



PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

The latest from the leader in vascular access education

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Welcome to the December issue of the PICC Excellence newsletter!

We know your time is valuable and we appreciate your readership each month.

We're entering the holiday season and the final stretch of 2024. We want to thank you for purchasing courses, licenses, and trusting us for your certification needs.

PICC Excellence is grateful to you, our colleagues and customers. We wish you a healthy and productive holiday season filled with the joy of family and friends.



Are Your Ducks in a Row for Next Year? Implement Multi-User Access Education for Your Staff

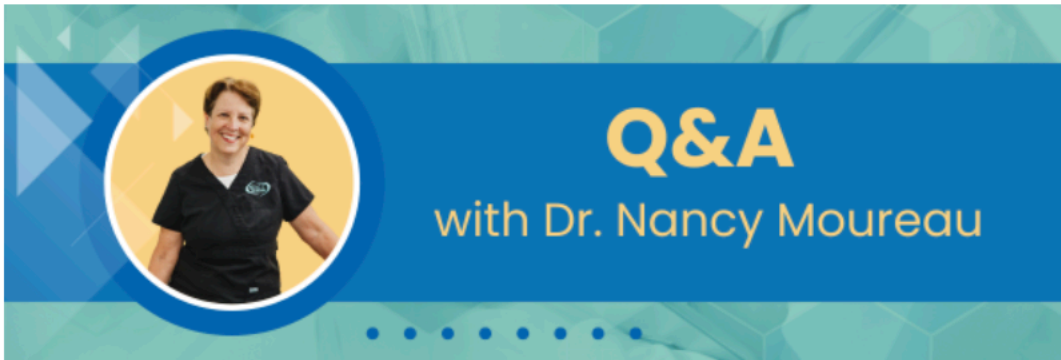
Plan ahead for a successful year and help your facility stay compliant and excel in best practices with our multi-user access education opportunities.

Earn a mastery certificate for [IV therapy](#) or [ultrasound-guided peripheral IV](#) or choose the programs which align best with your staff goals or qualifies them for [adult](#), [pediatric](#) or [neonatal](#) PICC insertions.

You can also work with us to [customize a learning program](#) tailored to your hospital's specific needs, providing targeted training for various groups within your organization.

Join the many organizations maintaining top-tier vascular access standards.
Contact us today!

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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 am the lead of my unit's neonatal PICC team and serve on our hospital's CLABSI reduction committee. I just completed your webinar "[CLABSI-What are we missing?](#)"

I am asking for some clarification on one particular issue which is the frequency of changing the needleless connector that is immediately attached to the hub of a central line. Am I understanding correctly that the recommended practice is to change it anywhere from 96 hours to 7 days according to the manufacturer recommendations?

While this should be very straightforward, this particular topic has been a point of frustration for our unit recently as many fear breaking open the central line.

ANSWER

You are correct, needleless connector changes are dictated by:

- Duration of 96 hours-7 days, according to the manufacturer's recommendations
- Manufacturer's instructions that state to remove prior to blood draws and replace with a new connection (unlikely to apply to your patient population)
- Whether or not blood is visible in the connector

The goal is to maintain a closed system for as long as possible. The concerns over contamination tend to drive the need for regular connector changes. I highly recommend the use of anti-reflux needleless connectors that allow 7-day changes while also reducing occlusion caused by blood reflux into the catheter.

New Workshop Location for 2025!



Join us in sunny Orlando to learn the basics of adult PICC insertion. This 2-day workshop is scheduled for **February 6-7** and provides education that will empower novice inserters and build a stronger vascular access program at your facility.

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Mark Your Calendars!

 IV Mastery Learning Workshops - 2025	 UGIV Mastery Learning Workshops - 2025
February 24	February 10
April 15	April 14
June 23	June 9
August 25	August 11
October 27	October 13
December 9	December 8
Greenville, SC	Greenville, SC

Dates have been scheduled for IV Therapy and Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Therapy workshops in Greenville for next year. These workshops are ideal for fulfilling the demonstration requirements on the IV Therapy and UGIV Mastery Learning Certificates.

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