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Speaker Directory



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Topic(s): Long-term care focused
APIC Chapter: 43 - East Central Pennsylvania

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APIC Chapter: San Diego and Imperial County

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APIC Chapter: Saudi Arabia

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APIC Chapter: Greater Atlanta

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APIC Chapter: Delaware Valley/Philadelphia Chapter 15

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Topic(s): IPC and AMS surveillance in Aged Care

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Topic(s): Leadership; Quality Improvement; Device Reprocessing; Professional Development; Mentorship
APIC Chapter: Great Lakes

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APIC Chapter: Greater NY Chapter 13

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Topic(s): Infection Prevention in Long Term Care
APIC Chapter: Chicago, Central Illinois, Eastern Iowa, Wisconsin

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Topic(s): Professional Development
APIC Chapter: Eastern Iowa

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Topic(s): Vascular access, sterile processing, career growth and staffing ladder
APIC Chapter: Central Florida Chapter

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Topic(s): Vaccines; Vaccination; Vaccinology; Artificial Intelligence;
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Topic(s): Infection Control AMR
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Topic(s): ICRA 2.0 and PCRA/construction risks, water
management and WICRA, air quality and mold issues, infection
case studies related to the physical environment
APIC Chapter: New England

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Topic(s): Surgical Site Infection Prevention Bundles, Centralized
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APIC Chapter: Grand Canyon

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Topic(s): Device Reprocessing (Sterilization and High Level
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APIC Chapter: Great Lakes

Mallory Davis, MS, PhD, CIC

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Topic(s): Pediatrics, Animals in Healthcare, Process Improvement
APIC Chapter: Great Lakes

Tiffany Dogan

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Topic(s): Professional development, leadership, communication,
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APIC Chapter: Greater Los Angeles

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Topic(s): 1) Carbapenemase-Producing Enterobacteriaceae (CPE)
surveillance, 2) HAI surveillance in Long-term Care, 3) Healthcare
Associated COVID-19

Paula Ebert, CNS

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Topic(s): Urinary Retention

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Topic(s): Construction, Immunocompromised Population
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APIC Chapter: Central Ohio APIC

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Topic(s): Construction and Reno/ICRA; IP and Sterile Processing;
Program Mgt

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Topic(s): Safety-II and Infection Prevention
APIC Chapter: DC Metro Area

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Topic(s): Pediatrics, multidisciplinary partnerships, pediatric
infections, on-boarding IPs
APIC Chapter: Chapter 15, Delaware Valley and Philadelphia

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Availability Preference: In-Person
Topic(s): Novel Methods for Infection Prevention and Control
Training, Virtual Reality, Clinical Decision Support for Infection
Control, Vaccine Hesitancy

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Topic(s): Outpatient Clinics, Device Reprocessing, Team building
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APIC Chapter: Greater St. Louis

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Topic(s): Public Health, Dental IPC, Sterile Processing and High-
Level Disinfection, Critical Access Hospital, Rural Health,,
Ambulatory ICP, Antimicrobial Stewardship,
APIC Chapter: Puget Sound

Crystal Heishman, MBA, MSN, RN, ONC, CIC, CRNI, CPHQ, CRCST, FAPIC, FNAON

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Availability Preference: In-Person
Topic(s): General infection prevention, risk assessment,
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(dialysis, facilities, disinfection, etc.)
APIC Chapter: Kentuckiana 042

Nicole Henry, MPH, CIC

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Topic(s): Public Health, Health Equity, Emergency Management
APIC Chapter: Greater New York

Timothy Kelly, MS, MBA

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Topic(s): CAUTI Prevention, Hospital-Onset Bacteremia and
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APIC Chapter: APIC Greater Atlanta

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APIC Chapter: SFBA and GLAC

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Topic(s): Water Management

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Availability Preference: Virtual
Topic(s): NHSN Definitions and Guidance, Surveillance,
Microbiology

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Topic(s): Cleaning, disinfection, sterilization, HLD

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Topic(s): AI & infection prevention; IPC in Endoscopy;
APIC Chapter: Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE

