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Anaphylaxis Education Programme

About

This National Anaphylaxis Education Programme (HSE) prepares Health Care Provider (HCP) to recognize, treat and manage anaphylaxis in hospital and community settings.

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses, Midwives, Doctors, Dentists.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning, one module on HSEland, National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for healthcare professionals and a workshop incorporating practical and case scenarios.

Once completed the on-line component must be renewed 2 yearly.

Can external applicants apply?

Yes – please contact amoro@svhg.ie or 01221 4716 for more information.

*A charge may apply .

Pre requisites

Current BLS certificate, within last 2 years.

National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for healthcare professionals, on HSEland, within 3 weeks of the workshop.

Mandatory for staff who administer vaccinations

Distinguishing anaphylaxis from other common adverse reactions to vaccination

(Adapted from Health Protection Agency, UK)

Syncope (Faint)	Anxiety attack	Breath holding episode	Anaphylaxis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good central pulse, may be bradycardic • Respiration continues • Pallor • Warm, clammy skin • Unusual in pre-school children • No upper airway oedema • No itching • Patient regains consciousness when lying down 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May appear fearful • Usually tachycardic • Hyperventilation • Pallor • Complaint of tingling of face and extremities • Complaint of feeling light-headed, dizzy or numb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly in young children • Generally distressed/ crying prior to episode • Facial flushing and perioral cyanosis • Can briefly become unconscious during which breathing returns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poor central pulses, usually tachycardia • Upper airway oedema, sneezing • Bronchospasm, may be audible wheeze or stridor • Urticaria • Itching • Sense of impending doom • Flushing/sweating • Cold skin • Patient does not revive when lying down

Cost:

Free for internal applicants & CHO 6 (covered by NMPDU funding)

€50

Number of places available:

4 places available

Frequency:

Monthly, more frequently according to service need

Closing Date:

2 weeks beforehand

Duration:

1.5 hours

**NMBI
3 CEUs**

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane, RNT, skeane@svhg.ie

Bookings: Ana Moreno, (01) 2214716; amoreno@svhg.ie

Intravenous Medication Administration Programme

About

This course focuses on best practice and SVUH policy on the storage, preparation and administration of intravenous medication by nurses. It also examines the routes of intravenous administration (PVC, CVAD) and applies local policy in accessing and administering medication via these routes.

Who is it aimed towards?

Staff Nurses who are required to obtain competence in the administration of Intravenous Medications

Who is eligible?

These learning units are suitable for registered nurses.

How is it delivered?

All the theory is undertaken by the participant through self directed learning units via MyView and followed up with a practical workshop.

The on-line learning units are

- LU-Nurse-00101 Aseptic Non Touch Technique ANTT®
- LU-Nurse-00102 Intravenous Medication Administration Policy and Preparation of Intravenous Medications
- LU-Nurse-00103 Central Venous Access Devices (CVAD)
- LU-Nurse-00104 Intravenous Medication Calculations

All staff undertaking the IV Medication workshop are also required to complete: National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for healthcare professionals on HSEland. Clinical competence is to be achieved in order to obtain certification.

External applicants certificate of theory and attendance only.

Can external applicants apply?

Yes



Cost:

€85 for external applicants
Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

12 places available

Frequency:

Monthly

Closing Date:

Two weeks prior to workshop in order to complete the learning units before attending

Duration:

5 hours SDL online learning followed by 4 hour workshop
8 weeks to complete clinical competency

NMBI
9 CEU's

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Maria Slattery, NT, m.slattery@svuh.ie
Or Jody O'Reilly, CNM2, (01) 221 4232; jody.oreilly@svuh.ie
Bookings: Ana Moreno, (01) 2214716; amoreno@svhg.ie

Care of a Totally Implanted Vascular Access Device

About

This course focuses on best practice and SVUH policy on care and management of total implanted vascular access devices (TIVAD's).

Who is it aimed towards?

