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VIROX TECHNOLOGIES AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VETERINARY TECHNICIANS IN AMERICA LAUNCH NEW PROGRAM TO CREATE INFECTION PREVENTION LEADERS

Hospital-associated infections (HAIs) in veterinary medicine can result in damaging health, financial and social consequences affecting patients, clients and staff. Over a 5-year period, 82% of veterinary teaching hospitals reported at least one outbreak while 45% experienced multiple outbreaks.ⁱ However, according to a paper on HAIs published in *Veterinary Clinics of North America: Small Animal Practice*, it is estimated that 10%-70% of HAIs can be prevented with the help of better infection prevention practices resulting in safer workplaces.ⁱⁱ To advance infection prevention best practices, the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) in partnership with Virox Technologies, have launched The Infection Prevention Leader Certificate Program.

An online program designed to provide animal care professionals with the knowledge needed to reduce the risk of spreading infection and create a safer workplace for their team, patients and clients, the Certificate Program consists of four complimentary RACE approved courses which include:

- Infectious Disease Control: Pathogens & Disease Transmission
- Infectious Disease Control: Infection Prevention
- Infectious Disease Control: Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization
- Infectious Disease Control: Implementation & Communication

Upon completion of the four courses, students will receive a Certificate as well as five CE credits. Enrollment in the program is complimentary to all animal care professionals.

“Veterinary professionals are on the frontlines fighting diseases on a daily basis. Arming them with infection prevention best practices is now more important than ever” comments Founder and CEO of Virox Technologies, Randy Pilon. “As a leader in setting new standards in disinfection and infection prevention, Virox Technologies is proud to work with NAVTA on this exciting new program.”

“In partnering with Virox, NAVTA intends that this certificate course gives veterinary team members a better understanding of HAIs and their prevention” said Jamie Rauscher, President of NAVTA. “In addition, the opportunity to make the course free to all team members is something that we readily agreed to make it more accessible to everyone.”



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NAVTA members can access the course now and its first graduates are expected to receive certificates in early 2024. For more information on the program visit <https://navta.net/infection-prevention-program/>

About NAVTA

NAVTA is a US-based not-for-profit membership community of more than 8,500 Credentialed Veterinary Technicians, Veterinary Assistants, and other veterinary support staff involved in veterinary care.

NAVTA advances the profession of veterinary technology and veterinary nursing through its advocacy and awareness programs, and by providing continuing professional development opportunities. NAVTA supports the veterinary technology and veterinary nursing profession with a host of programs and benefits, available at <https://www.navta.net/membership/>

About Virox Technologies Inc.

Virox Technologies Inc. is a disruptive chemical engineering and disinfectant innovator who set a new standard in disinfection in 1998 with the patented technology, Accelerated Hydrogen Peroxide®. Since then, we have continued to innovate and deliver the world's safest, most effective, and eco-conscious disinfectants and elevate the understanding of proper disinfection and infection prevention. Our trusted technologies and products are relied on in more than 70 countries across human and animal health industries, eliminating dangerous pathogens and providing a safer and greener alternative for people, animals, and the planet. www.virox.com

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ⁱ <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18764716/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7132463/>