



# SEMVA TECHNICIAN CE Early Registration Form

Program

- Ophthalmology • 10/2/2024** \$40.00
- Transfusion Medicine • 11/13/2024** \$40.00
- Client Handling: Tips & Tools • 12/11/2024** \$40.00
- Anesthetic/Perioperative • 02/12/2025** \$40.00
- Complications**
- Recover Protocol for CPR • 03/12/2025** \$40.00

► Please indicate your preference upon registration.

- Virtual Meeting
- In Person

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**CONTINUING EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR  
TECHNICIANS OF SEMVMA MEMBERS  
See details inside!**

Veterinary  
Technician



Ophthalmology

October 2, 2024

Transfusion Medicine

November 13, 2024

Client Handling:  
Tips & Tools

December 11, 2024

Anesthetic/  
Perioperative  
Complications

February 12, 2025

Recover Protocol for  
CPR

March 12, 2025

## SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION CENTER

Management Education Center • 811 West Square Lake Road • Troy, MI (248) 879-2456 • <http://www.mectroy.com/>

Sign-in & dinner for the lecture begins at 5:45 p.m.; lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Early-bird registration for the lecture will cost \$40.00/lecture. You must RSVP to ensure a meal & proceedings. *If you are staff of a SEMVMA member, see below.*

The SEMVMA is offering free attendance to the technician continuing education series. Our policy is that for each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member can attend each of the seminars at no expense. The cost for additional staff members or for the staff of non-SEMVMA members is our regular charge of \$40.00.

In order to receive the benefit of no charge for attendance, the staff member must RSVP 48 hours or more in advance. **If a staff member qualifies for the free attendance to the seminar and RSVPs but does not show, the member practice will be billed for the \$40.00.** The reason for this is the expense the association incurs for the dinner and printing in anticipation of the number of attendees. There will be no exceptions.

Please contact the SEMVMA office at 248-651-6332 for information regarding cancellation of a seminar due to weather. A message will be placed on the answering machine IF a seminar has been cancelled.

## OPHTHALMOLOGY

Kate Myrna, DVM, MS, DACVO

October 2, 2024

Kate Myrna received her BA from Vassar College in 1998. She received her DVM from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine in 2004. After a rotating internship in Saskatchewan and specialty internship, Dr. Myrna completed a Residency and Master's degree in Comparative Ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin in 2010. Dr. Myrna has been teaching at the University of Georgia since the completion of her residency. She has been recognized for her teaching and engaging lecture style through the Zoetis Distinguished Teaching award, multiple student teaching awards and a Lilly Teaching Fellowship. In 2020 she received the VMX speaker of the year award for small animal. As all academicians do, Dr. Myrna balances teaching, mentoring residents, leading the ophthalmology service and furthering research. Dr. Myrna has authored or co-authored over 65 research abstracts and journal articles as well as multiple book chapters. Her research focuses on corneal wound healing, tear dynamics and the role of cortisol in corneal health. Dr. Myrna is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists.

### A selection of topics Dr. Myrna will discuss include:

What do the numbers mean? Have you struggled with getting and interpreting a Schirmer Tear Test? How about making your tonometer work consistently? In this session we will review the fundamentals of ophthalmic diagnostics including when to do them, when to skip them and when to doubt the results. Even fluorescein can lead you astray when dealing with deep or atypical ulcers! We will go through a number of cases and decide if the tests match the presentation. I will also answer all of your burning questions about ophthalmic testing! Dog Vision: What do they see. Does my dog see in black and white? Are cataracts a normal aging change? How well can we assess vision? How well do dogs actually see? In this session we will answer all of these questions and more! Learn about the color-blindness of dogs and cats. Thrill to the mysteries of testing if cats can see. Go through some cases and see if you can figure out why the patient is blind!

## TRANSFUSION MEDICINE

Kari Beer, DVM, DACVECC November 13, 2024

Dr. Beer is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency Critical Care (DACVECC). She obtained her veterinary degree from Michigan State University in 2009, and completed a one-year internship in small animal medicine and surgery and a three-year residency in small animal emergency and critical care medicine at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Following her residency, Dr. Beer worked in academia for several years as a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania and as an assistant professor at Michigan State University. She was thrilled to come back home to Michigan and join OVRS in December 2017.

