

**Program Description:**

Novel Approaches to Old Challenges will present the current influenza epidemiology and vaccine effectiveness studies after the emergence of SARS-CO-V2, updates based on the surgical site infection prevention guidelines published in 2023, applying diagnostic stewardship to testing, novel approaches to recurrent and refractory *Clostridioides difficile* disease and the effect of climate change on infectious diseases.

**Target Audience:** Internists, Infectious Disease Specialists, Infection Prevention Professionals, Nurses, Long Term Care Professionals and Allied Health Professionals involved in the care and treatment of patients.

**Educational Objectives:** At the conclusion of this educational activity participants should be able to:

1. Identify the importance of diagnostic stewardship strategies as a tool to improve patient care
2. Describe specific diagnostic stewardship strategies for evaluation of urinary tract infection, *Clostridioides difficile*, and bloodstream infection
3. Identify ongoing controversies with regards to SSI prevention
4. Apply methods and strategies to prevent SSI
5. Identify current diagnosis and management of *Clostridioides difficile* infection, including recurrent and fulminant
6. Describe the role, use, and practical issues related to prescription and use of FDA approved live microbiome restitution products for recurrent *Clostridioides difficile*
7. Relate current challenges in respiratory virus epidemiology to vaccine development efforts
8. Recognize the process for influenza vaccine selection and the systems of virus surveillance that inform selection
9. List the major categories of infectious diseases that respond to climate change
10. Describe major solutions to climate change adaptation for infectious diseases



**A Joint Meeting of:**

**Infectious Diseases Society  
of New Jersey  
APIC - NNJ & APIC - SNJ  
Annual Infectious Disease  
Conference:**

**Novel Approaches to  
Old Challenges**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**Forsgate Country Club  
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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
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## AGENDA

8:00 a.m.

Registration, Continental Breakfast & Exhibits

8:50 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

David Cennimo, IDSNJ President

Kristen Manthey, APIC-NNJ President

Caren Anuszewski, APIC-SNJ President

9:00 a.m.

Diagnostic Stewardship

Deverick John ("Dev") Anderson, MD, MPH, FIDSA, FSHEA

Moderator: Griselda Johnson

10:00 a.m.

Exhibits & Coffee Break

10:45 a.m.

Clostridioides difficile infection including Recurrent and Refractory Disease and Novel Approaches

Elizabeth Louise Hohmann, M.D.

Moderator: Peggy Sutton

11:45 a.m

Challenges in Influenza Epidemiology and Vaccine

Effectiveness Studies After the Emergence of SARS-Co-V-2

Emily Toth Martin, MPH, PhD

Moderator: Lisa Gillen

12:45 p.m.

Lunch and Exhibits

1:45 p.m.

Updates and Ongoing Challenges in Prevention of Surgical Site Infections

Dale W. Bratzler, DO, MPH, MACOI, FIDSA

Moderator: Tory Zancocchio

2:45 p.m.

Climate Change and its Effect on Infectious Diseases

Colin Carlson, PhD

Moderator: Nancy Szilagyi

3:45 p.m.

Wrap-up / Evaluations

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## EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

IDSNJ, APICNNJ and APICSNJ are pleased to offer this educational offering which will be eligible for Infection prevention Units (IPUs).

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