, Doppler imaging

9:30am – 11am

Venous Anatomy and the Ultrasound Appearance of DVT

- Basic sonographic techniques to evaluate for DVT
- Common femoral vein
- Greater saphenous vein
- Popliteal vein
- Normal morphology and Doppler appearance
- Veins with abnormal morphology
- Veins with Sonographic signs of DVT
- Compressible and non-compressible veins
- Normal and abnormal Doppler flow patterns

Scan Lab

11am-12pm and 1pm-3pm

Ultrasound Guided Procedures

- Central line placement (Jugular and Subclavian veins)

Sonographic probe position to identify the thoracic cavity, jugular vein, and subclavian vein

- Successful cannulation of a practice phantom using ultrasound guidance and needle
- Obtain images of the chest cavity and abdominal cavity
 - Lower quadrant windows
 - Hepatic and supra-splenic windows
 - Sub-costal window
 - Image the lower thoracic cavity



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Skills Checklist

The participant will demonstrate an understanding of the following controls to optimize the image:

- Physics and Instrumentation
- On/Off
- Output/Power
- Depth
- Master Gain
- TGC/DGC
- Focal Zones
- Dynamic Range
- Presets
- Calipers
- Freeze/Cine
- Color/Power Doppler
- Zoom

The participant will identify and be able to image the following anatomy with measurements where applicable:

- Views of Subclavian Vein
- Views of Jugular Vein
- Views of CFV
- Identify Basilic and Brachial Veins
- Correlate the sound beam to the aspiration needle with a phantom
- Soft Tissue Applications



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