

Dennis Murdie, RN, CEN, VA-BC: Leading Excellence in Vascular Access at Harris Health System

Mentor, Innovator, and Advocate for Advanced Patient Care in Texas



Kingwood, Texas Oct 7, 2025 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Harris Health System is proud to spotlight Dennis Murdie, RN, CEN, VA-BC, a distinguished PICC Nurse specializing in vascular access at one of Texas's busiest Level III trauma hospitals. With a commitment to excellence and a wealth of experience, Dennis leads the hospital's PICC team, ensuring that patients receive the highest standard of vascular access

care.

As the head of the PICC team, Dennis is responsible for overseeing supply management, meticulous documentation, and the execution of PICC, midline, and ultrasound-guided IV placements. His expertise has earned him recognition as a subject matter expert in the field, and he collaborates closely with medical residents, faculty, and students to ensure timely and appropriate vascular access. Notably, Dennis has maintained a remarkable record of zero insertion-related central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) for over three years, highlighting his dedication to patient safety and quality care.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Dennis has pioneered an ultrasound-guided IV (UGIV) training program that has become the standard at Harris Health. He conducts multiple annual training sessions to keep nursing staff updated with the latest skills, thereby enhancing the overall quality of care provided to patients. Dennis also personally mentors all new PICC nurses in advanced techniques, including BD 3CG, PowerGlide Pro, and UGIV procedures, fostering a culture of excellence and professional growth within the nursing team.

Dennis's journey in nursing began with an Associate of Science in Nursing from Excelsior University, after which he earned his Registered Nurse credentials in 2012. Currently, he is furthering his education at Western Governors University, pursuing an RN-to-MSN Degree with a focus on Health and Health Care Administration/Management. His clinical specialization in vascular access underscores his dedication to improving patient outcomes through precision, innovation, and evidence-based practice.

A VA BC Certified Nurse Leader with over a decade of experience transforming vascular access, Dennis actively engages in professional development through his memberships in the American Nurses Association and the Association for Vascular Access. His exceptional contributions have garnered numerous accolades, including the Good Samaritan Award (Bronze) from the Good Samaritan Foundation in July 2025, NCAP NCIV of the Year from Harris Health in October 2024, recognition as one of Houston, Texas's Top 150 Nurses by the Houston Chronicle in June 2019, and the International Innovation Overall Winner from the Ideas America Summit in September 2018.

Dennis attributes his success to perseverance, continuous learning, and the guidance of mentors and colleagues. "Nursing is a field that demands resilience, teamwork, and compassion," he reflects. "I've worked hard to stay current with evidence-based practice, but I've also leaned on collaboration and mentorship to grow. Most importantly, I attribute my success to always keeping the patient at the center of my decisions—when patient outcomes and safety guide me, it pushes me to keep improving."

Outside of his professional life, Dennis draws inspiration from his diverse personal background as a former paratrooper, commercial diver, and paramedic. He is passionate about service and mentorship and enjoys spending quality time with his large family. In his free time, he pursues fitness, cycling, and archery, reflecting his commitment to health, focus, and discipline.

As Harris Health System continues to set the standard in patient care and innovation, Dennis Murdie's leadership and expertise exemplify the critical role of skilled, dedicated nurses in shaping the future of healthcare. His work not only advances vascular access practices but also inspires and empowers colleagues and trainees to excel in the ever-evolving field of nursing.

Learn More about Dennis Murdie:

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