



PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

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October is our favorite month because we get to celebrate Vascular Access Specialty Day and meet fellow professionals at the AVA Annual Meeting! We'll be exhibiting at booth 308 at AVA and Dr. Moureau will be speaking at three different sessions.

The end of the year is coming up quicker than we think, and it's a great time to start thinking about your continuing education needs for next year. If you have a team that needs training, consider purchasing a [multi-user site license](#) so you can have your pick of our course library on-demand.

Please let us know of any other way we can help you with your continuing education needs.

Because of clinicians like you, **PICC Excellence** is your **BEST source for quality vascular access education.**



See you at the AVA Annual Meeting!

We're gearing up for AVA 2023! Make sure Dr. Moureau's workshops are on your agenda.

October 14 | 3-4pm: Deposed of Safety: Liability of Failure to Implement

October 16 | 12:30-12:50pm: UGPIV: The Bottom Line for Disinfection and Prevention

October 17 | 9:45-10:45am: Applying Tools of the Trade for VAD Assessment, Insertion and Post-Insertion Evaluation

While you're here, visit us at booth 308!

AVA Annual Meeting Information



A Transatlantic Shadowing Experience

A multidisciplinary group from the Czech Republic made the trip to shadow Matt Ostroff and his team in Paterson, New Jersey for three days. They were ecstatic with the training they received and are excited to take what they learned back to their home hospital. Bravo to everyone who made this training experience possible!

Your team can benefit from the same hands-on instruction and shadowing experience. Register, submit your documentation and coordinate with our team to set a date that works for you.

Shadowing Opportunities in Paterson, NJ

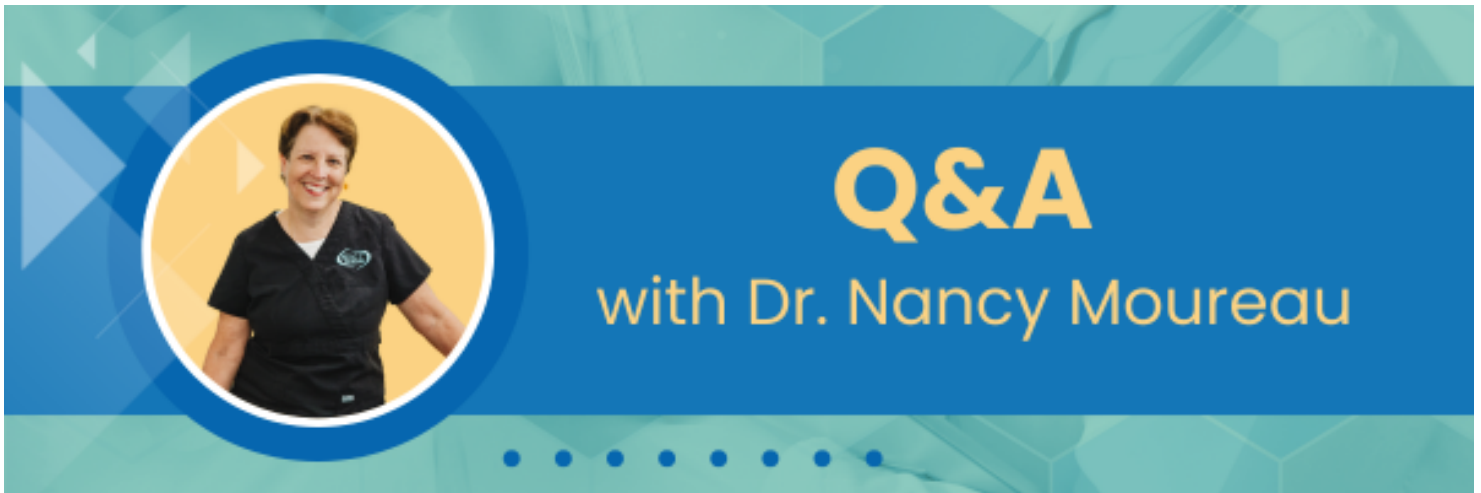


Don't Let Your Team's Training Needs Spook You!

This isn't a trick: you can treat your team to access to all the courses and training they will need in 2024.

With a multi-user license, clinicians can access the full PICC Excellence course library - 24 hours a day, seven days a week - so everyone can learn at their own pace. Choose from tiers for 5, 10, 20, or up to 100 users.

[More Information](#)



Determining Whether a Needleless Connector is Positive, Negative, Neutral or Anti-Reflux

Question:

I recently completed your module on needleless connectors, and I was wondering if you could tell me, or direct me somewhere, that explains how to tell if a needleless connector is positive, negative, neutral, or anti reflux?

With a vascular access job in multiple facilities, I wonder how best to determine this when different facilities use different devices. Are they usually labelled with this information? Is there a way to tell by looking at them?

