



PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

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We're lucky to work with you!

Being in business for 30 years isn't just luck: it's the result of hard work and building strong relationships with our peers in vascular access. Thank you for choosing PICC Excellence for your continuing education needs!

Next month, you will get to experience the new PICC Excellence website. It will have 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.

[Let us know](#) what features you would like to see!

AMERICAN NURSES CREDENTIALING CENTER

CELEBRATE

CERTIFIED NURSES

MARCH 19

March 19: Certified Nurses Day

For all the clinicians who have worked hard to earn CPUI, CNPI or other credentials to further your career, we salute you for your dedication to excellence in the profession!

Certified Nurses Day falls on the birthday of Margretta Styles, who was a leading figure in the development of nursing certifications. If you're a certified nurse, take a moment to celebrate your accomplishments!



Planning for the Future

Our team is scattered across the country, but we were able to gather in person a few weeks ago for a strategic planning session at our headquarters in Hartwell, GA. We developed some great ideas that you'll get to see going forward!

The Advantages of Hydrogel Catheters: An Expert Review by Dr. Nancy Moureau

Dr. Moureau recently published a comparison of hydrophilic biomaterial hydrogel catheters and how they can reduce patient complications when used in PICC insertions. This expert report outlines the complications such as venous thrombosis, catheter occlusion, infection, and explores how hydrogel composite catheter materials can mitigate these risks. By addressing thrombotic cellular adherence, these fully hydrated catheter materials offer a solution to reduce catheter failure and generate significant cost savings by promoting longer catheter function without complications. Overall, hydrogel materials show promise in enhancing patient safety by minimizing cellular adherence and thrombotic complications associated with catheters.

Read the Full Article

Introducing Pearls of Wisdom: A Quarterly Feature Reflecting on 30 Years of PICC Excellence



With decades of hands-on industry experience, Dr. Moureau has seen how much the field of vascular access has evolved over time. Breakthroughs like new vascular access devices and products that make vascular access more accessible for clinicians have improved patient outcomes and reduced costs.

These observations will be shared with you quarterly, starting with the innovations in vascular access in the last 30 years. Keep an eye on your inbox for these special messages!

IV Therapy and UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshops in Greenville, SC

If you're interested in earning your IV Therapy or UGPIV Mastery Certificate, we have a series of one-day workshops in Greenville, SC for clinicians to complete an in-person demonstration and skills assessment. The IV Therapy Workshop includes access to the complete [IV Therapy Mastery course bundle](#) for one year, and the UGPIV Workshop includes access to the [UGPIV Mastery Toolbox](#).

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

IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshop Dates: [April 8](#) and [June 3](#)

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

More dates coming soon!



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

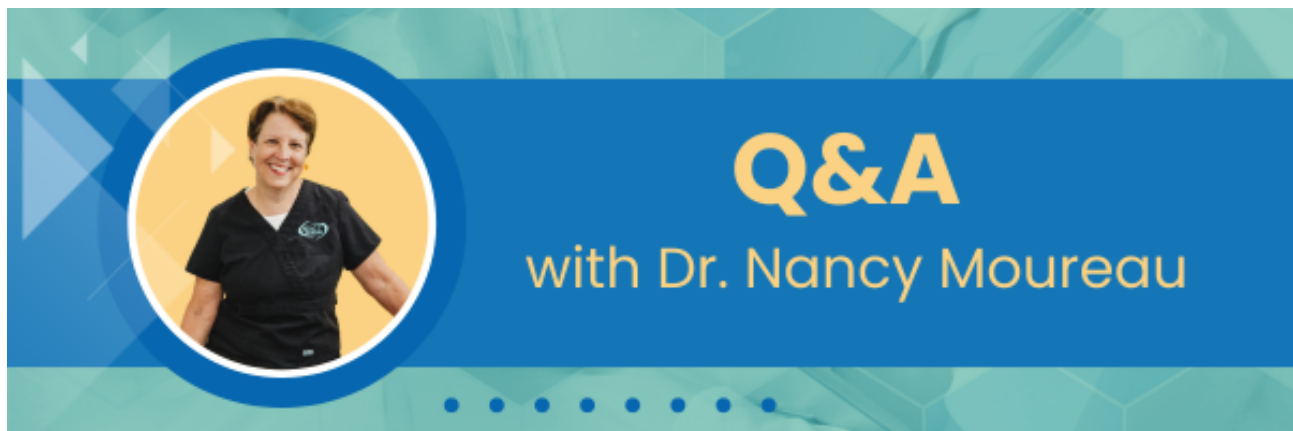
Join us for two days of intensive PICC training!

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.

Register

August 21-22 (registration link coming soon)
More 2024 dates TBD



QUESTION

Are there absolute contraindications for PICCs, especially for deep vein thrombosis risk? How might this apply to quadriplegic patients?

ANSWER

There are a variety of studies that indicate an increased risk of thrombosis associated with insertion of a PICC with a patient having a history of thrombosis.

The best approach is to speak with the ordering physician and discuss the risk of thrombosis recurrence with the second PICC. In some cases the risk can be as high as 70% for recurrence in any other upper extremity vein (does not matter that the thrombosis is in another vein).

For quadriplegic patients selection of the best device depends upon the ongoing need for intravenous treatment. Use of PICCs for treatment over and over is problematic, with cost adding up over time: PICCs are designed for short to medium term treatment, not long-term or chronic treatment.

Circulation is impaired with quad patients making it a contraindication depending on the level of impairment. Patients with conditions that cause muscle atrophy and impaired use of an extremity typically also have poor circulation. Can these extremities be used for PIVs, Midlines or PICCs? The answer is yes, but risk of complications is definitely higher.

Knowledge of the contraindication is used to consider the safest type of vascular access device for the patient. Limitations and contraindications require the health care clinician to pause in thought, give consideration to the risk and possible complications and if necessary proceed with the PICC/Midline insertion with caution.

Learn alongside a team!



Precepted Pediatric Training Opportunities in Tacoma, Washington

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

Adult Vascular Access PICC/Ultrasound Precepted Training in Lewiston, ME

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

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

Central Vascular Access Device and Ultrasound Training with Shadowing & Observation in Paterson, NJ

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 onsite neonatal workshop:

"We really enjoyed the PICC workshop held at our hospital! We had an awesome instructor and we learned so much from her! We would love to have her come back in the fall to teach the other half of our group." - Mary

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