



Vascular Access Roadshow to Empower Excellence in Care

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BACKGROUND

- ❖ The need for vascular access education and practice standardization has grown due to high turnover and an influx of new nurses.
- ❖ Through our nurse residency program and council structure, our 1,139-bed acute care hospital learned that nurses felt a lack of knowledge, skill, and confidence to empower implementation of best practices.
- ❖ In-person education facilitates active engagement and fosters connection and teamwork, which can positively impact patient care, nurse satisfaction and retention.

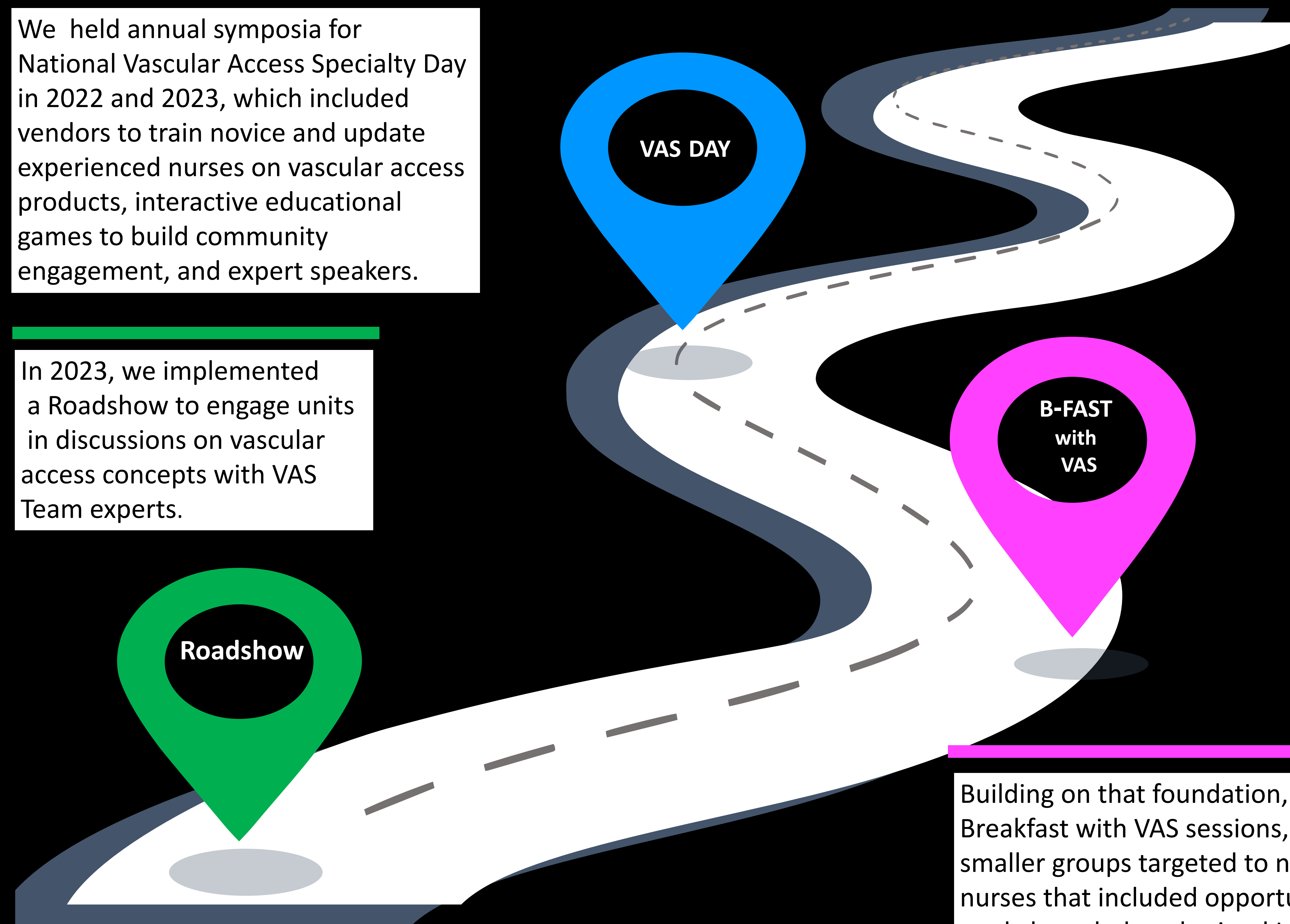
PURPOSE

- ❖ To empower clinical nurses to implement best practices in vascular access for the reduction of central line infections, our Vascular Access Team (VAS Team) deployed a multipronged engagement and education strategy, including a Vascular Access Roadshow, Breakfast with VAS, and VAS Day Symposia.
- ❖ To highlight the educational efforts of VAS Team in educating nurses and other clinicians.