Staff Nurses who are required to obtain competence in accessing and de-accessing TIVAD's.

Who is eligible?

These learning units are suitable for registered nurses who are caring for patients with TIVAD's .

How is it delivered?

All the theory is undertaken by the participant through self-directed learning units via MyView and followed up with a practical workshop.

The on-line learning units are

- LU-Nurse-00101 Aseptic Non Touch Technique ANTT®
- LU-Nurse-00103 Central Venous Access Devices (CVAD)
- LU Nurse -00194- Care and Management of Totally implanted Vascular Access Device

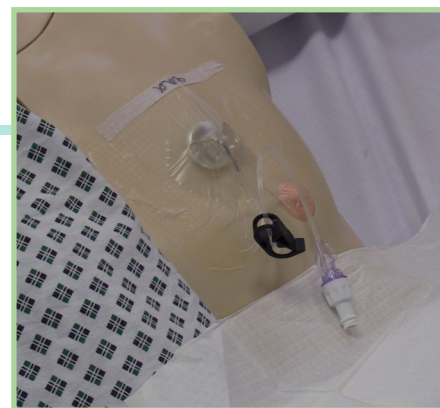
Participants attend a workshop where they commence supervised practice of accessing and de-accessing the TIVAD.

Clinical competence is to be achieved in order to obtain certification.

External applicants certificate of theory and attendance only.

Can external applicants apply?

Yes



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

6 places available

Frequency:

Three times a year

Closing Date:

Two weeks prior to workshop in order to complete the learning units before attending

Duration:

5 hours SDL online learning followed by one hour workshop

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane RNT skeane@svhg.ie

Bookings: Ana Moreno, (01) 2214716; amoreno@svhg.ie

Administration of Parenteral Nutrition (PN)

About

These three learning units and associated competence will assist the RGN in developing the skills to care for patients receiving Parenteral Nutrition. The learning units for the education programme are listed below; all three units must be done in sequence. Throughout the units are quiz questions to test your learning.

Who is it aimed towards?

Staff nurses & CNM's who care for patients receiving PN

Who is eligible?

RGN who have already completed their Intravenous Medication Administration Clinical Competence.

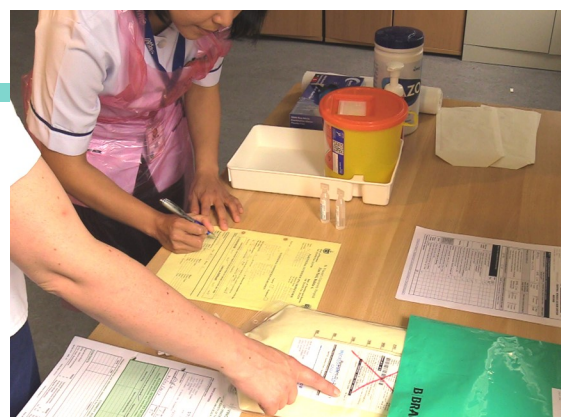
How is it delivered?

- ♦ LU-Nurse-00101 Aseptic Non Touch Technique
- ♦ LU-Nurse-00103 Care of a Central venous Access Device
- ♦ LU-Nurse-00183 Administration of Parenteral Nutrition
- ♦ Competency Assessment

Once you have completed all three learning units the certificates are emailed to the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will send a competency document to the staff and link with the clinical assessor who will arrange for your competency to be assessed. On completion of competency, please return your assessment booklet to the NEC for final certification.

Can external applicants apply?

Only SVUH staff can apply



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

Unlimited

Frequency:

Not applicable

Closing Date:

Not applicable

Duration:

2 hours on-line

8 weeks to complete competence

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Jody O'Reilly, CNM2, (01) 221 4232; jody.oreilly@svuh.ie

Administration of Ganciclovir by Nurses

About

This learning unit is aimed at enhancing nurses' knowledge, skills and understanding of evidence-based principles and practice in the safe administration of Ganciclovir.

Who is it aimed towards?

