



## PICC EXCELLENCE NEWS

*The latest from the leader in vascular access education*

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**Welcome to the January issue of the PICC Excellence newsletter!**

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



### **IV Nurse Day | January 25**

Your lifeline, our passion. IV Nurse Day is celebrated each year on January 25 to recognize the decades of continuing education, advocacy, and professional development in the infusion specialty.

It's a great time to think about solidifying your skills with an IV Therapy Mastery Certificate: a credential that lasts a lifetime.

**IV THERAPY MASTERY CERTIFICATE**



## **It Can Happen to You: A Nurse's Guide to Beating the Winter Blues**

Winter can be a challenging time, especially for nurses who already juggle demanding schedules, long hours, and high stress. While we often think we are invincible, the shorter days, colder weather, and lack of sunlight can contribute to feelings of fatigue, which can require professional care, they are common and manageable with a few intentional strategies.

Here's how you can manage the winter blues and stay energized and uplifted during the colder months.

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## Develop an Educational Roadmap for 2025

Plan ahead for a successful year of continuing education with individual or multi-user access learning opportunities.

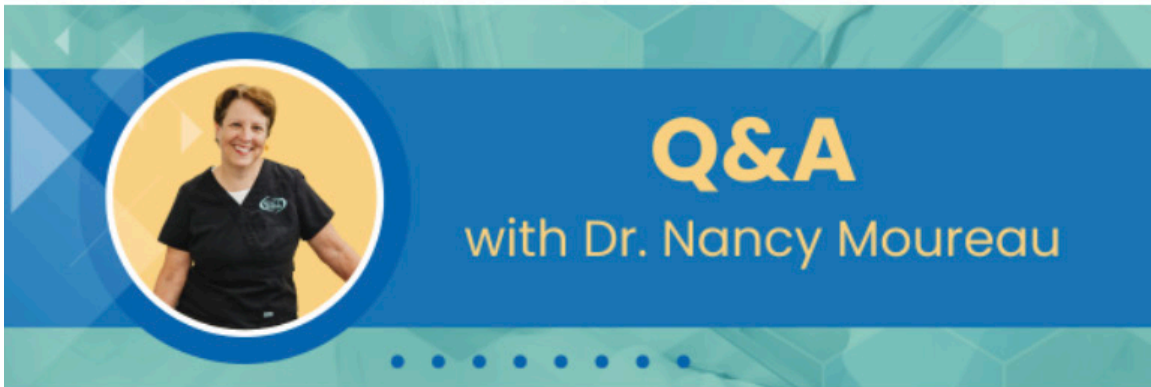
Earn a mastery certificate for [IV therapy](#) or [ultrasound-guided peripheral IV](#) or choose the programs which align best with your staff goals or qualifies them for [adult](#), [pediatric](#) or [neonatal](#) PICC insertions.

You can also work with us to schedule [shadowing opportunities](#) to learn from successful vascular access teams.

Finally, secure your registrations for any conferences you might want to attend to further your knowledge. The [INS annual meeting](#) is happening in late April and the [AVA annual meeting](#) is in mid-September.

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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](mailto:info@piccexcellence.com).*

### **QUESTION**

My patient was not able to receive a PICC due to areas of vessels restricting advancement of the catheter. Each attempt resulted in the catheter curling back. I was able to localize the areas of blockage and would like to consider direct Axillary vein access. Can Axillary vein access with superior vena cava tip positioning be used for infusions of Vancomycin for 6 weeks or more?

### **ANSWER**

Axillary placement is certainly acceptable for infusion of vancomycin when the terminal tip is located in the superior vena cava (SVC). Training is required with precepted insertions since the Axillary vein is deeper and positioned below the Axillary Artery. Good ultrasound needle guidance skills are necessary for successful access.

As long as the terminal tip of the catheter is in the distal portion of the SVC near or at the Caval Atrial junction, infusions of irritating medications such as Vancomycin should be safe for 6 weeks or more. The Axillary central catheter should be used and managed with an antimicrobial dressing in the same manner as a subclavian central venous catheter.

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## Adult PICC/Ultrasound Workshop

March 24-25, 2025

 ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Join us in Atlanta to learn the basics of adult PICC insertion. This 2-day workshop is scheduled for **March 24-25** and provides education that will empower novice inserters and build a stronger vascular access program at your facility.

[REGISTER](#)

## IV Therapy & Ultrasound-Guided Peripheral IV Therapy Workshops

 GREENVILLE, SC

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

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