

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.