METHOD

We held annual symposia for National Vascular Access Specialty Day in 2022 and 2023, which included vendors to train novice and update experienced nurses on vascular access products, interactive educational games to build community engagement, and expert speakers.

In 2023, we implemented a Roadshow to engage units in discussions on vascular access concepts with VAS Team experts.

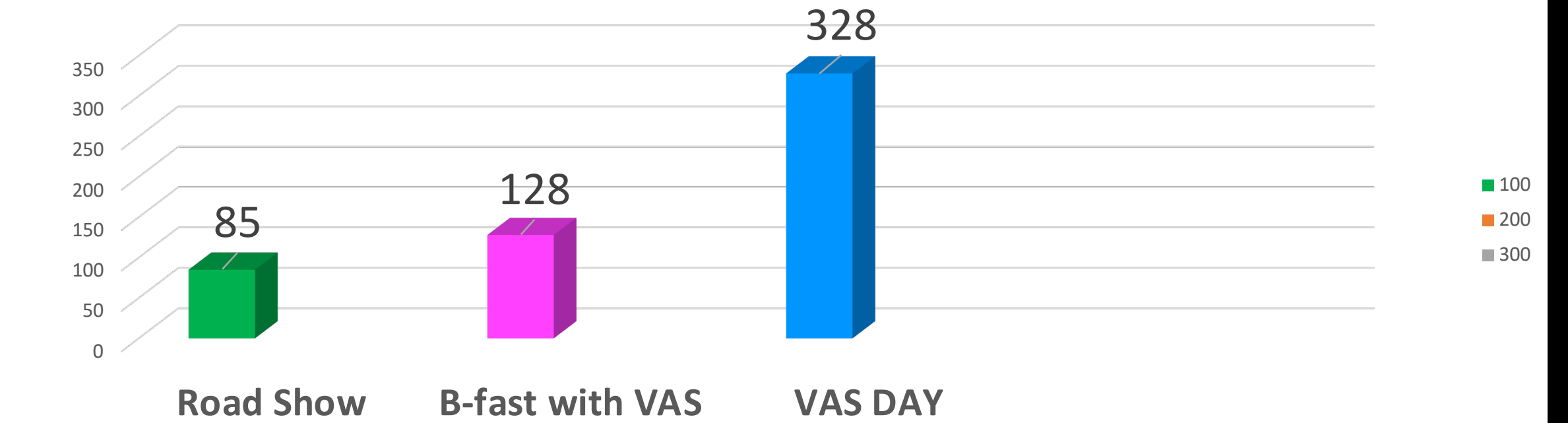


Building on that foundation, we held Breakfast with VAS sessions, which were smaller groups targeted to newly hired nurses that included opportunities to apply knowledge obtained in the Roadshow through demonstrations and hands-on practice of skills such as CVAD dressing change and line access for IV infusion and blood draw.

RESULTS

- ❖ VAS Team successfully educated a total of 541 nurses and other clinicians during 2022 to 2023.

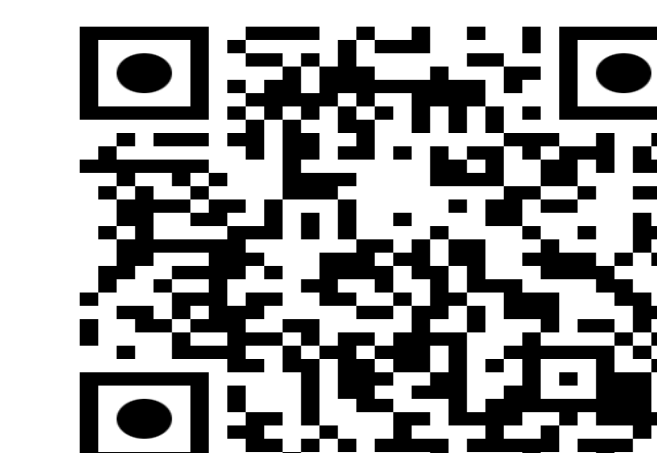
Participants for VAS Road Show 2022-2023



CONCLUSION

- ❖ Using a multipronged strategy and building rapport, we have been able to reach a growing number of clinicians each year.
- ❖ A nurse-led VAS Team is equipped to spread knowledge, skills, and confidence to support clinicians in following best practices for vascular access.

REFERENCES/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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