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### **Patient handovers**

Nurses and technicians play a vital role in the transfer of patient information between shift changeovers, teams and clinics. Structured handovers in the format of checklists such as ISBAR have been endorsed by the WHO and routinely used in human healthcare settings for some time. This session will take a closer look at how the nursing team can work towards standardising their patient handover, in order to maximise effective transfer of information and reduce misinformation that could lead to a medical error.

### **Airway management in the ICU**

Nurses and technicians working in the ICU will manage a range of patients with artificial airways such as brachycephalic patient with tracheostomy tubes and intubated patients such as those undergoing mechanical ventilation. This session will explore difficult airway techniques which can be used during endotracheal intubation and management of the ET or tracheostomy tube once in situ. There will be practical tips shared that can be implemented in the clinic for such patients to help reduce the risk of complication associated with such devices.

### **GDV patient care: preparation to recovery with a twist!**

**\*\* JOINT SESSION WITH NATASHA SUMMERFIELD\*\***

Gastric dilation and volvulus is a surgical emergency requiring prompt identification, stabilisation and intervention. Nurses and technicians play an important role in these cases from taking the phone call from the worried owner, through to nursing the patient at every step of their journey through the hospital. This joint session will focus on the initial assessment and stabilisation techniques used to make the patient a safer candidate for anaesthesia and how to create a holistic post operative care plan to support the critical patient during their recovery.

### **Beyond the blood – nursing considerations for the haemoabdomen**

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Cats and dogs can present to the clinic with a haemoabdomen secondary to a range of different causes. Some patients may only be mildly affected, whereas others can be critically unwell. Nurses and technicians will often be involved in the stabilisation, workup and management of these cases whether they are managed surgically or medically. This session will focus on the considerations from arrival to discharge of this group of patients, and how nurses play an important role in key aspects of management such as blood transfusion therapy and intensive nursing interventions.