Staff nurses & CNM's who care for patients receiving Ganciclovir in general ward areas.

Who is eligible?

RGN who have already completed their Intravenous Medication Administration Clinical Competence and work in an area where the administration of ganciclovir is required.

How is it delivered?

- ♦ LU-Nurse-00141 The Administration of Intravenous Ganciclovir by Nurses in General Areas
- ♦ Competency Assessment

Once you have completed the learning unit the certificate is emailed to the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will send a competency document to the staff and link with the clinical assessor who will arrange for your competency to be assessed. On completion of competency, please return your assessment booklet to the NEC for final certification.

Can external applicants apply?

Only SVUH staff can apply



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

Unlimited

Frequency:

Not applicable

Closing Date:

Not applicable

Duration:

2 hours on-line

8 weeks to complete clinical competency

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane RNT skeane@svhg.ie

Venepuncture and Cannulation Workshop

About

The aim of this course is to assist the RGN in developing the skills necessary to perform Venepuncture and Cannulation in clinical practice

Who is eligible?

- This course is suitable for registered nurses who have completed an approved educational programme on the Management and Administration of Intravenous Medication (SVUH Certificate or Dublin Academic Teaching Hospitals - DATHs).
- Have obtained approval to undertake the programme from Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM) / Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), as an appropriate person to expand their role to include peripheral Venepuncture and cannulation.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning approach, theoretical component of this programme completed on HSEland prior to workshop attendance.

They are listed as follows on HSEland:

- AMRIC Prevention of Peripheral and Central Venous Catheter Related Infections
- Performing Peripheral Intravenous Cannulation on an adult.
- Performing Venepuncture on an Adult

On site workshop followed by competency assessment at ward level. Full certification is awarded following completion of clinical competence at ward level.

Can external applicants apply?

Yes, but availability may depend on SVUH service need and associated demand for places.



Cost:

€85 for external applicants
Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

6 places available

Frequency:

bi-monthly

Closing Date:

Two weeks prior to commencement

Duration:

3.5 hour workshop

NMBI
5 CEU's

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Marie Daly, (01) 2215614; mariedaly@svhg.ie

Bookings: Ana Moreno, (01) 2214716; amoreno@svhg.ie

Tracheostomy Care Skills Education Programme

About

This is a blended learning approach to tracheostomy care encompasses the holistic care for a patient with a tracheostomy tube while enhancing the participants knowledge and skills.

Who is eligible?

- Registered Nurses
- Physiotherapists
- Speech & Language Therapists

How is it delivered?

Blended learning; two on-line learning units followed up with a two hour in house workshop and competency.

Can external applicants apply?

Yes, but availability may depend on SVUH service need and associated demand for places.

External applicants certificate of theory and attendance only.



Cost:

€85 for external applicants
Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

4 places available

Frequency:

Workshops every Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm

Closing Date:

Two weeks prior to workshop in order to complete the learning units before attending

Duration:

4 hours total.
SDL 2 hrs. & workshop 2 hrs.

NMBI
8 CEUs

For more details contact: Jissa P George, CNM2, 01-2214268 jissaGeorge@svhg.ie

Co-ordinator: Grace Walsh

Peritoneal Dialysis Skills Education Programme

About

The education programme is designed to enhance participants' academic knowledge and clinical skills in peritoneal dialysis to provide an out-of-hours emergency service.

Who is it aimed towards?

This programme is aimed at Registered General Nurses (RGN) working on St. Patrick's ward in SVUH.

Who is eligible?

- RGN working on St. Patrick's ward
- RGN with approval to undertake the programme from Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM) / Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON), as an appropriate person to expand their role to include Peritoneal Dialysis.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning format consisting of completion of an online learning unit on peritoneal dialysis followed by attendance at a skills workshop facilitated by the Clinical Nurse Specialist (Renal Therapies).

Can external applicants apply?

No. The programme is designed to meet a service need only.



