

PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

THE LATEST FROM THE LEADER IN VASCULAR ACCESS EDUCATION

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



Visit us at AVA! September 28-30, Denver, CO

If you're going to AVA, you'll be busy attending educational sessions and taking in all the information you can, but don't skip out on the exhibit hall!

Come visit the PICC Excellence team at booth 316.

Check out our many courses and workshops, and pick up the ever-popular catheter to vein ratio and vein badge cards (Pediatric, Adult or Central).

Don't forget to also take home one of our "Bronco" rubber ducks.

[Register](#)



PICC Excellence Visits Regional and National Conferences *Some of our Past and Upcoming Stops*

The PICC Excellence team travels the world to bring their expertise to nurses and clinicians everywhere. Here's where they will be and have been most recently.

- In October, Dr. Moureau will appear at the **Nursing World Conference** in Baltimore and will deliver the keynote presentation on October 18. She will be discussing the IV Therapy and Ultrasound Guided Peripheral IV Therapy Mastery Learning programs and the importance of establishing standardized training and best practices for each.
- On October 26, Dr. Moureau will lead an ultrasound-guided PIV workshop in Tampa for the Florida Gulf Coast Vascular Access Network.
- Members of the PICC Excellence team led an adult PICC workshop in Orlando.
- Dr. Moureau visited Orlando to attend the **National Association of Neonatal Nurses Annual Conference** to learn more about breakthroughs and best practices in neonatal patient care.
- Dr. Moureau recently presented the Aseptic Non-Touch Technique (ANTT) at the **Emergency Nurses Association Annual Meeting**, where she connected with clinicians who specialize in the fast-paced emergency department.

[Learn about ANTT](#)



Neonatal PICC Workshop | Atlanta, November 14-15

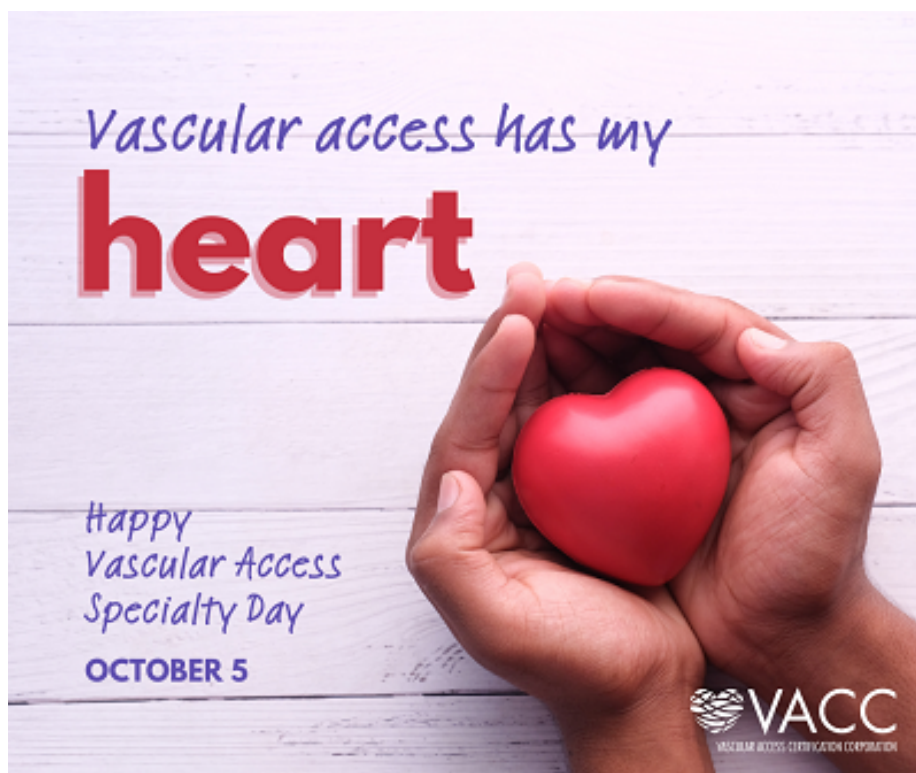
This two-day workshop will focus on special considerations and best practices for placing PICC lines with neonatal patients. Save \$45 on the registration fee when you sign up at least 30 days in advance.

Use Code [NWSERD](#) at Checkout to Save on Registration

Register for UGPIV Mastery Certificate Workshop Greenville, SC

Get hands-on training with a one-day workshop for ultrasound-guided peripheral IV (UGPIV) therapy. At the end of the workshop, you will have completed the demonstration component required for the UGPIV Mastery Certificate. The next session is happening [October 29](#).

