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- **date.** Monday 29th February 2016 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Holiday Inn Coventry M6 J2, CV2 2HP
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speaker.** Alison Young DipAVN (Surgical) VTS (Surgery) RVN Head Theatre Nurse, Royal Veterinary College

A full day of orthopaedic nursing for all qualified nurses, aiming to discuss many areas of nursing orthopaedic patients. Delegates will be asked at the start of the day which topics they would like to cover, in order to make the day as interactive and relevant to each individual as possible.

We will discuss orthopaedic emergencies and what role nurses can play to give these patients the best chance of a good recovery, along with running an aseptic orthopaedic theatre. We will cover common orthopaedic procedures and why the veterinary surgeon may choose one technique over another. Analgesia throughout the process will be looked at, along with some additional techniques to keep our patients as comfortable as possible. Rehabilitation and post-operative care will be discussed briefly.

Approach to the Patient with Gastrointestinal Disease

- **date.** Monday 29th February 2016 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Holiday Inn Coventry M6 J2, CV2 2HP
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speakers.** Nicola Read DipAVN (Medical) RVN Head Medicine Nurse, Royal Veterinary College
  
  Gina Parkes DipAVN (Small Animal) RVN Senior Medicine Nurse, Royal Veterinary College

Designed for nurses who want to improve their understanding and enhance their care for patients with gastrointestinal tract disease. This course appreciates that the nurse’s role is diverse and requires an understanding of the pathophysiology, diagnostic and therapeutic processes to allow delivery of effective nursing care.
Medical Nursing - Case Study Workshop

- **date.** Wednesday 23rd March 2016 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Principal Hayley Eastwood Hall Hotel, Nottingham, NG16 3SS
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speakers.** James McMurrough
  BVSc CertAVP (SAM) MRCVS
  Medical Clinician, PetMedics Manchester

This one day course is an interactive session in which the group will work through the important features of and the relevant nursing care of several clinical cases. There will be a range of cases covering many different organ systems which we will discuss together and work through nursing care plans in order to improve our approach to these cases in future. We will discuss pathophysiology, diagnostic tests, physical examination, differential diagnoses and treatment for all of these cases.

An Introduction to Veterinary Physiotherapy

- **date.** Wednesday 23rd March 2016 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Principal Hayley Eastwood Hall Hotel, Nottingham, NG16 3SS
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speakers.** Lowri Davies
  BVSc MRCVS Cert Vet Acup CCRP
  Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Therapy Clinic, Swansea

Physiotherapy and rehabilitation, when carried out correctly, can significantly improve an animal’s quality of life. In its simplest form, it need not be expensive or require any specialist equipment. During this course we will define the term physiotherapy and look at how to best apply it in practice. Through a combination of lectures, interactive workshops and case studies you will learn the principles behind simple physiotherapy techniques which can be applied in practice. You will also gain an insight into how to assess an animal’s level of pain and how to monitor each individual’s progress.

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Introduction into physiotherapy techniques
- Where does physiotherapy fit into practice?
- Basic assessment of the physiotherapy patient
- Developing a therapeutic exercise regime
- Physiotherapy and the inflammatory process
- How to measure outcomes
- Case studies

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Pathophysiology and diseases of the gastrointestinal system, cardiorespiratory system, urogenital system, neurological system and endocrine system
- Nutrition of the unwell pet
- Approach to the emergency and critical care case
- Clinical pathology including hypokalaemia, hypercalcaemia, hyperproteinaemia, azotaemia and jaundice
- Advanced nursing techniques including management of patients with feeding tubes, management of chest drains and central lines
### ECG Interpretation Workshop

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Stratford upon Avon, CV37 7NZ |
| **price.** | £195 + vat (£234) |
| **speaker.** | Charlotte Pace  
BA(Hons) RVN VTS(Cardiology)  
PGCert(VetEd) FHEA  
College of West Anglia |

Aimed at nurses of all levels, this course will provide an overview of heart disease and heart failure, and will look at the specific nursing required to deal with patients in all stages of disease. The remainder of the day will focus on electrocardiography (ECG) interpretation. Starting with how to record the ‘perfect’ ECG trace, there will be an explanation of how the conduction system of the heart works, and then an interactive workshop will look at many different ECG traces, based on those that are commonly seen in veterinary practice. Special emphasis will be placed on ECG interpretation during anaesthesia. The final section will look at life threatening arrhythmias.

