

Global Challenges: Local Solutions

Smoky Mountain APIC Fall Conference



October 23-24, 2025

Black Fox Lodge, Pigeon Forge, TN

Featured Speakers:

Vydia Nankoosingh, MLT, CIC Diversey

Melphine Harriott, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)SM^{CM} Orlando Health

Connie Steed, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC sponsored by Nozin

Jill Morgan, RN, BSN, Emory University Hospital NETEC

DJ Shannon, MPH, CIC, VA-BCTM, FAPIC

Amanda Hartley, RN, CPN TDH

Mark Oliver Wright MT(ASCP), MS, CIC, FAPIC, Clinical Science Liaison, PDI

Stephen Hopkins, B.S., Military History; MDiv Leadership Coach

Featured Topics Include:

This year's conference brings together critical topics addressing both emerging threats and everyday practices in healthcare. Sessions will delve into **Candida auris**, an enigmatic and multidrug-resistant fungal pathogen that continues to challenge global infection control efforts. Attendees will explore the science of **biofilms** and their role in persistent infections and examine **hospital-onset bacteremia** as a growing concern requiring innovative surveillance and prevention strategies. The program also features insights into **pertussis** resurgence and public health responses, and a comprehensive look at the **National Special Pathogen System**, highlighting preparedness efforts for high-consequence infectious diseases. A dedicated session on **transformational change** will inspire institutional improvements in infection prevention programs. We'll wrap up with a **motivational speaker** who will inspire you to make each day great!

CEUs/IPUs Available

This program is designed to meet Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) through Pellissippi State Community College. A Certificate of Attendance for CEUs will be given to each attendee at the conclusion of the Conference. If recertifying for infection control certification(s) through the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC), this event also qualifies for 10 IPU as a multi-day conference.

Program Handouts

All conference attendees are asked to print their own copies of the presentations in advance, if desired. A link to the presentations will be sent to registered attendees prior to the conference. Onsite registrants will also be given the link to access electronically.

Exhibitors

Exhibitors will be showcasing their products on Thursday, October 23rd. We will again hold a welcome reception, hosted by a select group of vendors on Wednesday evening. Be sure to stop by and visit their booths at both opportunities and thank them for supporting SM APIC and this conference!!

Conference Location/Hotel Information

The Black Fox Lodge, 3171 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863

Special conference rates available Oct 23-24. Reserve by clicking on this link [Black Fox Lodge](#) for APIC room block. Book by September 22, 2025 to receive the guaranteed SM APIC group rate of \$209/night plus 12.25% tax.

Conference Registration

Name:		APIC Membership # (if applicable):	
Credentials/Designations (License, Highest degree, Certification):			
Address:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Facility Name:			
Facility Type: ☐ Acute Care Hospital ☐ Critical Access Hospital ☐ Long Term Acute Care Hospital ☐ Long Term Care ☐ Assisted Living ☐ Rehab ☐ Ambulatory Surgery Center ☐ Dialysis Center ☐ Correctional Institution ☐ Other (Please specify)			
Phone:		I want: ☐ CEUs ☐ IPUs	
Email: (Notifications, Invoices, and Link to Presentations will be sent here):			
☐ \$125 for APIC members if registration is postmarked by October 1			
☐ \$175 for non-APIC members if registration is postmarked by October 1			
☐ \$200 if registration is postmarked after October 1 or at the door			
Please share any dietary restrictions - <i>(We will do our best to accommodate but cannot make any guarantees):</i>			



To pay by **PayPal**, email this completed registration form to arymer@covhlth.com and scan the QR code below:



*Registration Confirmation will be emailed after we have received **BOTH** registration form and payment via PayPal*

To pay by **Check**, make out check to Smoky Mountain APIC Chapter #79 and send along with this form to:

Methodist Medical Center
c/o Amy Rymer-Sheets– Infection Prevention
990 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Refund Policy:

Cancellations received by October 15th will receive a 50% refund. There will be no refund for cancellations received after October 15th.