Dr. Beer has been published in the Journal of the American Veterinary

Medical Association and the Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, and is actively involved in staff education and textbook contributions. She loves to teach and lectures at the national level in emergency and critical care. Her interests include: trauma, resuscitation and sepsis.

**A selection of topics:** Come and learn about the basics of transfusion medicine with us! We will review blood transfusion guidelines for dogs and cats including blood typing, types of blood products, indications for transfusion and how to administer blood products. We'll also delve into some case examples with interactive discussion that will focus on some exciting (and crazy!) cases.

## CLIENT HANDLING: TIP & TOOLS FOR TECHS, FRONT OFFICE STAFF & VETERINARIANS, SKILLFULLY NAVIGATING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS WITH COMPASSION

Annette Engler, LVT, CVPM, CCRP

December 11, 2024

Annette joined Union Lake Veterinary Hospital in 1995 as a veterinary technician. In 2000, she achieved the title of Certified Veterinary Practice Manager. In 2001, Annette co-founded Michigan's first canine rehabilitation center and became Michigan's first Certified Canine Rehabilitation Practitioner. Her current role at Union Lake Veterinary Hospital is Hospital Administrator. The facility has grown from a 2 ½ doctor practice to a full-service veterinary hospital complex offering general medicine, complementary medicine, physical rehabilitation, boarding kennel, daycare, training and grooming services. Annette continually strives to offer new and interesting services to their clients. She also enjoys being a consultant and mentor to fellow veterinary

technicians, owners and managers. As a certified DiSC trainer, Annette gets great satisfaction coaching and mentoring on team-building, conflict resolution and development of veterinary teams. She is passionate about providing exceptional care to companion animals and is proud to lead the team!

**A selection of topics Annette will discuss include:** Specifically managing challenging clients for technicians and front desk staff as well as common concerns that the front desk may face daily including lack of availability for appointments and other "pull your hair out" topics.

## ANESTHETIC/PERIOPERATIVE COMPLICATIONS; FELINE PAIN & ANALGESIA/ANESTHESIA

Sheilah Robertson, DVM, BVMS (Hons), CertVA, PhD, DACVAA, DECVAA, DACAW, DECAWBM (AWSEL), FRCVS

February 12, 2025

After graduating from the University of Glasgow Dr. Robertson spent time in mixed animal practice then as a surgery intern followed by specialized training in anesthesia and analgesia including a PhD at Bristol University (United Kingdom). She is board certified in anesthesia and in animal welfare by the respective American and European Colleges. She has been a faculty member at the University of Saskatchewan, Michigan State University, and the University of Florida. In 2019 she received her certification as a Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine Palliative and End-of-Life practitioner by the Chi Institute of Chinese Medicine and holds a certificate in small animal acupuncture. She has published widely on the recognition and alleviation of acute pain in companion animals

and been a member of numerous practice guidelines committees for the American Animal Hospital Association, the American Association of Feline Practitioners, the International Society of Feline Medicine, and the World Small Animal Veterinary Association. She is the senior medical director of Lap of Love Veterinary Hospice, a large network of veterinarians dedicated to end-of-life care. Dr Robertson is a courtesy lecturer at the University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine.

**A selection of topics Dr. Robertson will discuss include:** Perioperative care of cats; How to recognize pain and create analgesic and anesthetic plans for diagnostic and surgical procedures. Keeping patients safe during anesthesia: how to recognize, prevent and treat common problems.

## RECOVER PROTOCOL FOR CPR

Mallory Olson, LVT, VTS

March 12, 2025

Mallory joined the Oakland Veterinary Referral Services (OVRS) emergency team in 2007 and worked as a veterinary assistant in the emergency department while completing the veterinary technician program at Macomb Community College. She earned her veterinary technician license in 2010 and went on to complete her VTS in emergency and critical care in 2014. In 2015, Mallory joined the OVRS critical care department, where she developed a passion for nutrition with a focus on critically ill patients. She earned her VTS in nutrition in 2018. Her interests include assisted feeding (feeding

tubes and intravenous nutrition), transfusion medicine, and toxicology. Mallory and her family share their home with 4 cats (Kora, Uno, Ursula, and Earl) and a terrier mix named Ranger.

**A selection of topics that Mallory will discuss include:** Aspects of BLS (basic life support), ALS (advanced life support) and post arrest patient management. Positioning and technique for chest compressions and ventilation. Intravenous access, drug therapies, defibrillation, transfusion, other considerations. Team approach to CPR and Post arrest patient care.