### The Anorexic Cat

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| **price.** | £195 + vat (£234) |
| **speakers.** | Suzanne Rudd  
DipAVN (Medical) RVN  
The Feline Centre, Bristol University |

Cats can be very challenging patients to nurse in the veterinary clinic. Anorexia is a very common problem, whether due to stress or disease. This day course will include the challenges faced by the veterinary nurse in ensuring hospitalised cats are receiving appropriate nutrition, hints and tips on how to encourage cats to eat, as well as an in-depth guide to providing assisted feeding for those cats that can’t eat or won’t eat. Feeding tubes will be available to help demonstrate their use and placement. The day will also include some specific diseases where nutrition may be more challenging, such as hepatic lipidosis and cats with upper respiratory tract disease/trauma.
**Advanced Anaesthesia**

- **date.** Thursday 28th April 2016
  (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Menzies Mickleover Court Hotel
  Derby, DE3 0DL
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speaker.** Colette Jolliffe
  BVetMed CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS
  European and RCVS Recognised Specialist in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
  Head of Anaesthesia Department, Animal Health Trust

The evolution of complicated and high risk medical and surgical procedures in small animal practice has been facilitated by the use of advanced anaesthesia techniques. This day of lectures will include presentations on mechanical ventilation, the use of neuromuscular blockade and advanced analgesia and monitoring modalities, focussing on useful and practical tips for understanding and implementing these techniques. We will also look at ECG traces and their interpretation with respect to anaesthesia.

**Anaemia, Bleeding and Blood Transfusions**

- **date.** Thursday 28th April 2016
  (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Menzies Mickleover Court Hotel
  Derby, DE3 0DL
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speakers.** Ben Harris
  MA VetMB CertSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS
  European Veterinary Specialist in Small Animal Internal Medicine
  Northwest Surgeons, Cheshire

Anaemias – mild to severe; regenerative and non-regenerative; acute and chronic. This course aims to discuss the causes, consequences and treatment of all types of anaemia and, crucially the nurse’s role in managing anaemic patients. We will also discuss the causes of bleeding and a rational approach to dealing with it – ranging from rodenticide toxicity to von Willebrand’s disease. We will also talk about fluid therapy in bleeding patients – crystalloids, colloids and bovine haemoglobin solutions. Canine and feline blood typing and blood transfusions will be covered with plenty of practical tips. Blood banks and donor selection will be discussed and you’ll go home armed with confidence that you can take control of the next transfusion patient that presents in your practice. Not only that but you’ll be able to do a perfect blood smear every time!
**Return to Work - Clinical Refresher**

**date.**  
Wednesday 25th May 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.**  
Principal Hayley Sedgebrook Hall Hotel  
Northampton, NN6 8BD

**price.**  
£195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.**  
Nicola Ackerman  
BSc(Hons) RVN CertSAN CertVNECC  
VTS(Nutr) A1 V1 C-SQP HonMBVNA,  
Senior Medical Nurse,  
The Veterinary Hospital Group, Plymouth

Returning to work after a period of absence can be very difficult. The veterinary profession moves at a very fast rate, and six months off can leave you behind. A longer period can be even more daunting. This day will cover getting back into work, if your RCVS registration has lapsed, how you may reinstate it and changes to how RVNs are expected to work and professional responsibility. We will mainly be looking at what things have changed clinically in the last five years, both medically and surgically, for example the use of newer induction agents such as alfaxan, and current diabetes protocols. We will also cover new regimes for analgesia and use of equipment that is now commonplace in practice, including infusion pumps, capnographs and ECG machines.

