

NICA 2021 PRIMARY INITIATIVES

2021 NICA ANNUAL MEETING

The second annual NICA Meeting was held virtually on June 25 and 26, 2021, and successfully exceeded all expectations. We saw a record amount of networking, engagement, and interaction between infusion experts from across the country. Individuals were able to participate from the comfort and safety of their own homes and experienced 16 sessions covering how to preserve and advance this important healthcare delivery channel, an unforgettable keynote speech, dedicated exhibit hall hours, an engaging product theater, and multiple networking events.

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 largest publicly available, 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.