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Topic(s): Regulatory readiness, general IP, Hand hygiene
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Topic(s): Professional development; Risk assessment and annual planning
APIC Chapter: Eastern Iowa APIC

Amanda Munoz, MPH, CIC

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Topic(s): Surgical site infection prevention, process improvement, and implementing prevention practices.
APIC Chapter: Houston

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Topic(s): Standard & Transmission-Based Precautions, High-Consequence Infectious Disease Readiness, Personal Protective Equipment, Healthcare-Associated Infections, General Infection Practice in Acute Care Settings.
APIC Chapter: Greater Omaha

Frank Myers, MA, CIC, FAPIC

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Topic(s): Hospital onset bacteremia, Using IT to reduce vascular access related bloodstream infections, The myth of aerosol generating procedures
APIC Chapter: San Diego and Imperial County

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Topic(s): Centralized IPC Departments; Leadership Skills; Partnering IPC, Supply Chain and Vendors; MRSA virtual Risk Score and Bacteremia Prevention; CAUTI Prevention; HAI Huddles and Prevention
APIC Chapter: CVIPE

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Topic(s): CLABSI, IP Staffing, Preventing Invasive Fungal Infection, IP Evidence Based Practice Updates
APIC Chapter: APIC New England

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Topic(s): Relationship between IP & EVS

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Topic(s): Analyzing large national datasets to assess the impacts on patient outcomes and quality metrics, particularly in post-acute care settings.

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Topic(s): Infection Prevention, EICMO, Standard precautions
APIC Chapter: BAPIC

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Topic(s): emerging infectious diseases; pandemics; mpox; Ebola; Marburg; COVID-19; H5N1 avian influenza; disasters

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Topic(s): Core Competency Development, Specialty-Specific Competencies, Infection Prevention and Control Internship Program
APIC Chapter: Greater Los Angeles

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Topic(s): Acute care, long-term care, behavioral health IPC issues pertaining to environmental hygiene, hand hygiene, vaccine preventable diseases, antibiotic stewardship, emergency management of infectious diseases, surveillance, outbreaks.
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Topic(s): Any IPC principles, Device reprocessing (including high level disinfection and sterilization), IPC rounding, HAIs, collaboration and communication

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Topic(s): Emergency Preparedness

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Topic(s): Sterile Compounding, Environmental Microbiology, Cleaning & Disinfection, BSI prevention strategies, mentorship
APIC Chapter: Delaware Valley & First State chapters

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Topic(s): Behavioral theory in infection prevention, healthcare epidemiology, maternal health, emergency medicine
APIC Chapter: Texas Panhandle

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Topic(s): Outbreaks, genomic epidemiology, whole genome sequencing
APIC Chapter: Three Rivers

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Topic(s): Health Equity, Acute Care, Behavioral Health, Public Health, SSI, Quality

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Topic(s): hand hygiene, IPC curricula, surgical site infections, building effective IPC programmes, global IPC implementation

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Topic(s): Infectious Diseases, AMR's

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Topic(s): MIFU, leadership, change management, IP growth, Value of IP, SSI, HLDS

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Topic(s): Water Management, Air Management, Construction and Healthcare Facility Design, Disinfection, Sterilization

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Topic(s): Excel, Dashboard, Data

APIC Chapter: Houston

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Topic(s): IC Program, HLD Scopes, HLD Probes, Sterilization

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Topic(s): data analysis, SSI prevention, HAI reduction, key process indicators, compliance monitoring
APIC Chapter: Houston

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Topic(s): Water management, high-level disinfection and sterilization, infection prevention department staffing

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APIC Chapter: Great Lakes

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APIC Chapter: Badger

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Topic(s): Equipment Disinfection, Professional Development and
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APIC Chapter: Greater New York

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Topic(s): Antimicrobial Stewardship

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Topic(s): 1. Competency assessment program and documentation,
2. Survey readiness, 3. Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
program standardization, 4. Developing a corporate IPC program, 5.
Developing an integrated IPC risk assessment and program plan for
all set
APIC Chapter: Greater St. Louis