Cost:

Free

Number of places available:

6 places

Frequency:

According to service need

Closing Date:

Two weeks prior to workshop in order to complete the learning units before attending

Duration:

Online learning unit: 2 hours (self-directed learning)

Workshop: 4 hours

NMBI
6 CEUs

For more details contact: Sarah Keane, RNT, (01) 2214873 ; skeane@svhg.ie

Co-ordinator: Jaspreet Kaur, CNS Renal Therapies

Cardiac Rhythm Recognition Skills

About

The primary focus of this course is on the development of practical nursing skills in Electrocardiograph (ECG) basic rhythm interpretation.

During the course the participants will gain the knowledge required to interpret a normal ECG waveform using a systematic approach. They will also learn how to interpret the most common Atrial and Ventricular arrhythmias, and the immediate first line nursing management of the patient.

On successful completion of the online learning Units, a clinical workbook and theoretical exam each participant will be awarded a St. Vincent's University Hospital Certificate.

Who is eligible?

Post Graduate Nurses working in the clinical areas in SVUH where ECG interpretation is required.

How is it delivered?

Theoretical component;

The theoretical component is delivered in the form of learning units. Participants must complete four learning units in-advance of attending the supportive workshops. Admittance to the workshops will not be permitted if all learning units are not completed.

The skills component;

The skills component is delivered in the form of workshops, facilitated by clinical experts

Can external applicants apply?

St. Michael's and St Vincent's Private Hospital are also facilitated on the learning units



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

Number of places available:

10 places available

Frequency:

Every second month

Closing Date:

1 month prior to commencement

Duration:

The course is run over two days from:

08:00 – 11.30 approximately

NMBI
15 CEUs

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Orpha Walsh, RNT, (01) 221 4548; o.walsh@st-vincents.ie

Bookings: Ana Moreno, (01) 2214716; amoreno@svhg.ie

Male Catheterisation Programme

About

This blended learning approach will provide the theory and practical skills necessary for Registered Nurses to safely perform male urethral catheterisation in accordance with St Vincent's University hospital evidence based policy.

Who is it aimed towards?

All Registered Nurses who require male catheterisation as a skill in their clinical practice.

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses in SVUH who currently work in the Emergency Department and on the Urology (Charles) ward.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning, four self directed learning units followed up with a workshop.

With a follow up supervised competency assessment in the clinical area (SVUH) by an experienced assessor.

Can external applicants apply?

External applicants can apply through Co-Ordinator.

Please note: Nomination of a clinical assessor must be in place to supervise and complete a local competency document.

* a charge may apply – please contact co-ordinator to discuss skeane@svhg.ie



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

A charge may apply to external organisations -€85

Number of places available:

6 places available

Frequency:

Depending on service-need – variable

Closing Date:

Four weeks in advance of commencement due to pre-course work.

Duration:

Workshop 2 .5 hours

NMBI
6 CEU's

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane, RNT, (01) 2214873 ; skeane@svhg.ie

Supra Pubic Catheter (SPC) Programme

About

This blended learning approach will provide the theory and practical skills necessary for Registered Nurses to safely care for a patient with a suprapubic catheter (SPC) in situ. Successful completion of this programme will enhance the quality and safety of patient care in the hospital, community or in the patients' own home in accordance with St Vincent's University hospital (SVUH) evidence based policy.

Who is it aimed towards?

All Registered Nurses who require SPC care as a skill in their clinical practice.

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses in SVUH who currently work in the Emergency Department and on the Urology (Charles) ward.

How is it delivered?

