



The latest from the leader in vascular access education

### PICC Excellence Newsletter

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#### Connecting Vascular Access Clinicians with Opportunity

Summer is bringing exciting momentum to vascular access education, collaboration, and clinical advancement at PICC Excellence.

Over the past several weeks, we've connected with clinicians across the country and around the world through conferences, educational discussions, and new pediatric and neonatal training initiatives. [Dr. Nancy Moureau](#) recently attended the [INS Annual Meeting](#) in Louisville, Kentucky, and [WoCoVA](#) in Valencia, Spain, continuing important conversations around innovation and collaboration in vascular access. She also attended [MAVAN](#) in Boston, [AVANY](#) in Queens, NY, and APIC in Nashville, TN.

We appreciate being part of a growing community committed to advancing vascular access practice through evidence, accountability, and collaboration.



#### Pediatric & Neonatal Training Center of Excellence

PICC Excellence and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta (CHOA) are proud to collaborate on specialized Pediatric and Neonatal Vascular Access Shadowing Programs designed to provide clinicians with real-world exposure in a high-acuity pediatric environment.

#### This immersive educational experience combines:

- One year of online vascular access education
- Advanced ultrasound-guided insertion training
- Clinical observation with expert teams
- Exposure to PICC, midline, and ultrasound-guided vascular access
- Vessel preservation and tip verification strategies

Designed for clinicians seeking to strengthen pediatric and neonatal vascular access programs, these experiences support both procedural confidence and clinical decision-making.

📍 Atlanta, Georgia

Neonatal Enrollment

Pediatric Enrollment



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#### 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](mailto:info@piccexcellence.com).*

#### QUESTION

*You mentioned that "neutral" needleless connectors are no longer considered a formal category. Can you explain why?*

#### ANSWER

Historically, needleless connectors (NCs) were often classified as positive, negative, or neutral based on fluid displacement and reflux control. However, current evidence shows that all connectors create some degree of fluid displacement, meaning "neutral" is no longer recognized as a true scientific category.

Today, the focus has shifted toward how effectively a connector minimizes blood reflux and controls bidirectional flow. Research continues to demonstrate that anti-reflux needleless connectors with anti-reflux diaphragms provide the most consistent reflux control and lowest blood reflux compared to other connector designs.

Recent studies and systematic reviews have helped clarify the importance of evaluating connector function through measurable performance testing rather than marketing terminology alone.

As vascular access practice evolves, understanding how connector design impacts reflux, occlusion, and patient outcomes remains an important part of evidence-based catheter management.

#### Workshop Opportunities

##### Adult or Pediatric PICC/Ultrasound Workshops

Hands-on, instructor-led 2-day workshop designed to build confidence in PICC insertion and ultrasound techniques. Learn from a highly skilled instructor and choose a focused 2-day format for deeper skill development.

📅 August 24–25, 2026 | Atlanta, GA | [Register](#)

##### Pediatric/Neonatal Ultrasound PICC Training

Experience training in a simulation center and shadowing with a real-world insertion team. You will have the opportunity to gain procedural skills, learn tips and tricks from the pros. Options are also available for trainers to come to you at your facility. Rolling-enrollment. Call for more information

📍 Atlanta, GA | [706-377-3360](tel:706-377-3360)  
📅 3-day Rolling Enrollment | [Register](#)

##### Pediatric PICC and Ultrasound Mastery Training

Hands-on training for PICC, Midline and all vascular access with a skilled team of clinicians. You will have the opportunity to work directly with an insertion team performing supervised insertions with all ages of children. This training is focused on vessel assessment, ultrasound image interpretation, needling techniques to improve accuracy and confidence in vascular access and gaining procedural success.

📅 5-day Rolling Enrollment | Tacoma, WA | [Register](#)

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