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**Anaesthesia for Emergency Cases**

**date.**  
Wednesday 25th May 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.**  
Principal Hayley Sedgebrook Hall Hotel  
Northampton, NN6 8BD

**price.**  
£195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.**  
Louise O’Dwyer  
DMS BSc(Hons) VTS (ECC) VTS (Anesthesia)  
DipAVN(Surgical) DipAVN(Medical) RVN

Patients requiring anaesthesia for emergency procedures can be one of the most stressful challenges encountered in practice, so this course will aim to give nurses more confidence in dealing with these patients. We will look at common emergency presentations, such as caesarian sections, abdominal procedures and trauma patients, and look at how we can firstly prepare these patients prior to anaesthesia to improve the chances of a successful outcome, as well as the importance of planning for anaesthesia to ensure we have considered the problems we may encounter. We will look at commonly used drugs, including induction agents and analgesics, which may be used to minimize complications in these patients. Monitoring techniques will be discussed, as well as what to do when things go wrong.
Caring for Critical In-Patients

Taking care of critically ill patients can be very rewarding, if at times also quite challenging. Although they vary to some extent in terms of their importance, there are many things to remember when looking after critical patients including medical, nursing and non-clinical factors. The daily use of a checklist can be extremely helpful for making sure that we do not overlook anything important – a patient care safety net as it were. In this course we will work through one such checklist which includes for example fluid balance, pain management, nutritional status and physiotherapy considerations amongst others. We will dip into different parts of the checklist in more or less detail focusing in particular on the crucial role that the nurse plays in the care of critical patients.

Specific areas to be covered.
- To appreciate the key role of the nurse in the management of critically ill patients
- To get a good understanding of the factors involved in caring for critically ill patients
- To be comfortable with key aspects such as monitoring of vital parameters and pain management

How to Achieve a ‘Work - Life Balance’ in Veterinary Practice

There is no doubt that working in veterinary practice can be extremely stressful and all-consuming – but there are also great rewards and personal fulfilment in this field. This full day course for all veterinary staff will explore methods of minimising stress and establishing a work-life balance. The morning sessions will discuss the differences between pressure and stress and discuss methods of managing the pressures of work and improving personal wellbeing. The afternoon sessions will take these methods into practice and show how we can apply them specifically to our daily roles in the veterinary workplace.

Specific areas to be covered.
- Define stress and its causes, and how it affects your health and performance
- Understand the difference between pressure, stress, burnout and compassion fatigue
- DISC behavioural profiling to improve effective communication
- Define work-life balance and what it means to you
- Introduction to the “wheel of life” – highlight what is important in your life and career
- What is meant by personal effectiveness and how to improve your own
- Practical techniques to prevent and manage stress in practice including:
  - Methods of improving personal wellbeing
  - Methods of avoiding stress in practice
  - How to make effective decisions and be assertive
  - How to delegate tasks and ensure they are done correctly
  - How to talk to difficult team members
  - Ways to enhance stress-free performance at work
  - How to get the best from your team (working effectively and efficiently)
Emergency Nursing Skills

**date.**  
Friday 27th May 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.** Principal Hayley Eastwood Hall Hotel  
Nottingham NG16 3SS

**price.** £195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.** Louise O’Dwyer  
DMS BSc(Hons) VTS (ECC) VTS (Anesthesia)  
DipAVN(Surgical) DipAVN(Medical) RVN

Emergency cases can be some of the most challenging and rewarding patients you will encounter in practice. Veterinary nurses have a frontline role in assessing an emergency patient and information gained here can be vital in saving the life of the animal. During this course you will learn how to deal with the emergency clinical exam and treatment options, which will improve the chances of a successful outcome.

**Specific areas to be covered.**

- Triage – prioritising the emergency patient?
- Major body systems assessment
- Vascular access and fluid therapy
- Shock – how to identify and treat it
- Effective CPR

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Pet Bereavement Counselling in Veterinary Practice

**date.**  
Friday 27th May 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.** Principal Hayley Eastwood Hall Hotel  
Nottingham NG16 3SS

**price.** £195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.** Dr Susan Ella Dawson  
MBPsS  
HCPC Registered Counselling Psychologist

This programme will develop your knowledge and understanding of grief reactions within veterinary practice in response to diverse pet bereavement situations. It also introduces strategies for providing emotional support for clients and develops key counselling skills.