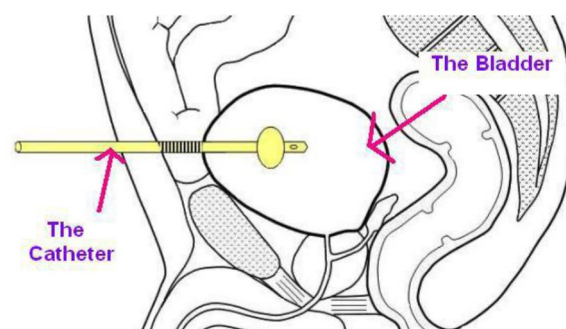
Blended learning, one self directed learning unit followed up with a workshop. **This programme is completed in-conjunction with the Male Catheterisation Programme.** With a follow up supervised competency assessment in the clinical area (SVUH) by an experienced assessor.

Can external applicants apply?

External applicants can apply through Co-Ordinator.

Please note: Nomination of a clinical assessor must be in place to supervise and complete a local competency document.

* a charge may apply – please contact co-ordinator to discuss skeane@svhg.ie



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

A charge may apply to external organisations -€85

Number of places available:

6 places available

Frequency:

Depending on service-need – variable

Closing Date:

Four weeks in advance of commencement due to pre-course work.

Duration:

Workshop 2 .5 hours

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane, RNT, (01) 2214873 ; skeane@svhg.ie

Non-Invasive Ventilation Education Programme

About

The Non-Invasive Ventilation (NIV) blended-learning education programme has NMBI Category 1 Approval and runs over 10-12 weeks. It is designed to enhance participants' theoretical knowledge and clinical skills for the safe and effective care of patients in receipt of non-invasive ventilation.

Who is it aimed towards?

RGNs working in clinical areas designed for the management of patients in receipt of NIV: Emergency Department, St. Paul's Ward, St. Patrick's Medical Observation Unit, St. Brigid's Liver & Transplant Unit, Cardiology Department, St. Christopher's Ward, St. Joseph's Acute Care Unit.

Who is eligible?

Nurses working in one of the above clinical areas, who express interest to the CNM2 or Clinical Facilitator, and are approved by the Assistant Director of Nursing.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning course comprising:

- ◆ Self-directed online Learning Units
- ◆ Skills Workshop
- ◆ Supervised Clinical Practice
- ◆ Assessment of Clinical Competencies

Can external applicants apply?

No.

NMBI
10.5 CEUs



Cost:

Free

Number of places available:

6 places available

Frequency:

Depending on service-need – variable

Closing Date:

Variable – contact Course Coordinator for further details

Duration:

10-12 weeks in total

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Anto Jayasundar, NT, (01)221 4543 , ajjayasundar@svhg.ie

Nursing Management of Gastrostomy, Jejunostomy, & Nasogastric Tubes Programme

About

This blended learning approach will provide the theory and practical skills necessary for Registered Health Care professionals to safely care for patients with a Gastrostomy tube, Jejunostomy tube or Nasogastric tube, in accordance with St Vincent's University hospital evidence based policy.

Who is it aimed towards?

All Registered Nurses and Dietitians who care for patients with a Gastrostomy, Jejunostomy or Nasogastric Tubes in their clinical practice.

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses and Dietitians.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning, two self directed learning units followed up with a two hour workshop using simulation.

Can external applicants apply?

External applicants can apply through Co-Ordinator.

* a charge may apply – please contact co-ordinator to discuss skeane@svhg.ie



Cost:

Free for internal applicants

A charge may apply to external organisations -€85

Number of places available:

12 places available

Frequency:

Depending on service-need – variable

Closing Date:

2 weeks in advance of commencement due to pre-course work

Duration

2 hours

NMBI
3 CEUs

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane, RNT, (01) 2214873 ; skeane@svhg.ie

Wound Management Programme incorporating IR Drains and Pressure Area Care

About

This blended learning approach will provide the theory and practical skills necessary for Registered Nurses to:

- ⇒ assess, manage and prevent Pressure Areas,
 - ⇒ assess and manage Wounds
 - ⇒ manage Interventional inserted Drains
- in accordance with St Vincent's University hospital evidence based policy.

Who is it aimed towards?

All Registered Nurses

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses.











How is it delivered?

Blended learning, five self directed learning units followed up with a 2.5 hour workshop.

