

## PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE LEADER IN VASCULAR ACCESS EDUCATION

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We hope you're having a great summer! We've been busy training clinicians so they can improve patient outcomes and train their peers.

Get a glimpse of one of our recent Ultrasound Guided Peripheral IV Mastery workshops in Greenville with Dr. Moureau in the picture above. Everyone is working on the Three Stages of the Needle, which ensures success in accessing the vein. Here's what a couple of the clinicians said about their workshop day:

*"I work in a rural hospital with limited resources. This has greatly increased my knowledge of ultrasound, which gives us an option that is safer and less invasive."*

*"It reviewed everything I had previously learned and I was able to go through step-by-step how to use the ultrasound. The simulation was fabulous."*

You too can learn UGPIV, connect with other clinicians, and have some fun by attending an upcoming workshop. Remember, the Infusion Nurses Society first Seal of Approval was given to the PICC Excellence Ultrasound Guided PIV Mastery Learning Course which is the backbone of the workshops!

[Register](#)



## Attend A Mastery Learning Workshop

A workshop gives you the opportunity to fine tune what you have learned from your online courses through simulated practice and mentoring. The Workshop includes continuing education credits and access to the workshop's prerequisite online courses along with their resources for one year. Workshops allow you to complete your skills assessment and in-person demonstration for an IV Therapy or Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV (UGPIV) Mastery Certificate.

IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate Bundle | UGPIV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate Bundle

IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate Bundle meets most State Board of Nursing requirements for initial IVT training.

**IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshops | Greenville, SC:**

- August 26
- October 28
- December 9

**UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshops | Greenville, SC:**

- August 27
- October 29
- December 10

## Standardize your vascular access training.



### Benefits of a Multi-User Site License for Managers

As a manager, you can invest in your team and provide needed departmental education through a [multi-user site license](#). The multi-user site license grants a group of learners access to the selected PICC Excellence courses. The courses can then be completed on any computer and from anywhere – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by the department's staff.

#### Some of the benefits are:

- You can customize your staff's education (pick the courses you want them to do).
- You have standardized education and competencies which assist you in regulatory compliance.
- You can track staff's progress through the Review License Usage link.
- You have the flexibility to add more courses anytime to your department's educational profile.

*For example: Start with Vessel Health and Preservation in January then add Neonatal PICC in the spring, next add ultrasound-guided peripheral IV in the fall for continuous educational growth.*

- You assist your staff in gaining their required state or certification CEs.

Common multi-user site license packages focus on one of the topics below:

- [IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate](#)
- [Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate](#)
- [Vessel Health & Preservation](#)
- [Adult PICC Insertion Training](#)
- [Pediatric PICC Training](#)
- [Neonatal PICC Training](#)

The PICC Excellence team is happy to provide support with setting up a tailored multi-user site license or implementing one of the multi-user site licenses above.

[Get Started](#)



## Soaking Up the Sun or Avoiding the Sun?

Whatever your choice - why not earn some CEs! Take PICC Excellence courses from wherever you are: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

[Course Catalog](#)

**AVA 2024**

**REGISTRATION OPEN**  
Denver, Colorado  
September 28-30, 2024  
Pre-Meeting: September 27

## See You at AVA! | September 28-30, Denver, CO

Conferences are a great way to connect with colleagues in the industry and to learn about new techniques, products and best practices.

The PICC Excellence team will be at the Association for Vascular Access Annual Meeting in September. Come by and visit with us in booth 316.

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**Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop**  
August 22-23, 2024

Join us for TWO DAYS of intensive PICC training!

**Day 1:** Discuss and review the essentials of a PICC insertion plus do some simulated insertions.

**Day 2:** Integrate ultrasound assessment and guided access into the overall PICC insertion procedures and simulated practicum.

Sign up for the August 22 & 23rd session or register for the last 2024 workshop which is October 17 & 18th. The first workshop of 2025 is January 23 & 24th.

