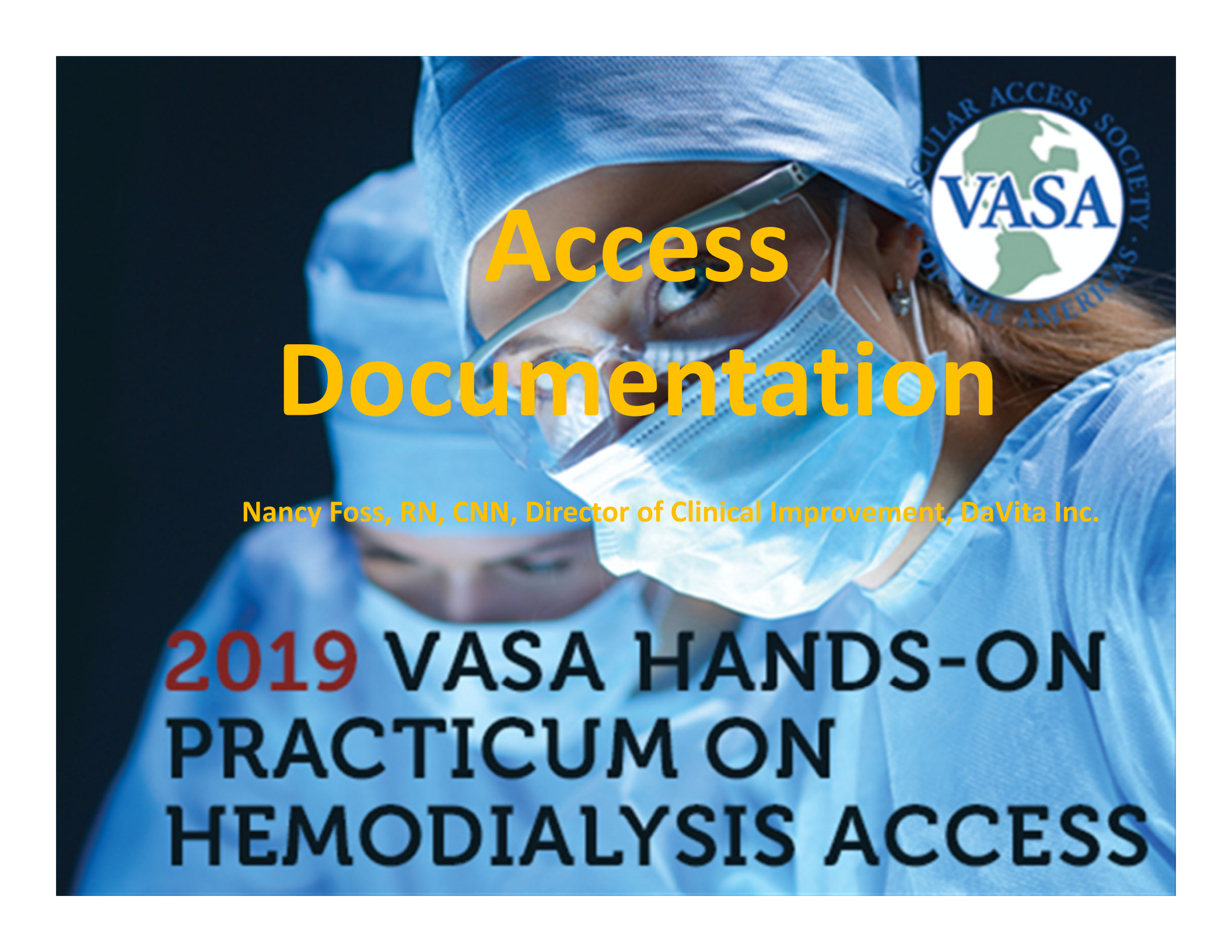




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2019 VASA HANDS-ON
PRACTICUM ON
HEMODIALYSIS ACCESS

Conflict of Interest:

- Employee of DaVita



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Do We Really Have To???

Your patient's medical record serves several purposes

- * It's a legal document required by law and other regulatory bodies
- * It's a communication vehicle that tells the patient's story while he or she received care at a facility
- * It's often used for implementing quality improvement initiatives
- * It's the most credible evidence in legal proceedings on whether the care given to the patient met the legal standard of care



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Vascular Access: Conditions for Coverage Requirements

V551: The vascular access must be monitored to help prevent access failure, including monitoring for symptoms of stenosis and if identified require timely referral for intervention



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Situation

Background

Assessment

Recommendation



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BESTIPS

Bleeding

Erosion

Stenosis

Thrombosis

Infection

Pseudo-aneurysm

Steal Syndrome

Infiltrations

Multiple cannulations



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- Type of access
- Location
- Recent procedures/
Interventions
- Recent **relevant** history
 - Changes in bruit/thrill
 - High venous/arterial pressures
 - Prolonged bleeding
 - Hypotension
 - Difficulty cannulating
 - Infiltrations



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Appearance:

Aneurysm/Pseudo-aneurysm -
shiny or clear skin

Bruising
drainage

Color of skin around access –
Edema present

Evidence of site rotation
AVF flattens with raised arm y/n

Auscultation:

Bruit soft whoosh or pulsatile
Changes over access in pitch?
Whistle?

Palpation:

Temperature
Quality of thrill



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Don't forget to enter
any orders you
receive!



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Clinical Documentation is Critical for Quality Improvement

- Accurate
- Timely
- Reflect the scope of care provided



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Documentation is Your Best Defense in Legal Proceedings

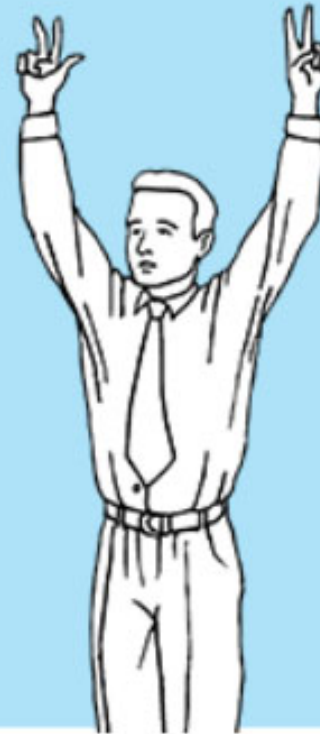


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I came.
I cared.
I charted.

Happy Nurses Week.

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