



SEMVMA TECHNICIAN CE Early Registration Form

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| ☐ Nutrition • 10/14/2026 | \$40.00 |
| ☐ Oncology • 11/11/2026 | \$40.00 |
| ☐ Dentistry • 12/2/2026 | \$40.00 |
| ☐ Neonatology • 02/3/2027 | \$40.00 |
| ☐ Feline Medicine • 03/17/2027 | \$40.00 |

Please indicate your preference upon registration.

☐ Virtual Meeting (Please provide an email address for each attendee)

☐ In Person

Total \$ _____

Name _____

Clinic _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Visa/Mastercard: _____

Exp. Date: _____

3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature: _____

Make check payable to SEMVMA, and send this form with payment to:

Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association
P.O. Box 4030
Southfield, MI 48037

Any questions can be directed to:
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**CONTINUING EDUCATION BENEFITS FOR
TECHNICIANS OF SEMVMA MEMBERS
See details inside!**

Veterinary
Technician



Nutrition

October 14, 2026

Oncology

November 11, 2026

Dentistry

December 2, 2026

Neonatology

February 3, 2027

Feline Medicine

March 17, 2027

SEMINARS WILL BE HELD AT THE MANAGEMENT EDUCATION CENTER

Management Education Center • 811 West Square Lake Road • Troy, MI 48068-6511 • <http://www.mectroy.com/>

Sign-in & dinner for the lecture begins at 5:45 p.m.; lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. The seminars will conclude at 8:30 p.m. Early-bird registration for the lecture will cost \$40.00/lecture. You must RSVP to ensure a meal & proceedings. *If you are staff of a SEMVMA member, see below.*

The SEMVMA is offering free attendance to the technician continuing education series. Our policy is that for each SEMVMA member in your practice, one technician or staff member can attend each of the seminars at no expense. The cost for additional staff members or for the staff of non-SEMVMA members is our regular charge of \$40.00.

In order to receive the benefit of no charge for attendance, the staff member must RSVP 48 hours or more in advance. **If a staff member qualifies for the free attendance to the seminar and RSVPs but does not show, the member practice will be billed for the \$40.00.** The reason for this is the expense the association incurs for the dinner and printing in anticipation of the number of attendees. There will be no exceptions.

In the advent of severe weather, attendees may contact the office at SEMVMAsecretary@gmail.com to change their registration to virtual attendance.

NUTRITION

Deborah Linder, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Nutrition)

Sponsored by: Royal Canin **October 14, 2026**

Deborah Linder, DVM, MS, DACVIM (Nutrition), is a board-certified veterinary nutritionist and Clinical Associate Professor at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University, where she also earned her DVM. Dr. Linder's interests include talking about evidence-based nutrition everywhere from classrooms to exam rooms. She loves engaging the entire veterinary team to make nutrition information fun, helpful, and easily accessible to all. Her recent research has focused on safe and effective weight loss strategies for pets as well as developing and evaluating nutrition curriculum in veterinary schools. She is also Co-Director of the Tufts Initiative for Human-Animal Interaction and co-founder of the pet nutrition website www.petfoodology.org.

Some of the topics that Dr. Linder will discuss include: To cook or not to cook: talking with owners about fresh, raw, and home-prepared diets. Turning pet food conversations from salty to sweet: tools for your nutrition communication toolbox. The lighter side of obesity: creative strategies for 'weight'y discussions.

ONCOLOGY

Danielle DeCormier, LVT, VTS (Oncology) **November 11, 2026**
Sponsored by: Zoetis

Danielle DeCormier, BS, LVT, VTS (Oncology), is a VTS, speaker, author, and clinical education leader. She is the Director of Clinical Services Education at MedVet, where she leads training strategy and technician development across a national network of specialty and emergency hospitals. Danielle speaks nationally and internationally on oncology, chemotherapy safety, training and education, well-being,

and leadership. She is a past president of the Michigan Association of Veterinary Technicians, Director-at-Large for Oncology with AIMVT, and co-chair of the Michigan LVT Scope of Practice Task Force.

Some of the topics Danielle will discuss include: Walks like a duck, talks like a duck...: common approaches to uncommon diseases. Everyday guide to caring for chemo patients.

DENTISTRY

Amy Thomson, DVM, DABVP
Sponsored by: Hill's

December 2, 2026

Dr. Amy Thomson, known as "Toothy Thomson" is a diplomate of the American Veterinary Dental College since 2021; she graduated from the Ontario Veterinary College in 2012 and practiced as a GP veterinarian for 4 years before doing a residency in dentistry at the University of Madison-Wisconsin. She understands the need for dentistry education and training and is passionate about teaching dentistry skills and knowledge to veterinary teams. She currently runs a

mobile practice in Toronto bringing specialty care to GP clinics and loves the daily opportunities to share her expertise with the teams she visits. While she loves all aspects of dentistry she is especially fond of horizontal elevation, maxillo-facial tumor excisions and client education.

Some of the topics that Dr. Thomson will discuss include: Taking dental radiographs. Regional nerve blocks.

NEONATOLOGY

Samantha McCormick, BS, LVT
Sponsored by: Dechra

February 3, 2027

Sam McCormick earned a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Michigan State University and an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology from Macomb Community College. She began her career at a large general and emergency veterinary practice with a strong focus on reproductive medicine, where she developed a passion for canine reproduction and breeding management. Since 2017, Sam has served as a Breeding Specialist with

Leader Dogs for the Blind. In this role, she oversees the health and well-being of the organization's breeding dogs, supports volunteer host homes through their dog's pregnancy and litter rearing, and provides reproductive care that contributes to the success of the breeding program and the future of guide dogs.

Some of the topics that Sam will discuss include: Reproduction. Neonatal Care.

FELINE MEDICINE

Petra Cerna, DVM, PhD, DACVIM (SAIM), Dipl ECVIM-CA, DABVP (Feline), MANZCVS (Cats), CertAVP (SAM-F), MRCVS, AFHEA, AdvCertFB
March 17, 2027
Sponsored by: Stokes Pharmacy

Dr. Cerna is an ACVIM and ECVIM diplomate in Small Animal Internal Medicine as well as ABVP (Feline) diplomate and RCVS Recognized specialist in Feline Medicine. She graduated from the University of Veterinary Sciences in the Czech Republic in 2018 where she also obtained her first PhD in 2023. She completed Small Animal Internal Medicine Residency at Colorado State

University, USA in 2023 and her second PhD focusing on feline infectious peritonitis in 2025. She has particular interest in feline medicine and is focusing her research on feline infectious diseases and especially FIP and is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia.

Some of the topics that Dr. Cerna will discuss include: FIP. Cat-friendly handling and feline behavior.