

BIOSKETCH SOPHIE HARNAGE

Sophie Harnage, RN, BSN, VA-BC currently is an Independent Vascular Access Consultant. Sophie retired in 2015 from her position as Clinical Educator of Infusion Services at Sutter Roseville Medical Center in Roseville, (Sacramento) California. She had held this position in which she managed both the Inpatient Vascular Access Team and the Outpatient Infusion Center, since November 2005.

Sophie has published in various journals describing Strategies for Reducing Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSIs), including development and implementation of specialized Vascular Access Teams. She has been chosen for a number of honors and awards for her work on the elimination of (CLABSIs), in addition to being chosen as one out of 20 leaders in the country who make healthcare better. She has presented both nationally and internationally, and was well known for bringing nurses from around the country to her facility for further training and education.

Notably, Sophie led the PICC team that developed the “Bundle,” which had resulted in zero CLABSIs in over 18,000 PICC lines since implementation in 2006 thru December 2014. This improved patient safety and satisfaction, and had become the cornerstone of a CLABSI reduction bundle. Achieving Zero CLABSIs is a passion for Sophie as she continues to strive for delivery of better, safer care.