



PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

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A new look with the same quality you expect from PICC Excellence!



If you've visited our website lately, you've seen that it looks a little different! We've been hard at work improving the user experience with a fresh new look and a more focused learning experience, allowing users to customize their user license packages and target courses that feature the material you need to learn. View our [tutorial videos](#) to help you navigate new sections of the site.

[Let us know](#) what you think!



OUR NURSES. OUR FUTURE.

International Council of Nurses
The economic power of care

Mark your calendars to celebrate nurses in May!

National Nurses Week - May 6-12

National Nurses Day - May 6

International Nurses Day - May 12

In May, nurses are celebrated nationwide and worldwide. May 6-12 is National Nurses Week, starting on the 6th with National Nurses Day and culminating in International Nurses Day on May 12 in honor of Florence Nightingale's birthday.

The theme for National Nurses Day is "Nurses Make the Difference," honoring the incredible nurses who embody the spirit of compassion and care in every health care setting.

The theme for International Nurses Day is "The Economic Power of Care," noting the impact of qualified, well-supported nurses in creating healthy people and driving a robust economy.

DEVICE TALKS BOSTON

Innovative Tech Helping Ease Healthcare Staffing Shortages

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If you're in the Boston area, join Dr. Moureau for a panel discussion about nursing staffing shortages and the impact of device improvements on patient safety and clinician management at the Device Talks conference on May 2.

[Register](#)

The Future of Medicine: PICC Excellence UGPIV Mastery Program

The PICC Excellence [UGPIV Mastery Program](#) was featured on the Future of Medicine blog. Dr. Moureau and instructor Jon Bell discuss the benefits of the comprehensive training program, which became the first educational program to be recognized with a Seal of Approval from the Infusion Nurses Society.

[Read the Full Article](#)

IV Therapy and UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshops in Greenville, SC

This summer, step up your skills by earning an IV Therapy or UGPIV Mastery Certificate. We have two one-day workshops in Greenville, SC for clinicians to complete an in-person demonstration and skills assessment for each mastery program. The IV Therapy Workshop includes access to the complete [IV Therapy Mastery certificate bundle](#) for one year, and the UGPIV Workshop includes access to the [UGPIV certificate bundle](#).

IV Therapy Mastery Workshop meets State Board of Nursing requirements for initial IVT training.

IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshop: [June 3](#)

UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshop: [June 17](#)

More dates coming soon!



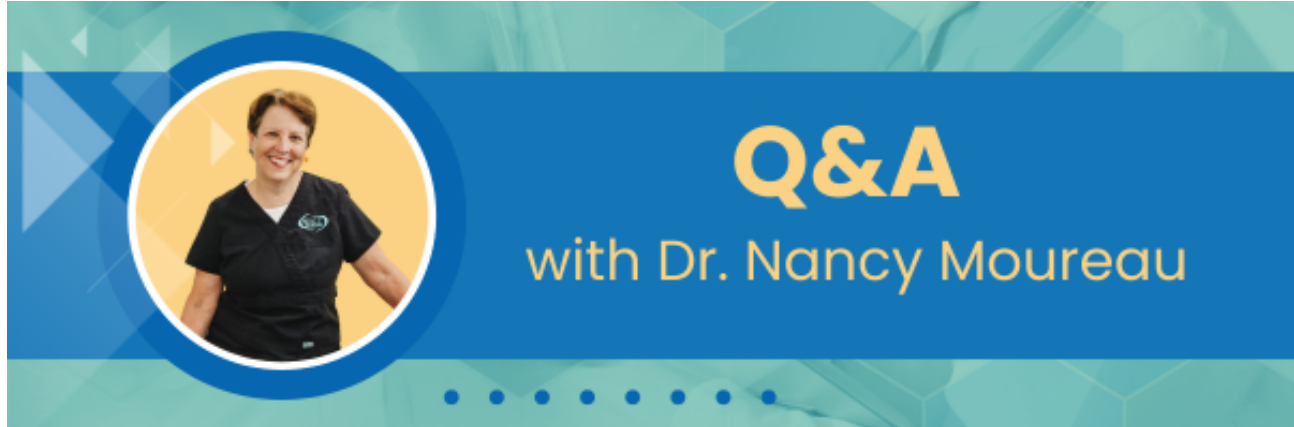
Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop in Atlanta May 9-10, 2024

Join us for two days of intensive PICC training!

Day 1 covers the review and discussion of an essential PICC insertion and a practicum with simulated insertions.

Day 2 integrates ultrasound assessment and guided access into the overall PICC insertion procedures.

August 22-23
More 2024 dates TBD



QUESTION

According to European Recommendations for Proper Indication and Use of Peripheral venous access (ERPIUP) consensus we now need to insert all long peripheral catheters (LPC) and midline catheters under the use of maximal barrier precautions. Currently we insert them with sterile gloves, ultrasound probe in sterile cover and sterile drape with opening for all above mentioned. Does it apply also to insertion of a LPC that doesn't involve the Seldinger technique?

ANSWER

There is limited evidence supporting the superiority of using Surgical Aseptic Non Touch Technique (ANTT) for LPC vs Standard ANTT with ultrasound probe barriers or covers. My opinion is: it comes down to technique and good application of standard ANTT for LPC. Surgical Sterile with smaller drapes should be more than adequate for midlines.

INS standards suggest using standard ANTT for simple PIVC insertions and surgical ANTT for more complex insertion techniques like Seldinger. ERPIUP standards state, "When inserting an LPC or an MC, apart from the adoption of proper hand hygiene and skin antisepsis with 2% chlorhexidine in 70% isopropyl alcohol, the use of maximal barrier precautions (mask, cap, sterile gown, long sterile cover for the ultrasound probe, wide sterile field) is also recommended."

Each facility will need to decide which policy they will follow and provide education and training for inserters - preferably with some accountability observing compliance with policies.

Shadowing and Training Opportunities for Clinicians



Tacoma, Washington - Pediatric

This precepted experience focuses on training for pediatric PICC, midline and UGPIV insertions. Attendees have the opportunity to observe AND perform supervised insertions with the host hospital's vascular access specialist trainer.

This one-on-one five-day workshop is scheduled based on dates of your choosing and coordinated with the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

Precepted and Shadowing Opportunities in Tacoma, Washington

Lewiston, ME - Adult

In this five-day live insertion training experience, attendees will receive intensive training for PICCs, Midlines, UGPIV, and specific ultrasound education for adult patients.

The training can be scheduled on dates of your choosing and will be coordinated between the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

Precepted and Shadowing Opportunities in Lewiston, Maine

Paterson, NJ - Adult

During this advanced three-day training experience attendees will have the opportunity to observe a variety of vascular access procedures, which may include UGPIV, Midlines, PICCs, Axillary CVADs, Mid-Thigh Femoral & Jugular catheters.

This training can be scheduled on dates of your choosing and will be coordinated between the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

Training and Shadowing Opportunities in Paterson, New Jersey

Before you go...leave us a review on Google!

Did you get the best value and the best learning experience from the PICC Excellence courses that you've taken? Let us know by leaving us a review like this one from a recent Lewiston workshop:

"The vascular access team was amazing to work with, extremely helpful and knowledgeable. They were able to provide me with many tips and techniques to be successful."

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