



## PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

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### **We love creating educational solutions that work for you!**

What do you love most about vascular access? The satisfying feeling of a successful PICC insertion on the first try? Improving your patients' outcomes and well-being? Or something else?

We take pride in the legacy of well-educated vascular access specialists that we've nurtured over the past 30 years and we're continuing to build courses and certifications that keep clinicians up to date with the newest developments in the field.

[Let us know](#) what courses have had the most impact on your career and what you would like to see in the future!



## **A new accolade for the Ultrasound Guided Peripheral IV Therapy Mastery Program!**

Our Ultrasound Guided Peripheral IV Therapy Mastery Learning Program has received the first-ever Seal of Approval from the Infusion Nurses Society! This recognition is earned through review by clinical experts who have confirmed the quality of information and adherence to Infusion Therapy Standards of Practice.

**[More Information About UGPIV Mastery Certificate](#)**

# I'M ATTENDING!

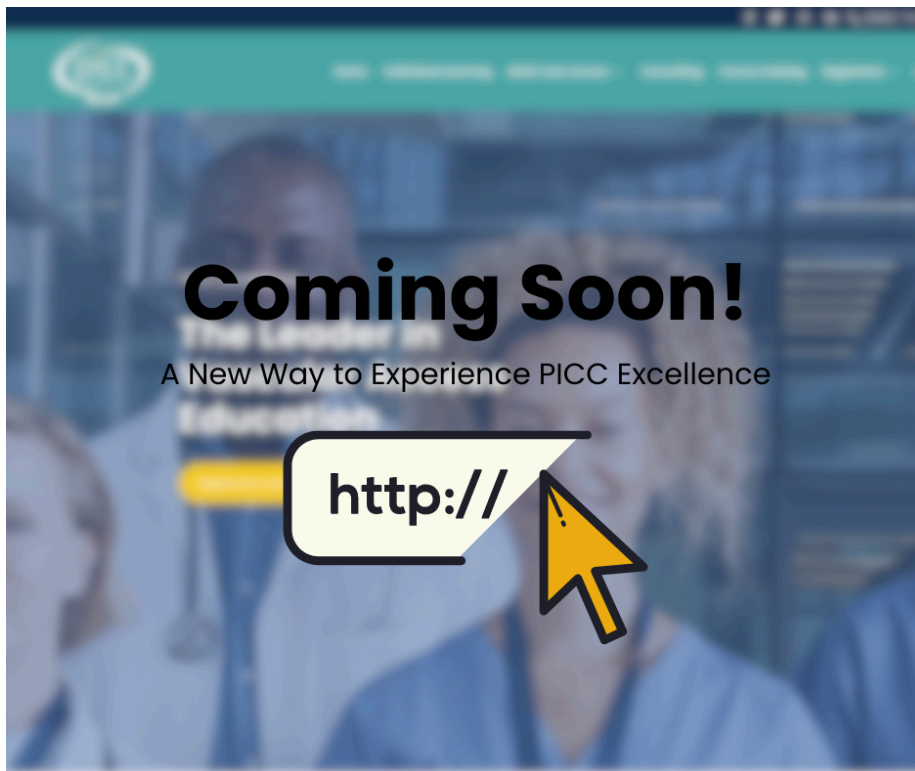


## Join us at the INS Annual Meeting: May 18-21, 2024

Speaking of INS, their annual meeting is scheduled for May 18-21 in Kansas City. Dr. Moureau will be speaking on the 18th on the topic of UGPIV Insertions with a talk titled "How to Achieve 100 First-Stick Successes with Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Insertions." This is part of the conference's dedicated Vascular Access track, which will educate attendees about new developments that will improve patient care.

[Register for INS 2024](#)

**New PICC Excellence website coming soon!**



The new PICC Excellence website is almost ready to launch. Here's a few changes you can expect to see:

**A more user-friendly account experience:** Your account interface will be updated with a new look, and your username and password to access your account will remain the same.

**A new approach to multi-user licensing:** Multi-user licenses will be broken down into categories like IV Therapy Mastery and UGPIV Therapy Mastery so that your whole team can earn the lifetime credential of a Mastery Certificate. You can choose to purchase multi-user access for a specific category or create a custom bundle with the guidance of the PICC Excellence team. Current multi-user licenses will have the same access as before.

**A more focused educational experience:** Use the "I'm Looking For" section on the home page to find the courses that feature the knowledge you need.

## IV Therapy and UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshops in Greenville, SC

If you're interested in earning your IV Therapy or UGPIV Mastery Certificate, we are launching a series of one-day workshops this spring for clinicians to complete an in-person demonstration and skills assessment. The IV Therapy Workshop includes access to the complete [IV Therapy Mastery course bundle](#) for one year, and the UGPIV Workshop includes access to the [UGPIV Mastery Toolbox](#).

