

# PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE LEADER IN VASCULAR ACCESS EDUCATION

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Dr. Moureau has been on the go, traveling to a lot of places to share her expertise on vascular access!

In the last month, she's been to Prague for WoCoVA, Winnipeg for the Canadian Vascular Access Conference, Atlantic City, New Jersey for the inaugural South Jersey AVA Conference and Boston for the DeviceTalks Conference, among other places.

Her latest stop? Kansas City for the Infusion Nurses Society Annual Meeting, where she talked about methods to improve first-stick success for ultrasound-guided peripheral IV insertions. Soon she'll travel to Seattle!

She is available for speaking engagements, hospital evaluations and consultations at your facility. [Let us know](#) if you'd like your hospital to be her next destination!



## 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.

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## IV Therapy and Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Mastery Learning Workshops in Greenville, SC

This summer, step up your skills by earning an IV Therapy or Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV (UGPIV) Mastery Certificate. We have two one-day workshops in Greenville, SC for clinicians to complete an in-person demonstration and skills assessment for each mastery program. The IV Therapy Workshop includes access to the complete [IV Therapy Mastery certificate bundle](#) for one year, and the UGPiV Workshop includes access to the [UGPIV certificate bundle](#).

IV Therapy Mastery Workshop meets most State Board of Nursing requirements for initial IVT training.

IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshop: [June 3](#)

UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshop: [June 17](#)





## Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop in Atlanta August 22-23, 2024

Join us for two days of intensive PICC training!

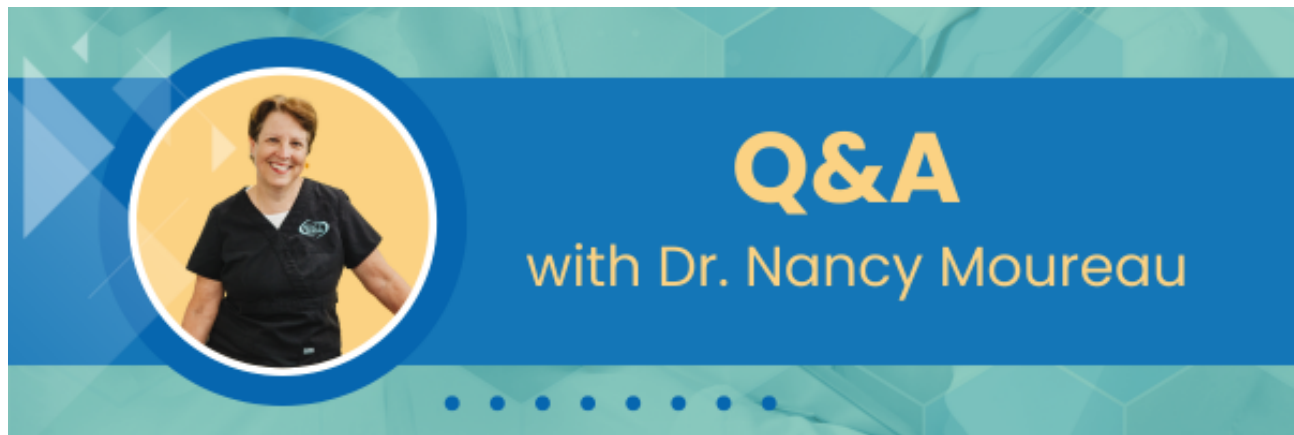
Day 1 covers the review and discussion of an essential PICC insertion and a practicum with simulated insertions.

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

**Register**

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





## QUESTION

There seems to be a lot of debate at my facility about acceptable tip location post PICC line placement. To my knowledge the ideal spot for the tip to sit is the cavoatrial junction. Some feel that the right atrium is an acceptable location as well, which is where some of ours end up sitting. What does current literature show on this?

## ANSWER

This is a controversial subject with an interesting history. In the mid-1980s, the FDA ruled that CVADs required confirmation and should not be advanced into the heart. In response, all the catheter manufacturers (except for dialysis) added SVC/IVC only to their instructions for use and package inserts.

While many physicians and clinicians are placing catheter tips within the right atrium, this is an off-label use that opens you up to liability if something goes awry. There is not enough evidence of the benefit of right atrial placement vs vena cava placement to warrant such a placement against FDA and manufacturer recommendations.

INS Standards of Practice state vena cava or caval atrial junction placement, and other organizations recommend the same for non-dialysis catheters.

Once the evidence increases in support of right atrial placement, INS Standards and manufacturer guidelines may change - but not now. I recommend a full literature review prior to making a policy or practice change to positioning in the right atrium.

## 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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