The latest from the leader in vascular access education

PICC Excellence Newsletter
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Tricks, Treats, and a New Look 🎃

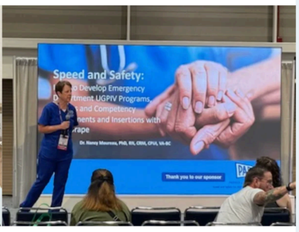
Happy October! With Halloween around the corner, we've got a treat of our own to share: the **launch of our brand-new website**.

The new site is designed to make it easier to explore courses, bundles, and workshops, plus find answers to your vascular access questions. And there's a fun surprise coming next week on our social media channels—stay tuned for the reveal!

AVA and ENA Recap ✨

September was a busy month, and we loved connecting with so many of you at **AVA in Kissimmee** and **ENA in New Orleans**. These events are always energizing—packed with education, networking, and the chance to celebrate the passion of our community.

Thank you to everyone who attended our sessions, visited our booth, or stopped to say hello. We're inspired by your commitment to advancing vascular access practice.



Featured Bundle: UGPIV Mastery Training 🎓

Build confidence and competence in ultrasound-guided peripheral IV (UGPIV) insertion with this comprehensive All-In-One UGPIV Mastery Certificate Training Start to Finish Bundle.. It qualifies you to take the UGPIV Mastery Certificate Exam and demonstrate your mastery along with recognition in the official registry.

Explore Bundle

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

Is midline lower risk for CRBSI than PICC?

ANSWER

You've asked an excellent and clinically relevant question regarding the relative risk of catheter-related bloodstream infection (CRBSI) between midline catheters (MCs) and peripherally inserted central catheters (PICCs). The truth is—all vascular access devices carry some level of infection risk, including peripheral IVs, midlines, and PICCs. However, the rate and nature of that risk vary based on multiple factors.

Peripheral catheters are associated with the lowest CRBSI risk—typically <0.5%, depending on dwell time and insertion practices. Midlines are generally considered to have a lower infection risk than PICCs, though they are not risk-free. Infection rates reported for midlines vary in the literature and may be influenced by dwell time, device type, insertion technique, and care practices.

PICCs, due to their central location and longer dwell potential, tend to carry a higher CRBSI risk, but this is highly dependent on how they're managed. Ultimately, education, insertion competency, and strict adherence to infection prevention bundles are the most powerful tools we have to safeguard patients and minimize CRBSI risk—regardless of device type.

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Upcoming Workshops

Hands-on for PICC and Mastery training is back this Fall! These intensive workshops are designed to strengthen your clinical practice with real-world training and expert instruction. Space is limited.

Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop
📅 November 13, 2025 – November 14, 2025
📍 Orlando, FL
Register Now

Ultrasound Guided PIV Mastery Workshop
📅 December 8, 2025
📍 Hartwell, GA
Register Now

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