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

IV Therapy Mastery Learning Workshop Dates: [April 8](#) and [June 3](#)

UGPIV Mastery Learning Workshop Dates: [March 18](#) and [June 17](#)



## Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop in Atlanta March 11-12, 2024

Join us for two days of intensive PICC training!

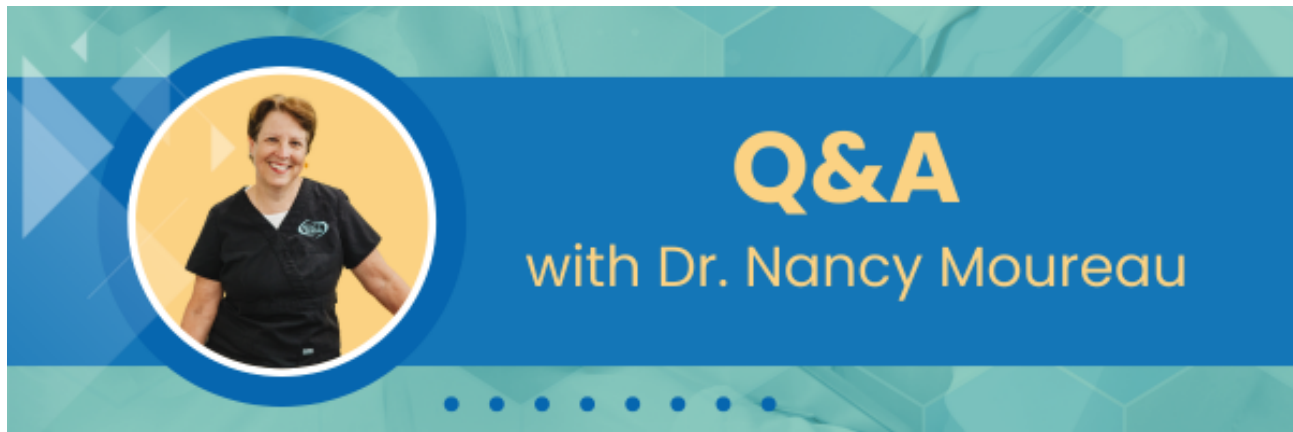
Day 1 covers the review and discussion of an essential PICC insertion and a practicum with simulated insertions.

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

**Register for March 11-12, 2024**

2024 Dates

[May 9-10](#)



### QUESTION

Can ultrasound be used in any way to identify lymph nodes? It seems like the question of lymph drainage from node injury during insertion is an increasing problem.

### ANSWER

Lymph node sacs can absolutely be identified with ultrasound, but they are not always easy to pick out. Similar to a thrombosis inside a vein, a lymph node has a slightly differentiated border with cloudy gray interior.

When there are copious amounts of lymph drainage around a PICC or Midline, there are a few questions that need to be addressed:

- How long is the vascular access device needed?
- Can the drainage be managed with gauze/transparent and one dressing change per day?
- What is the patient's risk of infection by allowing drainage around the insertion site?

Usually, the only option if the vascular access device is needed for more than a few days is to take it out. It's really more of an inconvenience than a severe problem or high-level risk. I see this more often when clinicians are using low resolution ultrasounds that cannot differentiate the health and quality of a vein or identify a thrombosis.

Here's a few solutions that can help you improve your skills with ultrasound and your patient outcomes:

- Gain education to clearly understand structures and images on the ultrasound screen. Our course [Ultrasound: What Do I See on the Screen?](#) is a great place to start.
- Be a lifelong learner and continue to gain ultrasound education and skills for more than just insertion success. The [UGPIV Mastery Certificate](#) is an admirable goal for anyone who wants to demonstrate advanced skills with ultrasound.
- Use ultrasound for full assessment, more than point and stick. Learn RAPEVA rapid peripheral vein assessment processes.
- Evaluate new ultrasounds for purchase to update and gain better resolution for higher level assessment skills (will also reduce liability with better identification of arteries, nerves, and needle guidance skills).
- Collaborate with colleagues to compare findings and gain knowledge by sharing information.

## Learn by shadowing alongside a team!



## **Precepted Pediatric Training Opportunities in Tacoma, Washington**

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 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**

## **Adult Vascular Access PICC/Ultrasound Precepted Training in Lewiston, ME**

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

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**

## **Central Vascular Access Device and Ultrasound Training with Shadowing & Observation in Paterson, NJ**

During this advanced three-day training 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 training can be scheduled on dates of your choosing and will be coordinated between the facility and a PICC Excellence representative.

### **Training and Shadowing 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 onsite neonatal workshop:

*"We really enjoyed the PICC workshop held at our hospital! We had an awesome instructor and we learned so much from her! We would love to have her come back in the fall to teach the other half of our group." - Mary*

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