



Fall Conference 2024

Agenda

7:30am-8:00am	Check-In, Light Breakfast
8:00am-8:10am	Opening Comments
8:10am-9:30am	Keynote Speaker: Connie Steed, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC

Presentation Title: Getting it Done! Implementing Transformational Change to Improve Patient Outcomes

Bio: Connie Steed, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC, has worked in the field of infection prevention and control for over 40 years. Connie's experience spans the continuum of care including academic and community acute care hospitals, Long -Term Care and Ambulatory care. She most recently served as the Corporate Director of Infection Prevention at Prisma Health in South Carolina, from which she retired. Connie is currently a consultant specializing in infection prevention and control.

Connie is a Fellow of the Association of Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC). She has served APIC in multiple capacities including 2020 APIC President and was the recipient of the 2018 APIC President's Distinguished Service Award in Honor of Patricia Lynch and the Carol DeMille Achievement Award in 2024. Connie is currently serving on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HICPAC committee and the NHSN, Personnel Health and Isolation Precautions Work Groups. She is published in the field and has presented nationally and internationally.

Connie received both her Bachelor and Master of Science Degrees in Nursing from Clemson University. She has been board certified in Infection Prevention and control (CIC) since 1985. Connie is also a certified change agent.

9:30am-9:45am Break

9:45am-10:30am Speaker: Joseph Hommes, BSN, RN, VA-BC

Presentation Title: BSI: Addressing Clinical Challenges with Catheter Maintenance

Bio: Joseph Hommes received his BSN from Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He has practiced as a vascular access nurse for over 20 years in the areas of oncology, cardiac, pediatrics, home infusion and as a certified PICC insertion nurse manager. He is board certified in vascular access through the Association of Vascular Access.

He joined 3M Medical in 2011 and presently serves Solventum as the global clinical application specialist for Tegaderm™ Antimicrobial Dressings. Joe has traveled extensively to meet with clinicians and to lecture on strategies to reduce catheter-related bloodstream infections, VADs and oncology and PIV complications. His travels have taken him to destinations across North America, Europe, and to the Middle East, South Africa, China, Singapore, and Taiwan.

Joe holds several medical device patents and is a published content provider for the 2021 and 2024 Standards of Infusion Therapy. He is currently providing expert content for the upcoming AVA Guidelines.

Joseph and his wife Susan along with their son, Peter live in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

10:30am-11:15am Speaker: Linda Austin, RDH, BS

Presentation Title: The Oral-Systemic Connection; Moving the Needle on Infection Prevention in Dental Hygiene Care

Bio: Linda Austin, R.D.H., B.S., is a passionate advocate for oral health education and awareness. With a Dental Hygiene degree from the University of Hawaii, she has devoted 15 years to instructing dental hygiene students at UH Manoa. Since 2005, she has expanded oral health awareness through her work with the Department of Health, targeting schools, caregivers, families of individuals with disabilities, Hawaii's Senior population, nursing staff at long term care facilities,

and medical-dental interprofessional education at JABSOM and Kapiolani Community College and Maui Community College. Linda's clinical expertise spans over 30 years in private dental offices, encompassing general practice and periodontics.

Linda has received recognition for her outstanding contributions, including the Faculty Award for Merit in education from the University of Hawaii and the Outstanding Member Award from the Hawaii Dental Hygienist's Association.

11:15am-11:30am Break

11:30am-12:15pm Speaker: Garret Hino Jr., PharmD, BCIDP

Presentation Title: The Crossroad Between Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Stewardship

Bio: Dr. Garret Hino Jr. is a board-certified infectious diseases pharmacist working with the Hawaii State Department of Health on the Healthcare-Associated Infections/Antimicrobial Resistance (HAI/AR) Program as the Public Health Pharmacist and acting HAI/AR Program Manager. Garret graduated from the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy and completed both a PGY-1 Pharmacy Practice Residency at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy and a two-year Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Fellowship at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. After completing his ID Fellowship, Garret joined the HAI/AR Program at the Hawaii State Department of Health to lead antimicrobial stewardship efforts and address the emerging threats of antimicrobial resistance. As the acting HAI/AR Program Manager, Garret coordinates with his HAI/AR Team of 11 members to optimize the quality and safety of healthcare provided by our healthcare facilities in the state of Hawaii.

12:15pm-2:00pm Lunch & Exhibition Hall

2:00pm-2:45pm Speaker: Jennifer Mbuthia, MD, FAAAAI, FAAP

Presentation Title: Important Immunization Updates: New Products & New Recommendations

Bio: Dr. Jennifer Mbuthia attended Brown University for her undergraduate and medical school education. She completed her residency in pediatrics at Tripler Army Medical Center (Hawaii), and after 4 years as a staff pediatrician she completed a fellowship in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center (Washington DC).

She had a 20-year career in the Army that included working for the Department of Defense (DoD) Vaccine Healthcare Agency, serving as the DoD liaison for the Maternal Immunization Working Group of the National Vaccine Advisory Committee, and working for the Army Surgeon General in Congressional Affairs.

Dr. Mbuthia is board certified in allergy/clinical immunology, clinical informatics, and general pediatrics. She currently works several different jobs: as a physician consultant for the Hawaii State Department of Health Immunization Branch, as a medical reviewer for the federal Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program, and doing clinical work at the Queen's Medical Center and Kaiser.

She is an assistant professor of pediatrics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

2:45pm-3:30pm

Speaker: Leigh Furman, PharmD

Presentation Title: Detection of Microbes Using Plasma Microbial Cell-Free DNA Metagenomic Sequencing

Bio: Dr. Leigh Furman's background is as a pediatric-trained clinical pharmacist with residency experience from Children's Minnesota and Boston Children's Hospital. Leigh's interests include neonatal and pediatric critical care, infectious disease, and stewardship of antimicrobials and diagnostics. She joined Karius in 2023 as a Medical Science Liaison.

3:30pm-4:00pm

Break & Exhibition Hall

4:00pm-4:15pm

Officer Election Results & Recognitions

4:15pm-4:30pm

Closing Remarks