Answer:

You ask a very good question, and unfortunately, the answer is no, there is not an easy way to tell. Since I have been involved in the research and literature review of needleless connectors, I know how each one functions, but even I have to look back at

the publications to check the individual connectors and know how good they are. My default at this time is to select Anti-Reflux needleless connectors since there are only 2 (Nexus Medical TKO and ICU Medical Neutron). All the rest of the connectors have higher levels of fluid displacement and blood reflux causing blood build-up and occlusions.

Many people ask their sales reps, Are your needleless connectors positive, negative, neutral or anti-reflux? Since the FDA does not regulate the terminology they use, you cannot be sure of their accuracy. The real trick is knowing if you have to clamp and when to clamp. Anti-Reflux connectors do not require clamping, so it does not matter if someone doesn't do it. All other connectors need clamping to hold pressure and prevent reflux. Positive pressure connectors require clamping after you disconnect the syringe. Negative/Neutral require clamping before you disconnect. **Always follow the manufacturers recommendations for clamping and use of needleless connectors.** Your best bet for all needleless connectors, when you don't know what type, is to clamp before disconnecting. Teaching everyone to do that will help reduce catheter failure from complications like occlusion and should be done on all peripheral and central catheters.

Warm Wishes,
Nancy

If you have a question for Dr. Moureau, email it to info@PICCExcellence.com.



Save on the New UGPIV Therapy Mastery Toolbox!

Our [training toolbox](#) is the ultimate comprehensive training for ultrasound-guided peripheral intravenous (UGPIV) procedures and best practices from a leader in Vascular Access Education. This program is designed to equip all levels of learners, trainers, and organizations with a comprehensive and innovative approach to mastering UGPIV insertions, ensuring proficiency at every step. For those already well-versed in UGPIV, this program paves the way to ascend as leading trainers and mentors of UGPIV therapy utilizing needling skills exercises. Learners receive tangible proof of their UGPIV performance and mastery, encapsulating knowledge, hands-on skills, and best practice methodologies.

Mastery scoring is used to complete precepted patient insertions, and data collection for the first 10 insertions after training provides documentation of successful performance. After completion of the training and precepted insertions, the [Mastery Certificate](#) serves as a testament to the clinician's unparalleled proficiency in UGPIV therapy. This Mastery Credential underscores best UGPIV practices, needle guidance, superior insertion and management techniques, and a profound understanding of infection prevention that all lead to a high level of success.

Your comprehensive guide to UGPIV excellence includes courses listed below:

- [Mastery Training Guidance Course](#)
- [Understanding the Basics of Ultrasound](#)
- [Ultrasound - What Do I See On the Screen?](#)
- [Vein Anatomy for UGPIV](#)
- [ANTT - Key Concepts](#)
- [Preparation for UGPIV Insertion and Key Signs](#)
- [Vein and Catheter Selection for UGPIV](#)
- [Ultrasound Guided Peripheral Catheter Insertion](#)
- [UGPIV Validating Success](#)

Get the Toolbox

Learn more about the UGPIV Therapy Mastery Certificate



Central Venous Access Device Cadaver Training

December 2-3

Experience supervised insertions for ultrasound-guided central catheter insertion training in an environment that allows maximum learning with exposure to human anatomy, insertion into perfused cadavers, and tunneling techniques taught for all types of catheters.

This two-day workshop is a rare opportunity. Day 1 covers CVAD insertion with Internal Jugular, Axillary/Subclavian, Brachiocephalic, and Femoral Access and Day 2 covers tunneling for PICCS, Chest Inserted Central Catheters (CICCs), and Femorally Inserted Central Catheters (FICCs). Gain insertion experience with a competency-driven training program that allows hands-on with upper and lower extremity insertions. Workshop size is very limited, so register early to reserve your space.

Register for one day or both days to receive the maximum learning and confidence with these central venous catheter insertion procedures.

Get a 10% discount when you register for both sessions!

Register



Precepted Training Opportunities in Tacoma, Washington ***Pediatric PICC, Midline and UGPIV Placement***

Expand your experience working with pediatric patients with an intensive five-day shadowing and precepted insertion opportunity in Tacoma, Washington. Attendees will focus on training for pediatric PICC, midline and UGPIV insertions and will have the chance to observe AND perform supervised insertions with the host hospital's vascular access specialist trainer. This one-on-one 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

Shadow Vascular Access Team in Lewiston, ME ***Topics Covered Include UGPIV, PICCs, Midlines***

In this five-day workshop, attendees will receive intensive training for PICCs, Midlines and UGPIV insertions over the course of five days.

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

Shadowing Opportunities in Lewiston, Maine



Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop in Atlanta November 16-17

The final in-person workshop for 2023 is scheduled for November 16-17.

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

2024 Dates Announced!

January 25-26

March 11-12

May 9-10

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