

ABOUT US

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WHO WE ARE.



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

WHAT WE DO.



NICA's efforts are focused on delivery channel sustainability and expansion, buy-and-bill protection, maintaining net positive reimbursement, improving treatment adherence, and promoting patient safety and care quality.

We support policies that improve drug affordability for beneficiaries, increase price transparency, reduce disparities in quality of care and safety across care settings, and enable care delivery in the highest-quality, lowest-cost care setting.

Our goal is to help 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?



NICA has 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. The NICA team was instrumental in reversing several immediate threats in recent years that would have carried profound economic implications and significantly reduced access to care.

NICA is dedicated to ensuring that the nation's infusion centers remain a safe, more efficient, and more cost-effective alternative to hospital settings for consistent, high-quality care.

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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.

2020 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

NICA BECAME A TRADE ASSOCIATION

The year 2020 was historic for NICA. We created the **Infusion Access Foundation (IAF)**, an inclusive community for patients requiring provider-administered medications. NICA is now a 501(c)(6) trade association that will work to support the viability and sustainability of the provider-administered medication industry for the nation's non-hospital, community-based infusion 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.

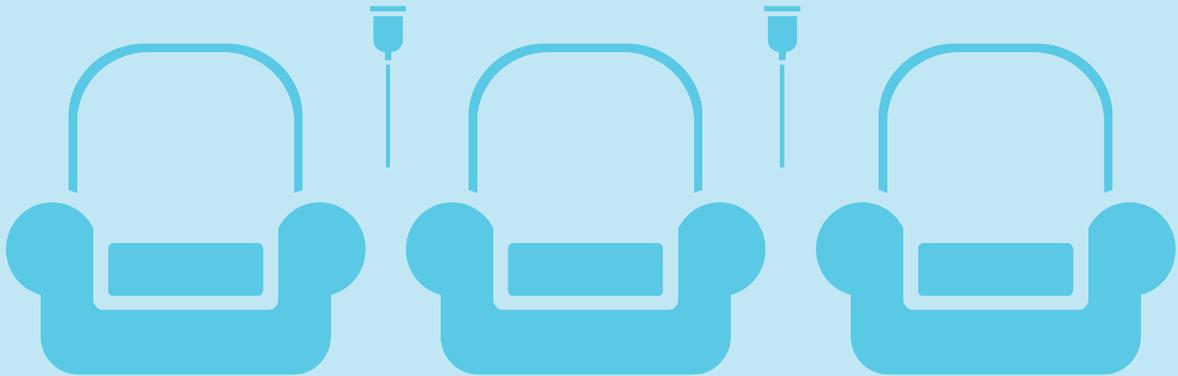
CREATION OF THE INFUSION BLOG

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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