Case studies from veterinary practice are used to illustrate different grieving styles and practical implications for client support. The distinct category of grief arising from euthanasia “responsibility grief” is introduced and explored, demonstrating how important pre-euthanasia consults can be and exploring ways of helping clients through the euthanasia decision making process through the option of nurse facilitated continuing care clinics.

**Specific areas to be covered.**

- Grieving styles and methods of providing emotional support
- Pre-euthanasia and continuing care bereavement clinics
- Special considerations for children, elderly clients and assistance animal owners
- After-death body care

Implications for different developmental stages from childhood, family to later life are considered along with the special needs arising from assistance animal relationships. Approaches for discussing after-death body care options with clients are discussed along with guidelines for developing bereavement clinics and setting up a pet loss support group in your practice.

The importance of staff self-care is also highlighted providing some options aimed at preventing stress and burnout for your practice team to consider.

Please think very carefully about booking onto this programme if you have recently experienced a significant loss in your own life.
Neurological patients can be difficult to manage, and good nursing care reduces the many complications which may occur with prolonged hospitalisation, and overall improves the quality of life of the patient. The most common causes for prolonged hospitalisation and the need for neurological nursing care, include status epilepticus/cluster seizures, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury (fibrocartilaginous embolism, intervertebral disc disease, spinal fracture/subluxation) and neuromuscular disorders (polyradiculoneuritis, myasthenia gravis with megaoesophagus). This day will mainly focus on the diseases mentioned above and how to nurse these patients.

Specific areas to be covered.
- Understanding the neurological assessment
- Seizures – What can I do?
- Nursing management of dogs and cats with head trauma
- Acute spinal cord injury
- How to nurse patients with neuromuscular disorders

This day course aims to cover the theory and particularly the practical aspects of rabbit anaesthesia, including the related topics of analgesia and emergency and critical care. Delegates are welcome to bring details of cases as well as practice anaesthesia protocols to discuss.

Specific areas to be covered.
- Induction of anaesthesia in rabbits (including anaesthesia for different health statuses and different procedures)
- Airway management
- Maintenance of anaesthesia
- Fluid therapy
- Analgesia for different procedures including dentistry
How to Prevent Anaesthetic Emergencies

**date.** Thursday 7th July 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)  
**venue.** Menzies Prince Regent Hotel  
Chigwell IG8 8AE  
**price.** £195 + vat (£234)  
**speaker.** Colette Jolliffe  
BVetMed CertVA DipECVAA MRCVS  
European and RCVS Recognised Specialist  
in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia  
Head of Anaesthesia Department,  
Animal Health Trust

The day will focus on preventing anaesthetic emergencies by improving patient safety during the anaesthetic period. A good understanding of the anaesthesia and monitoring equipment is essential for patient safety, as is identifying and managing problems as they arise, before the patient presents in a critical state. We will discuss factors which may influence patient mortality.

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Factors influencing anaesthetic safety in small animals  
- Understanding anaesthetic breathing systems  
- Anaesthesia equipment preparation and safety checks  
- Anaesthesia monitoring equipment – gimmick or godsend?  
- The recovery period – a dangerous time for our patients

Endocrinology - What Every Nurse Should Know

**date.** Thursday 7th July 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)  
**venue.** Menzies Prince Regent Hotel  
Chigwell IG8 8AE  
**price.** £195 + vat (£234)  
**speaker.** Chris Scudder  
BVSc DipACVIM MRCVS  
Royal Veterinary College

This course will include discussion on the nurse’s role in the management of canine and feline diabetes mellitus, feline hyperthyroidism and canine hyperadrenocorticism (Cushing’s Disease). We will also discuss client education to improve home care for our patients.

