



Pearls of Wisdom

Observation from 30 Years of PICC Excellence

Stay Organized and Compliant with Multi-User Access

Healthcare facilities have every intention of establishing good policies, but intentions can only get you so far. It's hard to develop policies and procedures and even harder to keep them up to date, especially with high-risk procedures like vascular access. It's a balance between putting too much into the policies and increasing the risk for liability and putting too little information and creating uncertainty among your staff.

As a healthcare leader, I've seen the benefits that can come from implementing strong documentation and compliance requirements in a medical environment: improved patient outcomes, reduced costs, a better work culture and nurse retention rate, as well as a boost in public perceptions.

An [article](#) published in the Journal of Nursing Administration last October followed the establishment of a team of PICC nurses who took full responsibility for every PICC line placed in a NICU from insertion to removal. Before the team took over, the NICU at the study site was experiencing more than twice the National Healthcare Safety Network average central line-associated blood stream infection (CLABSI) rate. As a result of staying up-to-date on best practices and maintaining documented credentials, they have a nine-year streak without a single CLABSI case. That's amazing!

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Establishing standards and processes to form a specialized nursing team, as the article demonstrated, can result in [a lower CLABSI rate](#), [lower turnover among nurses](#) and [higher net patient revenue](#), and is a step toward achieving higher accolades.

If you're looking for a way to show to internal and external stakeholders that your organization goes above and beyond, the Magnet recognition is a good option, especially when you're looking to hire highly qualified nurses. Only 9.8% of U.S. hospitals have earned this accolade. Organized and standardized training makes any accreditation or recognition process easier.

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