



PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

The latest from the leader in vascular access education

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Welcome to the October issue of the PICC Excellence newsletter!
We know your time is valuable and we appreciate your readership each month.

AVA Conference Recap



Thanks for visiting our booth!

We appreciate everyone who visited us to learn about our in-person workshops, multi-user site licenses, standardized PICC certification training, mastery certificate programs, and more.



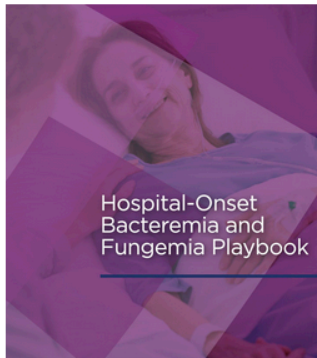
Dr. Moureau presented on *"The Catheter Revolution: Conquering Complications With New Materials"*

Dr. Moureau gave a presentation at AVA about the benefits of hydrophilic catheters and their use in infection prevention and reducing the rate of complications.

[Watch](#)



International Infection Prevention Week October 13-19



Just Released: The Latest Infection Prevention Resources

An important new resource on Infection Prevention called the [Hospital-Onset Bacteremia and Fungemia Playbook](#) is out now. The playbook emphasizes the need to follow evidence-based practice standards and guidelines.

Now you can learn or brush up on the current standards and guidelines while earning CEs. Get our [Intravenous Therapy Essentials of Infection Prevention Bundle](#) now.

This 10 course bundle is on sale for a limited time.
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Neonatal PICC Workshop | Atlanta, November 14-15

Learn about caring for some of our tiniest patients in our neonatal PICC workshop. This two-day training will focus on special considerations and best practices for placing PICC lines with neonatal patients. Save \$45 on the registration fee when you sign up at least 30 days in advance.

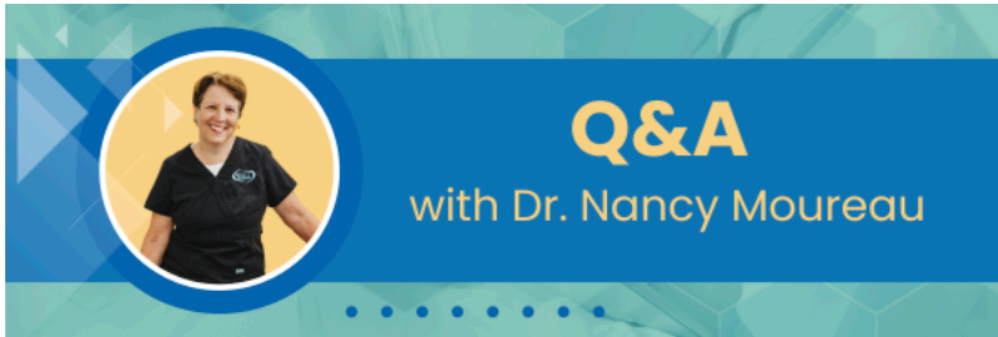
[Register](#)



Ultrasound Guided Peripheral IV Training

Dr. Moureau is headed to Tampa October 26 to bring a special training opportunity to members of the Florida Gulf Coast Vascular Access Network. Clinicians will leave with an enhanced knowledge of using ultrasound to insert PICC lines and fulfill the demonstration requirement for the UGPIV Mastery Learning Certificate. The session is full, but accepting waitlist members.

[Join the Waitlist](#)



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. If you have a question for Dr. Moureau, email it to info@piccexcellence.com.

QUESTION

Are you applying locks (KiteLock, Taurosept, Alteplase) via needle free connectors (NFC) or without? Is NFC affected by the lock? And what kind of prefilled syringes do you use in your institution - we have BD posiflush.

ANSWER

When performing a lock or declotting procedure it is acceptable to do it with or without a needle free connector (NFC). The NFC is not affected by the lock, however, changing the NFC before the instillation may have the advantage of avoiding any bacterial shower that could come from the blood adhering to the NFC.

Many different types of prefilled syringes are available. The BD posiflow syringes are more expensive because they have the feature that eliminates the rebound of the plunger thus reducing that blood reflux occurring when the plunger bottoms out as it empties. Any type of prefilled syringe can be used if the user stops before fully emptying or bottoming out. I refer you to articles on prefilled syringes and features for greater understanding.

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