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Day-to-day management of diabetic pets  
  (which insulin to use, owner education, how often should insulin be given, home and in-practice glucose monitoring and diabetic remission in cats)  
- The emergency management of the DKA patient  
  – fluid and electrolyte therapy, insulin protocols and when to discharge the patient from the practice  
- Diagnosis of feline hyperthyroidism  
  – the different treatment options available and how successful they are, and should we care about causing hypothyroidism?  
- Diagnosis of canine hyperadrenocorticism  
  – which test to use for diagnosis and when, monitoring when there’s limited Synacthen availability and management of iatrogenic Addisonian crisis
**The Whelping Bitch**

- **date.** Thursday 15th September 2016 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Menzies Mickleover Court Hotel
  Milton Keynes, MK45 1AE
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speaker.** Angelika von Heimendahl
  BVMS DipECAR MRCVS
  Veterinary Reproduction Service, Cambridge

Breeders are not the easiest of clients and reproduction can be quite challenging to fit into the everyday life of the practice. This course will try to establish an effective system for ovulation testing, pregnancy, birth and care of neonates. It will give benchmarks for normal parameters and advice for clients that want to breed, along with discussing infertility, difficult parturitions, C-sections and neonatal emergencies. Cases studies will be used after every session to use the theory in a more practical way.

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Easy ovulation testing in practice
- A short introduction into male and female infertility and its myths
- The pregnant bitch
- Decision making during parturition
- Neonatal emergencies

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**Advanced Critical Care Nursing**

- **date.** Thursday 8th September 2016 (9.30am – 4.30pm)
- **venue.** Menzies Flitwick Manor
  Milton Keynes, MK45 1AE
- **price.** £195 + vat (£234)
- **speaker.** Eleanor Haskey
  BSc(Hons) RVN VPAC VTS(ECC)
  Emergency and Critical Care Nurse,
  Royal Veterinary College

Emergency and critical care patients present to all veterinary practices, and nurses play an essential role in caring for them. This course will introduce you to a framework, which can be used when nursing critical patients to ensure their individual requirements are met during hospitalisation. Several advanced topics linked with the framework will be covered in further detail, including acid base, blood gas analysis and ECGs. The day will conclude with a theoretical and practical session on CPCR.

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Kirby’s rule of 20 - nursing framework
- Acid base and blood gas analysis
- Practical ECGs
- CPCR including practical session
**Veterinary Imaging**

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This one day course is designed for nurses who want to further develop their diagnostic imaging skills. We will refresh some of the fundamentals of obtaining a diagnostic image, then continue to how we perform the more advanced imaging techniques and what disorders they can be used to diagnose. The course will cover mostly radiography (including contrast studies), ultrasonography and endoscopy, although a mention of advanced imaging modalities (CT and MRI) will also be made.

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<td>• Ultrasonography of the thorax and abdomen</td>
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<td>• Endoscopy of the gastrointestinal tract, airways and nose (including care of endoscopy equipment and anaesthesia of these patients)</td>
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**Surgery in an Emergency!**

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<td>Louise O’Dwyer DMS BSc(Hons) VTS (ECC) VTS (Anesthesia) DipAVN(Surgical) DipAVN(Medical) RVN</td>
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Emergency patients may present at any time in a variety of practices, from first opinion practice to emergency clinics. Advanced knowledge of how to deal with these patients is essential in achieving a positive outcome. The course will cover a variety of critical surgical presentations, from diaphragmatic ruptures to GDVs.

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<td>• Understand techniques which can be used for anaesthesia of these patients, including induction agents, respiratory techniques and anaesthesia monitoring</td>
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Role of the Head Nurse in Practice

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Supervising and motivating staff
- Managing staff conflicts, poor performers and disciplinary matters
- Staff appraisals
- Staff sickness, pregnancy and risk assessments

The role of the head nurse is very varied, and can change from practice to practice and on a daily basis. Alongside the daily clinical duties, head nurses are expected to undertake a more managerial role, to organise nearly everything and cope with all eventualities. This full day course will cover concepts of supervising staff, teaching clinical skills to staff (not just SVN), motivating staff, staff conflicts, team leading, communication skills and very importantly how to delegate effectively. We will look at how to conduct appraisals, which questions to ask, and the different appraisal forms which may be utilised. The health and wellbeing of your staff is very important, so we will also cover sickness, mental health, risk assessments for pregnancy and what working practices we can expect pregnant staff and those with health issues to undertake.

Finding a balance as a head nurse is important, and to be fair to all can be difficult, but with good communication skills this balance can be found.

