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ABOUT US

The National Infusion Center Association (NICA) is a nonprofit trade association and the nation's voice for non-hospital, community-based infusion providers that offer a safe, more efficient, and more cost-effective alternative to hospital care settings for provider-administered medications.

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OUR VISION.



To be the nation's advocacy voice for office-based infusion and injection.

WHAT WE DO.



We are focused on addressing and overcoming challenges and threats to the sustainability of the most affordable care setting for provider-administered medications. Our goal is to help key decision-makers understand the value of receiving provider-administered medications in non-hospital care settings, and ensure that the community-based infusion center remains a safe, more efficient, and more cost-effective alternative to hospital care settings.

WHY NICA?



We've been the nation's voice for infusion access since 2010, overcoming countless barriers to care, access obstacles, and threats to our nation's non-hospital, community-based delivery channel for provider-administered medications. Through our efforts, NICA has helped millions of patients optimize health outcomes and quality of life through effective and responsible disease management.

Now as a trade association, NICA will bring our long history of dedication, tenacity, and success to be the voice for the nation's non-hospital, community-based infusion providers and their professional interests.

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NICA 2021 PRIMARY INITIATIVES

NICA 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

The second annual NICA Meeting will convene on **June 25 and 26, 2021**, and this year the meeting will be hosted **virtually!** Infusion experts from across the country will tune in from the comfort and safety of their own homes to discuss how to preserve and advance this important healthcare delivery channel. We look forward to another opportunity to connect and learn from clinicians, advocates, and other industry professionals in the infusion landscape.

ESTABLISH THE STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

In the fourth quarter of 2020, NICA began to accept applications to join the **Standards Development Committee**. This interdisciplinary group of experts will develop evidence-based standards and consensus guidelines to support providers' efforts to deliver safe, consistent, high-quality infusion care.

EXPAND AND ENHANCE THE INFUSION CENTER LOCATOR

We will continue to enhance the **Infusion Center Locator**, the most widely used infusion center locator utility in the country. With **thousands of searches every month**, payors, referring prescribers, and patients are using the Locator to find a conveniently located care setting in their community. Providers are able to, **at no cost**, claim and build out their office's profile(s), and we're working to make sure we continue to offer important updates that enhance the locator's functionality and the value the tool offers to its users.

REDUCE LANGUAGE-RELATED BARRIERS TO CARE

In the new year, NICA plans to collaborate with the Infusion Access Foundation (IAF), 4MedPlus, and LanguageLine Solutions to develop a program tentatively titled "**The Role of Limited English Proficiency in Health Disparities: Considerations for Infusion Providers**" to reduce disparities in care quality that result from communication and language barriers.

LAUNCH THE TREATMENT ADHERENCE INITIATIVE

NICA would like to continue our work promoting **treatment adherence** in 2021 with a new **Treatment Adherence Initiative**. Through this initiative, we hope to survey stakeholders to identify factors that are driving patients to non-adherence, conduct focus groups, host a virtual treatment adherence summit, and decide how to launch intervention strategies at sites of care.



2020 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

NICA BECAME A TRADE ASSOCIATION

2020 was a historic year for NICA. We created the **Infusion Access Foundation (IAF)**, an inclusive community for patients requiring provider-administered medications. NICA is now a **trade association** that will work to support the viability and sustainability of the provider-administered medication industry for the nation's non-hospital providers. IAF will advance patient access through community, education, and advocacy.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

The newly created **NICA Advocacy Toolkit** is a catch-all portal on NICA's website that providers and concerned citizens can access for advocacy updates, links to get involved in grassroots campaigns and petitions, educational resources, archived advocacy letters, petitions, and much more, all in one place.

DEVELOPMENT OF TWO COVID-19 RESOURCE PAGES

In March of 2020, NICA developed a toolkit with resources on keeping patients safe in the pandemic with guidelines and screening recommendations specifically crafted for the uniquely complex infusion landscape. Then, in November of 2020, NICA created the **COVID-19 Antibody Treatment Resource Center** in anticipation of several antibody therapies receiving Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the FDA. This website portal is complete with resources for providers, patients, and prescribers.

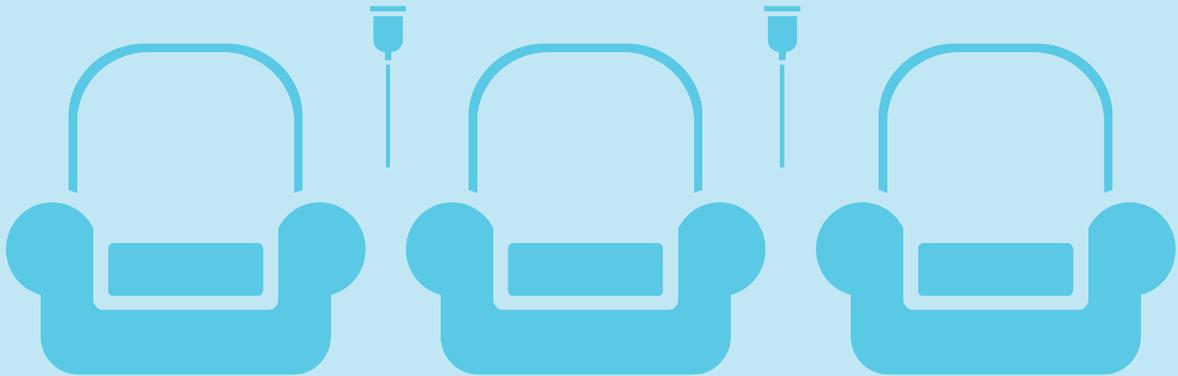
CREATION OF THE INFUSION BLOG

After the success of the InfusionConfusion™ Community Forum, NICA sought to develop an elevated content platform to take a deeper dive into popular topics discussed in and around the industry. **The Infusion Blog** is a place where readers can hear from a variety of subject matter experts on myriad topics from advocacy issues and infusion center marketing strategies, to tips for managing your infusion revenue cycle.

INFUSION CENTER LOCATOR SOLUTIONS

NICA worked to improve access to provider-administered medication by building one of our corporate partners a custom, **white-glove locator solution** powered by NICA's robust data set featuring **thousands of infusion access points** nationwide. We will continue to offer these custom solutions to our partners in the effort to expand infusion access.

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