



The latest from the leader in vascular access education

PICC Excellence Newsletter

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How are you beating the heat this summer? Are you spending time at the pool, going on a family vacation or hanging out at home in the air conditioning? You can continue to learn wherever you are. Your PICC Excellence courses can follow you anywhere you have a reliable internet connection.

Speaking of learning opportunities, we're excited about the AVA annual meeting coming up in September. Dr. Moureau and Matt Ostroff are planning a special presentation about mentor-mentee partnerships and how they can contribute to innovation in vascular access. They'll be pulling from their own professional experiences and from stories of other clinicians in the field. Want to be a part? **Keep reading for a way you can participate.**

Clinician Spotlight 💡

This month we would like to recognize **Erin Heath**, a RN at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, Georgia. Erin leads the hospital's newly-established vascular access team with knowledge she gained from years of experience in collaborating in vascular access teams in other healthcare facilities. She advocates for her department to be recognized as a subspecialty rather than being simply a "good stick."



Where's Dr. Moureau? 🌐

Last month, Dr. Moureau taught an Ultrasound Guided Peripheral IV (UGPIV) Mastery Class at the Puget Sound chapter of the Association for Vascular Access. Attendees received 4 CEs for the workshop component and 12 for the online learning prerequisite courses. They were also able to complete the required demonstration component and take the final exam to earn their UGPIV Mastery Certificate.

She also gave a presentation about techniques to prevent hospital onset bacteremia from vascular access devices.

She will be speaking on this important topic again in San Francisco at the [UCSF Vascular Access Conference](#) July 18-19, and the topic All About Midlines: Applications, Education, and Outcomes in Raleigh, NC on July 24th at the UNC Symposium.



Clinician Feedback Requested 🙋

Dr. Moureau and Matt Ostroff are working on a study about healthcare professionals and publishing articles for journals, which will be presented at the AVA 2025 annual meeting. This [2-minute survey](#) gauges respondents' interest in publication and its perceived importance in career progression. We would appreciate your response!

TAKE SURVEY

Q&A with Dr. Nancy Moureau 💬



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

Why is it important to establish a standardized system for training in vascular access?

ANSWER

Consistent, high-quality outcomes with ultrasound-guided peripheral IV (UGPIV) insertions require more than just access to equipment—they demand competency-based education and training in aspects like:

- Learning to identify key ultrasound needle signs to improve visualization and precision
- Establishing minimum performance standards through simulated insertions before progressing to patient care
- Identifying mastery learning principles for quantitative documentation of progress
- Learning how to explain and teach processes to others.

When clinicians train with mastery in mind, they gain more than skills—they gain confidence, consistency, and clinical success.

According to INS 2024 Standards and Mastery Learning Principles: Employ a systems-based approach to infusion and vascular access competencies centered on standardized policies and procedures applied across the entire organization. Measure competency by performance and not by a time or a predetermined number of procedures. There is no established number of procedures performed that will ensure competency for any skill.

Consider establishing a mastery learning process for simulation and insertion training that allows the learner to repeat training steps if the mastery rating score is less than a level established by institutional policy. Mastery Learning advances clinicians to supervised patient insertions based on scored performance.

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Ultrasound Guided PIV Mastery Workshop

If this newsletter has piqued your interest in earning a [UGPIV Mastery Learning Certificate](#), you won't want to miss our next in-person workshop August 11 in Greenville, SC. Participants will receive 8 CEs for completing the workshop and 11 CEs for the online prerequisites for a total of 19 CEs. This workshop also fulfills the demonstration requirement for the UGPIV Mastery Learning Certificate.

 **Hartwell, GA**

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