Anaesthetic Complications and Emergencies

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Anaesthesia planning to reduce the risk of anaesthetic complications
- Recognising, monitoring and managing anaesthetic complications
- Cardiovascular complications – how to prevent them, and how to manage them
- Respiratory complications – how we can monitor for, identify and treat issues

Anaesthetic complications can be encountered on a daily basis, even in the most ‘common’ surgical procedures. This course will look at how we can look to plan ahead for all our anaesthesia cases, in order to identify potential complications, and minimise their effects with good preparation. How to identify when things do go wrong with the major organ systems and what we will do about it!
**Advanced Nutrition**

**date.**  
Tuesday 27th September 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.**  
Holiday Inn Portsmouth  
PO1 2TA

**price.**  
£195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.**  
Nicola Ackerman  
BSc(Hons) RVN CertSAN CertVNECC  
VTS(Nutr) A1 C-SQP HonMBVNA  
Senior Medical Nurse, The Veterinary  
Hospital Group, Plymouth

Nutrition can be easy when your patient falls exactly into a specific category for which there is a diet made to help manage that condition. Problems arise when there is not, or the animal is suffering from multiple issues. This day course will cover aspects of advanced nutrition that veterinary nurses encounter in practice, including assisted feeding (and the calculations associated with them), which foods to use in complicated cases, and how to decide on which diet to use. We will look at nutritional assessments and how to decide whether or not a diet is working.

**Specific areas to be covered.**

- Assisted feeding techniques and nutritional calculations
- Diets for complicated cases
- Decision making and nutritional assessments

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**Medical Emergencies**

**date.**  
Thursday 6th October 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.**  
Principal Hayley Seldson Park Hotel & Golf Club  
Croyden, CR2 8AY

**price.**  
£195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.**  
Ben Harris  
MA VetMB CertSAM DipECVIM-CA MRCVS  
European Veterinary Specialist in Small  
Animal Internal Medicine  
Northwest Surgeons, Cheshire

Emergency medicine and critical care in veterinary medicine have advanced greatly over recent years. Most emergency medicine is carried out in general practice, so it is important that nurses and vets have appropriate training as well as the equipment and facilities to deal with these cases. In the heat of an emergency, rapid access to the appropriate knowledge and equipment directly affects prognosis for the patient.

This course is tailored to cover the spectrum of medical emergencies that might present in general practice – from triage to treatment.

**Specific areas to be covered.**

- Urinary emergencies: Urinary obstruction, acute renal failure
- Cardiovascular emergencies: Hypovolaemic shock, haemorrhage, pericardial effusion
- Haematologic emergencies: IMHA
- Respiratory emergencies: Feline asthma, pleural effusion, pneumothorax
- Alimentary emergencies: Oesophageal foreign bodies, acute pancreatitis
- Endocrine/metabolic emergencies: Addisonian crisis, diabetic ketoacidosis
The Role of the Surgical Nurse

**date.**  
Thursday 27th October 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.** Menzies Flitwick Manor  
Milton Keynes, MK45 1AE

**price.** £195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.** Kelly L Bowit Blacklock  
BVM&S DipECVS PGCert FHEA MRCVS  
Senior Clinician in Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery  
European and RCVS Veterinary Specialist in Small Animal Surgery

This course will cover all aspects of surgical nursing, from perioperative infection control through to postoperative management. We will also explore how to assist the surgeon when you are scrubbed in during a routine laparotomy and thoracotomy. Finally, we will look at emergency surgery, where time is of the essence and a competent scrub nurse can make a real difference in patient outcome.

Specific areas to be covered.
- Understand all aspects of perioperative infection control
- Role of the scrub nurse in laparotomy and thoracotomy surgeries
- Emergency surgery – what should I do?
- Postoperative care of surgical patients and patient stabilisation

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Anaesthesia Update - Paediatrics and Geriatrics

**date.**  
Thursday 6th October 2016  
(9.30am – 4.30pm)

**venue.** Principal Hayley Seldson Park Hotel & Golf Club  
Croyden, CR2 8AY

**price.** £195 + vat (£234)

**speaker.** Emma Archer  
DipAVN(Surg) RVN VTS Anesthesia

This day course for veterinary nurses will discuss all the considerations and challenges faced when anaesthetising both the very young and very old canine and feline patients. The day will include the physiological differences in the extremes of age, preparation & planning for anaesthesia, the drugs, monitoring and recovery, as well as the management of commonly encountered illnesses and conditions associated with extremes of age.

