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**The Association for Vascular Access and National Home Infusion Association Collaborate to  
Deliver New Benefits to NHIA Members**

Alexandria, VA – (July 17, 2018) – The Association for Vascular Access ([AVA](#)) and the National Home Infusion Association ([NHIA](#)) today announced a collaborative relationship that establishes a foundation for jointly advancing patient care while also reducing AVA membership fees for NHIA members.

“NHIA is committed to supporting the advancement of the home infusion field and the professionals who are working to improve patient outcomes. The relationship with AVA will open the door to exciting new resources and serve as a valuable benefit to our members,” said NHIA Vice President for Clinical Services Jennifer Charron. “We are thrilled to collaborate with AVA, whose focus on advancing vascular access, a critical component in delivering infusion therapy, aligns with the association’s efforts to enhance patient care.”

As part of the collaboration, NHIA members will receive a 15% discount on the annual fee that unlocks AVA member benefits, which include subscriptions to the *Journal of the Association for Vascular Access* and *Intravascular Quarterly* e-newsletter, access to the AVA Learning Center, reduced board certification fees, discounted college tuition and AVA Annual Scientific Meeting registration.

“AVA’s multidisciplinary membership represents every layer of the vascular access continuum including home infusion, a vital and growing component in patient care,” said AVA CEO Ramzy Nasrallah. “Vascular access doesn’t always end when a patient is discharged from the hospital. In many cases, it’s the beginning. NHIA and AVA can work together to bring standardization to a fragmented continuum of care, enhance clinician competence, improve patient healthcare literacy and upgrade safety, comfort and cost-effectiveness around the most common invasive procedure in all of medicine.”

NHIA members who become AVA members gain access to numerous benefits, but also become more entrenched in the broader, multi-disciplinary vascular access community.

“AVA is determined to protect the vascular access patient from insertion through the completion of therapy – or if it’s a chronic patient, for life,” said AVA Director of Outreach Beth Gore. “Home infusion has an important voice in the vascular access continuum, and we are excited and determined to give NHIA members that platform at AVA.”

NHIA members can visit [www.joinAVAnow.com](http://www.joinAVAnow.com) to take advantage of all the great benefits associated with becoming an AVA member.

[The Association for Vascular Access \(AVA\)](http://www.joinAVAnow.com) was founded in 1985 to promote the emerging vascular access specialty. Today, AVA stands at the forefront of protecting and saving lives via establishing best practices and promoting patient advocacy. AVA’s multidisciplinary membership advances research, provides professional and public education to shape practice and enhance patient outcomes, and partners with the device manufacturing community to bring about evidence-based innovations in vascular access. To learn more or join, visit <http://www.joinavanow.com/>

The National Home Infusion Association (NHIA) is a trade association that represents companies which provide infusion therapy to patients in their new homes, as well as companies that manufacture and supply infusion and specialty pharmacy products. Infusion therapy involves patient-specific compounded medications, supplies and a range of pharmacy, nursing and other clinical services for delivering care to patients in the home setting. For more information, visit the association at <http://www.nhia.org/>

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