

# PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE LEADER IN VASCULAR ACCESS EDUCATION

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We love meeting people who have benefited from our coursework and certification programs! At the INS annual meeting last month, Dr. Moureau met Amanda Saba, who recently earned her [Certified PICC Ultrasound Inserter](#) (CPUI) credential. She passed her exam April 4 and gave a presentation at INS titled, “A tool to analyze nurses' knowledge of the peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC).” She is a researcher at the University of São Paulo, Brazil with eight years of experience in vascular

access. Amanda also teaches technical nursing in Intensive Care and mentors recent nursing graduates.

We love celebrating the accomplishments of the clinicians who choose to continue their education with our programs, and we would love to spotlight your achievements in vascular access as well! If you would like to tell your story, please [send us a photo and short description of how your experience has helped you.](#)

**Share Your Accomplishments**



## Become a master of Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Therapy

Our ultrasound-guided peripheral IV therapy training moves beyond “tips and tricks” to help you master the spectrum of clinical skills needed to perform safe and successful procedures for your patients. The **UGPIV Mastery Learning Program** is a competency-based training that adheres to the latest INS Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice and boasts the INS Seal of Approval. Once you've completed the coursework, demonstrations and exam, you will receive a Mastery Certificate that's good for a lifetime.

**UGPIV Mastery Learning & Certificate Bundle**



## IV Therapy and Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Mastery Learning Workshops in Atlanta

This summer, you can complete your skills assessment and in-person demonstration for an IV Therapy or Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV (UGPIV) Mastery Certificate in Atlanta. The IV Therapy Workshop includes access to the complete [IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate Bundle](#) for one year, and the UGPIV Workshop includes access to the [UGPIV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate bundle](#).

IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate Bundle meets most State Board of Nursing requirements for initial IVT training.

IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshop: [July 22](#)

UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshop: [July 23](#)

## New Dates Added for IV Therapy and Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Mastery Learning Workshops in Greenville, SC

If you prefer to complete your training in Greenville, we have scheduled additional dates in the fall and winter.

IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshops:

- [August 26](#)
- [October 28](#)
- [December 9](#)

## UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshops:

- [August 27](#)
- [October 29](#)
- [December 10](#)



## Tell us about yourself!

To tailor our information and resources to better meet your educational needs, we'd like to know more about you. Please fill out this quick survey about your role within the healthcare industry.

[Complete the Survey](#)

**Revolutionize your  
vascular access training.**



# Revolutionize Your Vascular Access Training

Elevate your organization's standards with specialized training designed for you and your staff.

A [multi-user site license](#) allows for multiple organizational staff to access the courses on any computer and from anywhere – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Multi-user site licenses offer:

## Up-to-Date Knowledge

New advances and technologies happen often and PICC Excellence updates our courses regularly so your team can stay current on best practices.

## Choose from a Variety of Topics

Each multi-user site license package can focus on one of the topics below:

- [IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate](#)
- [Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Therapy Mastery Learning & Certificate](#)
- [Vessel Health & Preservation](#)
- [Adult PICC Insertion Training](#)
- [Pediatric PICC Training](#)
- [Neonatal PICC Training](#)

## Enhanced User Monitoring

You can monitor the usage and progress of individuals within your site license.

## Regulatory Compliance

A multi-user site license provides you with evidence of current usage and progress through evidence-based coursework.

## Customized User Access

With a multi-user site license, each hospital department can create their own access to specific courses. For example, if you're training a group of clinicians in Neonatal PICC placement, you can provide an access code for Neonatal PICC Training.

## Top-Tier Customer Service

The PICC Excellence team is happy to provide support with setting up a multi-user site license and to assist you.

A multi-user site license is an excellent way to provide standardized education and training for your team and assist with regulatory compliance. Visit PICC Excellence to get your team started today.

