

PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE LEADER IN VASCULAR ACCESS EDUCATION

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Welcome to the August issue of the PICC Excellence newsletter! We know your time is valuable and we appreciate your readership each month.

In this issue, we want to give a shout out to our colleague and friend **Nancy Trick**, who has received the Suzanne LaVere Herbst Award for Excellence in Vascular Access for 2024. Nancy has been a mentor for many in the vascular access specialty and was an integral part of developing our Vessel Health and Preservation courses alongside Dr. Moureau. She will be recognized at the AVA annual meeting September 28-30 in Denver.

Three other vascular access professionals will be recognized with the **AVA Impact Award**, which honors clinicians who have made significant contributions to the specialty practice of vascular access in their communities. Congratulations to **Matt Gibson, Maranda Herrera-Marquez** and **Dawn Turner!**



Congratulations
to the **2024**
AVA Impact
Award Winners!



Matt Gibson,
RN, CRNI, VA-BC™, CPHU

Maranda Herrera-Marquez,
BSN, RN, CEV, TCRI, CCRN, VA-BC™, CPHU

Dawn Turner,
BSN, RN, VA-BC™

Thank you for your exceptional leadership within your organization and your contributions to vascular access in your community





THE Suzanne LaVere Herbst
AWARD for
EXCELLENCE
IN VASCULAR ACCESS



NANCY TRICK
RN, CRNI, VA-BC

Please help AVA in congratulating our
2024 awardee



See You at AVA! | September 28-30, Denver, CO

Conferences are a great way to connect with colleagues in the industry and to learn about new techniques, products and best practices.

The PICC Excellence team will be at the Association for Vascular Access Annual Meeting in September. Come by and visit with us in booth 316.

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\$25

Save on New Midline Course!

We are excited to share the release of our
New Midline Types and Insertion Tips Course!
Just \$25 for a limited time! (Reg. \$45)

The Midline Types and Insertion Tips course covers an overview of Midline catheter types and insertion techniques, including Accelerated Seldinger, Modified Seldinger and Seldinger catheters.

[Use Code ML25 at Checkout to Save](#)



Dr. Nancy Moureau to Present at Emergency Nurses Association Annual Meeting Sept. 4-7

Dr. Moureau will lead a session and panel on evidence-based policies and practices to reduce the risk of infection when using ultrasound technologies in emergency department settings.

She will discuss the principles and practice of Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT), a fast, safe, and cost-effective process that has been widely adopted across Europe to promote safety during medical and surgical procedures.

She will also share the importance of standardized training for ultrasound-guided peripheral IV insertion.

[Register](#)



Celebrate Neonatal Nurses September 14-20 by Brushing Up on Your Neonatal PICC Skills

Neonatal nurses have a challenging but rewarding job working with our youngest patients. During the week of September 14-20, we celebrate these dedicated professionals. At PICC Excellence, we've developed neonatal and pediatric PICC coursework and the [Certified Neonatal PICC Inserter](#) certification to validate the clinicians who have the skills and experience to improve patient outcomes.

We strive to keep up with the latest advances in the field, so we've revamped the Neonatal PICC Qualification Training course with updated content, a new voice over and new graphics. This updated course is available now on the website.

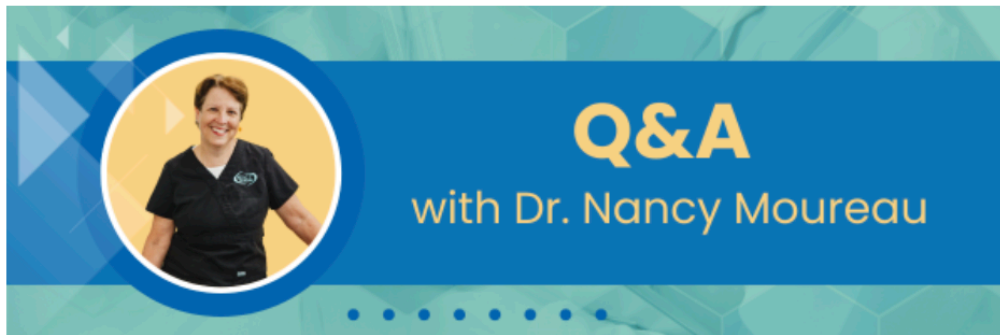
Log in to your PICC Excellence account to check out the course's new look!

[Learn More About CNPI](#)

NEW Adult PICC/ Ultrasound Workshop! Orlando, FL

Introducing a new option for Adult PICC/Ultrasound training! The same renowned workshops we conduct in Atlanta will now also be offered in Orlando. The inaugural session is scheduled for September 19-20. Register now.

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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

I remember hearing a few AVA conventions ago that when a vein is damaged in some patients (like those with chronic kidney disease) they don't heal? Is the same true for non-chronic kidney disease patients? If they do heal, how soon after the infiltration?

ANSWER

There are many factors involved with vein health and whether or not a vein will regenerate after injury.

The typical injuries we see with vascular access and infusion therapy are infiltration, inflammation/phlebitis, and thrombosis. Each can occur independently or together. Infiltration results from small openings in the vein wall that may be caused from over pressurization, as when an occluded peripheral catheter is flushed with force to break through the obstruction. Infiltration often occurs in the hours after that event, but the vein may recover. If the injury is extensive enough scar tissue develops, the vein produces another layer and may never recover.

Phlebitis and thrombosis are frequently found together. When inflammation exists, the body strives to cover or patch the area with blood cells. Survival of the vein depends on how extensive the patch or thrombosis. The body's natural processes work to dissolve clots. In the case of chronic kidney disease, those dissolving enzymes may not be functioning properly and the clot size increases causing the vein to obstruct. Complete obstruction more often causes death of the vein. If blood flow is strong enough against the obstruction, new collateral vein pathways may develop. In all of these instances there are many factors contributing to or preventing regeneration of the vein and many variable patient factors.

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."

[Leave a Review](#)