Specific areas to be covered.
- Geriatrics  
  - Diabetes mellitus  
  - Heart disease  
  - Renal disease  
  - Liver disease
- Paediatrics  
  - Corneal lacerations (cat scratches)  
  - Intussusceptions and intestinal foreign bodies  
  - Congenital heart disease, such as PDA

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This course will cover all aspects of surgical nursing, from perioperative infection control through to postoperative management. We will also explore how to assist the surgeon when you are scrubbed in during a routine laparotomy and thoracotomy. Finally, we will look at emergency surgery, where time is of the essence and a competent scrub nurse can make a real difference in patient outcome.

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The Diabetic Cat

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Investigation and diagnosis
- Stabilisation and treatment protocols, including dietary therapy
- Long term monitoring and understanding glucose curves
- Treatment of diabetic ketoacidosis

Cats are notorious for not reading the text books! Feline diabetes mellitus is one of those diseases where cats can prove a little more difficult than dogs to manage. This course will look at diabetes mellitus in the cat, starting with diagnosis through to stabilisation and long term monitoring. The emergency situation of how to treat cats with diabetic ketoacidosis will also be covered. The nurse plays a vital role in the stabilisation of diabetic cats and so different treatments will be discussed as well as how to perform a blood glucose curve, the use of continuous blood glucose monitors and the role of dietary therapy.

Dentistry for Veterinary Nurses

**Specific areas to be covered.**
- Recognise common dental problems in all ages of dogs and cats
- Perform effective and safe dental prophylaxis
- Give advice on effective means of homecare
- Identify and manage the challenges of anaesthetising the dental patient
- Take diagnostic dental radiographs

Nurses can play a significant role in the dental health of dogs and cats. This course will cover the common dental diseases seen in practice throughout the life of the pet. It will give practical advice on examining the oral and dental structures efficiently, producing a comprehensive dental chart, taking intra-oral dental X-rays and performing periodontal hygiene procedures (scaling, polishing, sub-gingival debridement). Homecare options will be discussed in detail, and workshop elements will be included to consider the challenges of anaesthetising the dental patient, and creating effective dental clinics.
The Collapsed Dog

date.  Thursday 1st December 2016
       (9.30am – 4.30pm)
venue.  Menzies Stourport Manor Hotel
        Kidderminster DY13 9JA
price.  £195 + vat (£234)
speaker.  Holly Witchell
         RVN CertVNECC
         Senior ICU Nurse, Bristol Vet School

This course is suitable for nurses who want to feel more at ease with how they approach an acute emergency situation. A dog presents at your practice acutely collapsed - where do you start? What nursing considerations should you give to this patient? What areas do you assess first?

This course will cover possible causes of collapse, how to assess your patient and monitor their parameters and how you can use your skills and knowledge to benefit these types of patients.

Veterinary Acupuncture and Natural Feeding

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        Kidderminster DY13 9JA
price.  £195 + vat (£234)
speaker.  Veerle Dejonckheere
         MRCVS, Integrated Veterinary Care, Bristol

Acupuncture and raw food diets can be important components of modern integrated veterinary care. This course will give you an overview of how they can be used in regular small animal practice. The first part of the day will focus on acupuncture. We will discuss the underpinning neurophysiology and the principles of point selection. A qualified VN can perform acupuncture as a Schedule 3 procedure under the direction of an MRCVS in the practice. It can be used by VNs as part of pre and post surgery nursing programmes, for geriatric patients and in pain management or physical rehabilitation plans.

The second part of the day will focus on natural feeding and raw food diets. We will discuss the principles, the evidence, the benefits and the potential pitfalls. Raw food diets can be used to support treatments for a variety of chronic health issues.
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