## Register

Next Workshop:

[October 17-18](#)

## 2025 Dates Announced!

[January 23-24](#)

[March 24-25](#)

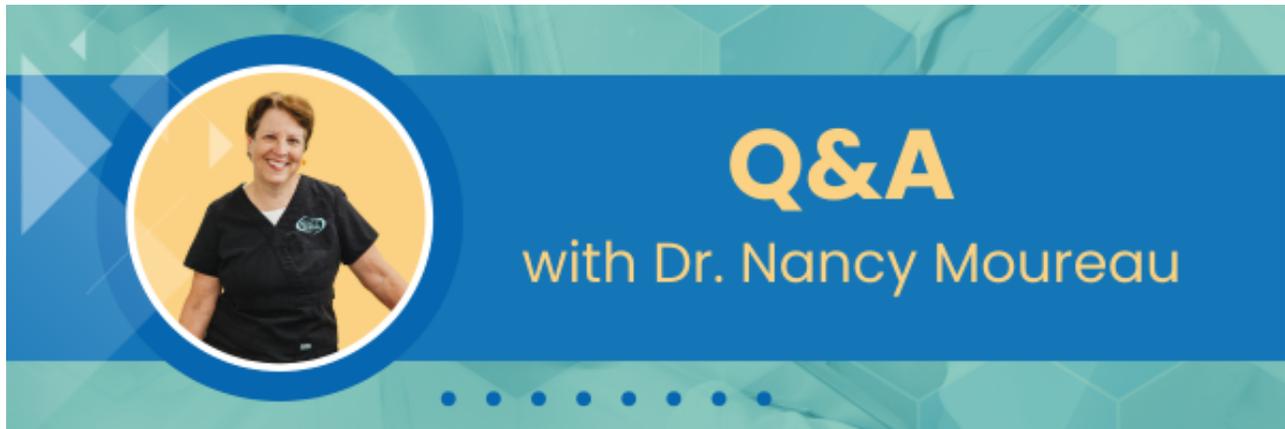
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Tell us about yourself!

To tailor our information and resources to better meet your educational needs, we'd like to know more about you. Please fill out this quick survey about your role within the healthcare industry.

[Click here to complete the survey](#)



*Dr. Nancy Moureau offers counsel to hundreds of practitioners around the world. Each month we share a question from a colleague, which she answers pulling from her decades of experience in the field.*

## QUESTION

Our nurse practice team is divided on a recommended best practice.

One camp wants to recommend staff to glove during any type of manipulation of a patient's Intravenous line (Port, Peripheral intravenous line, Hickman, Peripherally Inserted Central Catheter) in accordance with standard precautions.

The other camp is referencing the WHO Glove Pyramid where it says "gloves are not indicated (except for contact precautions) for any vascular line manipulation in absence of blood leakage."

Ultimately the debate is around the term vascular line manipulation. The term vascular access is also debated, but we seem focus here on line insertion and removal vs. manipulation.

It seems like the this task is not likely to encounter blood, so gloves would not be routinely required and I don't want us to imply that any line manipulation (e.g. IV push) requires gloves to be worn from my perspective.

We would love to have your expertise weigh in on best practice and rationale.

## ANSWER

The issue of hand hygiene and gloves provides protection for the healthcare worker while also protecting the patient from transmission of organisms from patient to patient. Since there is little agreement between The Joint Commission and the World Health Organization, I fall back on the

CDC and OSHA [Standard Precautions](#).

Anytime there is a potential for exposure to harmful substances, organisms, or contaminated fluids, guidelines specify glove protection is needed for managing and connecting chemotherapy, using cleaning wipes or solutions for disinfecting surfaces, etc. For chemotherapy, I have read to wear gloves in multiple places within CDC and OSHA websites, this is likely why The Joint Commission agent identified the concern with not wearing gloves, rather than just not having the policy.

To be completely honest, since I put on gloves as soon as I walk into a patient room, after performing hand hygiene, it never occurred to me that others were not performing the same. Nurses have often been driven by opinion and "what we have always done" rather than true investigation of what is best according to the evidence. It is clear that touching anything in a patient room can contaminate the healthcare worker's hands.

We may not agree on when to wear clean gloves when in a patient room, however I do think we can agree it is necessary to wear gloves to protect the patient and the healthcare worker. It is necessary to establish a policy for when to wear gloves consistent with the above principles and then teach everyone to adhere to the policy.

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## 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.

[Learn More Here](#)

### *Lewiston, ME - Adult*

An adult patient population based five-day live insertion training experience, where the attendees will receive intensive training for ultrasound PICCs, Midlines, and PIVs. The host hospital's vascular access team will mentor you as you perform a variety of live insertions.

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

[Learn More Here](#)

### *Paterson, NJ - Adult*

During this three-day observation 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 can be scheduled on dates of your choosing and will be coordinated between the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

[Learn More Here](#)

## 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."*

[Leave a Review](#)



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