[Get Started](#)



**Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop**  
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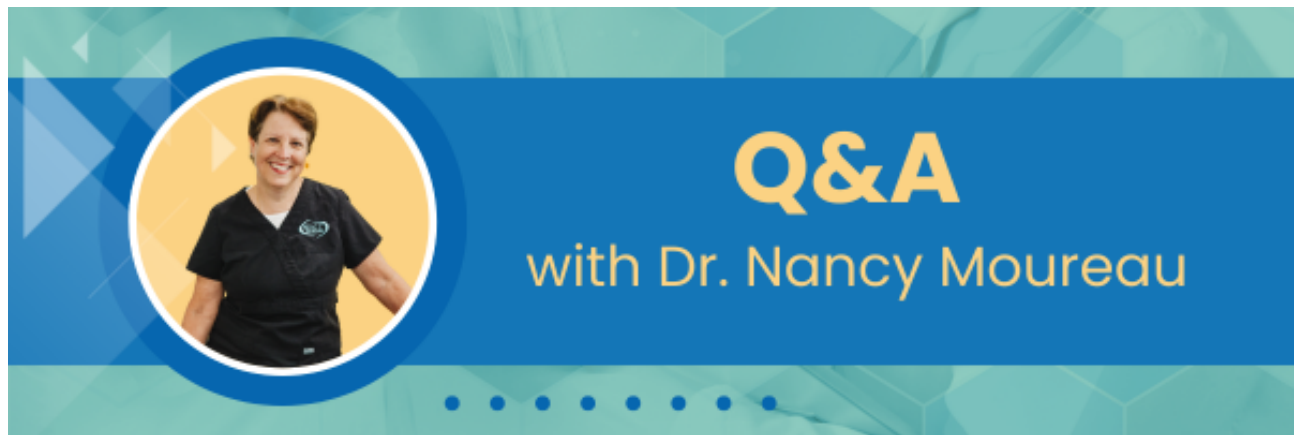
Join us for two days of intensive PICC training!

Day 1 covers the review and discussion of an essential PICC insertion and a practicum with simulated insertions.

Day 2 integrates ultrasound assessment and guided access into the overall PICC insertion procedures.

**Register**

Next Workshop:  
[October 17-18](#)



## QUESTION

We have a difference of opinion on our team on significance of vein compressibility when assessing for access prior to PICC/ML insertion. I believe lack of compressibility of the cephalic, basilic or brachial veins are a red flag for thrombosis. If I find this scenario I will assess the opposite upper extremity to see if the vessels are better options (compressible). If the opposite side is not an option (ex/fistula) I will request a formal venous Doppler to rule out a thrombus in the vessel with poor compressibility. My coworkers say I am overthinking it and I should just choose another vessel in the arm with issues with compressibility. What do you think?

## ANSWER

The issue of thrombosis, compressibility and appropriateness of PICC placement is a sticky subject. I agree with you in that abnormal compressibility is suspect for thrombosis SVT and is likely better using the other arm. I don't agree with Doppler because it is superficial, not occlusive and not symptomatic. The sticky part comes in because you have been given an order to place a PICC. Your colleagues are right in one regard, when an unhealthy vein is identified, go for a different healthy one. You can call the prescriber and share your concerns, however, they will not feel an SVT is any cause for alarm.

In a perfect world we would not place PICCs in patients with any history or symptoms of thrombosis AND we would have another better option. The reality is, there are few other options.

If it were me I would work to find a vein 3x the size of the catheter and use a single lumen if at all possible. Use the smallest catheter in the largest vein (high on the arm). Encourage the patient to exercise and use their arms.

## Shadowing and Training Opportunities for Clinicians



## **Tacoma, Washington - Pediatric**

This precepted experience focuses on training for pediatric PICC, midline and UGPIV insertions. Attendees have the opportunity to observe AND perform supervised insertions with the host hospital's vascular access specialist trainer.

This one-on-one five-day workshop is scheduled based on dates of your choosing and coordinated with the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

### **Precepted and Shadowing Opportunities in Tacoma, Washington**

## **Lewiston, ME - Adult**

In this five-day live insertion training experience, attendees will receive intensive training for PICCs, Midlines, UGPIV, and specific ultrasound education for adult patients.

The training can be scheduled on dates of your choosing and will be coordinated between the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

### **Precepted and Shadowing Opportunities in Lewiston, Maine**

## **Paterson, NJ - Adult**



During this three-day observation experience attendees will have the opportunity to observe a variety of vascular access procedures, which may include UGPIV, Midlines, PICCs, Axillary CVADs, Mid-Thigh Femoral & Jugular catheters.

This can be scheduled on dates of your choosing and will be coordinated between the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

### Shadowing and Observation Opportunities in Paterson, New Jersey

## Before you go...leave us a review on Google!

Did you get the best value and the best learning experience from the PICC Excellence courses that you've taken? Let us know by leaving us a review like this one from a recent Lewiston workshop:

*"The vascular access team was amazing to work with, extremely helpful and knowledgeable. They were able to provide me with many tips and techniques to be successful."*

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