Sharpen Your Skills

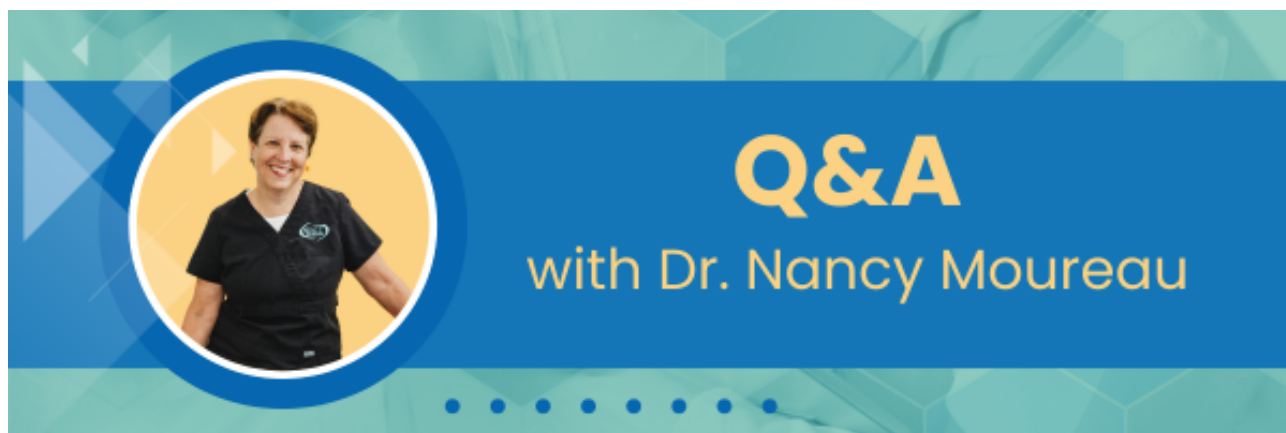


Your Lifeline, Our Specialty

The theme of this year's **Vascular Access Specialty Day** is "Your Lifeline, Our Specialty." This special day honors our contributions to the industry. Vascular access specialists are committed to staying abreast of the latest developments and best practices. Because of their dedication, they provide exceptional care to their patients.

PICC Excellence offers courses that cover all areas of vascular access and credentials that accelerate careers.

Need CEs?



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

How long can a PICC stay in place? We have a patient with a 2-year old PICC line that still looks good and is working, but I'm concerned about the integrity of the catheter itself. Does it need to be removed at a certain length of insertion?

ANSWER

The issue of optimal dwell time for intravenous devices applies to the catheter material, the FDA submission category, the manufacturer's instructions for use (as submitted to the FDA), the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control, and the Standards from the Infusion Nurses Society.

Long-term (greater than 30 days) and short-term (up to 29 days) are classifications used for biocompatible materials such as polyurethane catheters. Materials used for intravascular catheters are all considered biocompatible and suitable for long-term dwell.

The Centers for Disease Control in the O'Grady et al., 2011 Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections states: "Replace midline catheters only when there is a specific indication" and "Do not routinely replace CVCs, PICCs, hemodialysis catheters, or pulmonary artery catheters to prevent catheter-related infections."

The 2024 INS Standard 42 Vascular Access Device Removal states for Short and Long Peripheral Catheters, "Remove PIVCs and midline catheters in pediatric and adult patients when clinically indicated, based on findings from site assessment and/or clinical signs and symptoms of systemic complications and not solely on dwell time."

For Nontunneled CVADs and PICCs, INS states, "Assess and discuss daily with the healthcare team the continued need for the CVAD and remove when no longer needed for the planned treatment." There is no evidence establishing optimal dwell time for intravenous catheters. Current evidence indicates no value in scheduled replacement with removal only when clinically indicated by a complication or completion of therapy.

In most clinical settings average dwell time of a PICC is 10-14 days. The longest dwelling PICC without complications on record is from MD Anderson Cancer Center at 7 years. Removal of the PICC was performed when a complication developed.

In summary and in answer to your question, a 2-year-old PICC without complications is acceptable as long as therapy continues, the device is suitable for the patient and treatment plan, if there is still a need for a central VAD, and there are no concerns over the development of complications such as infection, thrombosis, or other. A PICC line can stay in as long as it is needed, this can be weeks or months or years. When the PICC is no longer needed, it should be removed.

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