Can external applicants apply?

External applicants can apply through Co-Ordinator.

* a charge may apply – please contact co-ordinator to discuss skeane@svhg.ie

DRESSING SELECTION		
THESE DRESSING SUGGESTIONS ARE FOR ALL OPEN WOUNDS E.G. SKIN TEARS, BURST BLISTERS, LEG ULCERS, PRESSURE ULCERS		
Goes on all wounds:		& 
Necrotic/ Sloughy:		& 
Infected: Stop using once signs of infection have gone (usually 3-4 days)		& 
Large ooze: (i.e. at least daily changes) Stop using once ooze reduces		& Wound pad
Cavity/deep wounds:		& 
Odour:	Dressing (don't use gels) and then on outside use this.	& 



- Change dressings twice a week **max** unless they are wet or fall off
 - Only use Adaptic and Allevyn on wounds on toe/heel/foot unless TVN, Vascular or Plastic surgeons instruct otherwise
 - **DO NOT dress red areas**
 - Only ever use wound pads over Aquacel
 - DO NOT use gauze as a dressing/cover
 - Try a dressing selection for a minimum of **2 weeks** and then reassess (i.e. measurements, amount of tissue types in the wound bed) to see if it is working!
 - Allevyn Life can be used if the patient does not have paper thin skin
 - Adaptic only stops other dressings from sticking to the wound- what is over it is the dressing that will "do the work"
 - Use TG fix to secure non-adhesive dressings. Try to avoid using bandages
 - Do not dress cellulitis- wounds can be dressed once cellulitis resolves
- Deirdre Cornally, TVN, April 2018*

Cost:

Free for internal applicants

A charge may apply to external organisations -€85

Number of places available:

12 places

Frequency:

Depending on service-need – variable

Closing Date:

2 weeks in advance of commencement due to pre-course work

Duration

2.5 hours

NMBI
11 CEU

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane, RNT, (01) 2214873 ; skeane@svhg.ie

Simultaneous Pancreas-Kidney (SPK) Transplant Programme

About

This blended learning approach will provide the theory and practical skills necessary for Registered Nurses to safely assess and manage patients receiving a simultaneous pancreas kidney transplant in accordance with St Vincent's University hospital evidence based policy.

Who is it aimed towards?

All Registered Nurses

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses working in St Bridget's ward.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning, five self-directed learning units followed up with a 2.5 hour workshop.

Can external applicants apply?

No. The programme is designed to meet a service need only.



Cost:

Free

Number of places available:

6 places

Frequency:

Depending on service-need variable

Closing Date:

2 weeks in advance of commencement due to pre-course work

Duration

SDL 19 hrs and 2.5 hour workshop

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Marie Daly, (01) 2215614; mariedaly@svhg.ie

Liver Transplant Anaesthetic Nurse Training programme

About

This programme is designed for experienced anaesthetic nurses who will be working as part of a designated liver transplant team. Course content provides the theory and practical skills necessary for Registered Nurses to safely be part of the Liver Transplant Team and will be able to participate in the Liver Transplant On-Call Rota.



Who is it aimed towards?

Registered Nurses new to the liver transplant theatre.

Who is eligible?

Registered Nurses.

How is it delivered?

Blended learning, clinical practice under supervision, completion of clinical competencies

- ◆ Self-directed online Learning Units
- ◆ Supervised Clinical Practice
- ◆ Assessment of Clinical Competencies

Once you have completed the learning units the certificates are emailed to the co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will send a competency document to the staff and link with the clinical assessor who will arrange for your competency to be assessed. On completion of competency, please return your assessment booklet to the NEC for final certification.

Can external applicants apply?

No

Cost:

Free

Number of places available:

N/A

Frequency:

Variable, depending on service need

Closing Date:

N/A

Duration

6 hours SDL

NMBI
35 CEUs

For more details contact:

Co-ordinator: Sarah Keane, RNT; skeane@svhg.ie

