



**Venue: VCA ARECA 1648 N. Country Club Dr. Mesa - 85201**  
**Dinner - 6:30pm | Lectures 7:00pm - 8:00pm**

Approved for 1 CE hour by Arizona Academy of Veterinary Practice

**February 29th - Michelle Green, CVT**

**Edition II - Med Math and Beyond: Medical Math for Technicians**

This course reviews the fundamentals of medical math & is designed to help technicians learn to work through the types of calculations frequently performed by technicians/assistants. We will be covering basic conversions, CRI calculations, drip rates, maintenance fluid rates, percent solutions & much more.

**March 21st - Lianne Chung, CVT**

**"Rattlesnake envenomation: A Tech's guide to Triage"**

In this lecture we will be discussing rattlesnake envenomation. This will be a general overview of clinical signs, diagnostic indicators & therapy involved in caring for our patients with an emphasis on how we as technicians can triage efficiently. Rattlesnake envenomations happen to our most curious patients and being able to quickly identify these wounds can help us provide the best care possible.

**April 25th - Melanie Fecke-Stoudt, CVT**

**Hyperthyroidism: Too Much of a Good Thing**

This lecture will be an overview of hyperthyroidism in feline patients. Feline hyperthyroidism is an extremely common endocrine disease that affects many senior feline patients. We will discuss clinical signs, diagnosis, & treatment options, emphasizing the radioactive iodine option & explain in detail this treatment.

**May 16th - Jessie Laguna, CVT, VTS (SAIM)**

**"Understanding Diabetes in Dogs and Cats, a Technicians Perspective"**

This lecture will provide a comprehensive overview of diabetes in dogs and cats. The speaker will delve into the most common clinical signs, emphasizing the vital role of good nursing care & history taking in managing this condition. The lecture will cover various insulin therapies & treatment options. We will discuss the different monitoring devices used in the management of diabetes in pets. The attendees will learn about the importance of client education, providing owners with the knowledge and tools needed to support their diabetic pets.

**June 6th - Sarah Kamens, CVT**

**"Canine Parvovirus - The Technician's Role"**

In this lecture we will be discussing the highly contagious Canine Parvovirus that affects so many of our patients in the valley. We will briefly discuss the disease itself, and then focus primarily on diagnosis and all aspects of hospitalization care from intake to discharge. We will discuss all of treatment options for this disease, including outpatient therapy.

**September 19th - Jackie Anderson, CVT**

**Don't Panic!: Triage from the Veterinary Technician's Perspective**

Triage is "the preliminary assessment of patients or casualties in order to determine the urgency of their need for treatment & the nature of treatment required." One of the most important roles of the veterinary technician, whether in a general practice, specialty, or urgent care/emergency hospital is triaging patients prior to them being seen by a veterinarian & deciding in what order patients need to be assessed by a doctor. This lecture will go over some of the most common critical emergencies seen in companion animals, how to recognize them, & first steps you can take as a technician to provide optimal & appropriately prioritized care.

**August 22nd - Samantha Janke, CVT**

**So Your Feline's on the Fritz: Happy Handling in the Hospital**

This lecture will be an overview of handling and managing feline patients that are hospitalized. Confidence is key when working with feline patients, so let us help you build it! We will discuss different holding techniques, assessing temperament and pain, and learning to love the little lion.