Vascular Access Task Force

This is a multidisciplinary group working to standardize how we place, secure, and care for vascular access devices in our organization.

The goal is to ensure consistent care practices to:

* Minimize risk of infection
* Minimize risk of accidental displacement
* Quickly identify and treat complications i.e., infiltrations or extravasations
* Consistently employ all 4 comfort measures with every placement.
* Reduce the number of “pokes” patients are exposed to

**Progress to date**

- Increased resources available for assistance with placement
- Standardized securement
- Elimination of all slip tip connectors
- Simplified treatment protocol for extravasations/infiltrations

**In the works**

- Creating an algorithm for selection of the appropriate line
- Consolidation and revision of all vascular access policies and clinical standards to reflect best practice, and to make them quickly accessible and useful in clinical practice.