

APIC New England 2025 Spring Conference

Speaker Biographies

Spring Forward: Advancing Infection Prevention through Innovation

David Banach, MD, MPH

Professor of Medicine, UConn Health

Dr. Banach is a Professor of Medicine at the University of Connecticut. In addition to his clinical roles in inpatient and ambulatory care, he also serves as Hospital Epidemiologist and Medical Director for Antimicrobial Stewardship at UConn Health. His research focuses on studying the epidemiology of antibiotic-resistant organisms and interventions to improve antibiotic prescribing in multiple settings. He is Past President of the Connecticut ID Society and has held multiple leadership roles in the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA).

Topic: Update in C. difficile – New Strategies for Prevention and Treatment

Nancy Dupont, DNP, MPH, RN, CIC

Nursing Director of Epidemiology, University of Connecticut

Dr. Nancy Dupont serves as the Nursing Director of Epidemiology at the University of Connecticut, where she oversees infection prevention efforts across both inpatient and ambulatory care settings. In addition to her leadership in infection prevention, she directs UConn Health's Dialysis, Inpatient Wound Care, and the newly established Outpatient Wound Care and Hyperbaric Therapy service line.

Nancy is passionate about engaging frontline staff in innovative strategies to enhance infection prevention practices. She has been a dedicated leader within APIC New England, serving as President, Program Director, and currently as Immediate Past President.

Topic: Using a Multimodal Approach to Central Line Dressing Changes

Michele Maryanski, BSN, RN, CIC

Infection Preventionist, Baystate Medical Center

Michele Maryanski is a board-certified Infection Preventionist at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, MA. She is responsible for facilitating initiatives and education in the prevention of surgical site infections (SSI). Michele oversees SSI surveillance and data analysis to ensure the medical center's compliance with statewide and national regulatory requirements for SSI reporting. She currently serves on the APIC New England Program Committee and was an APIC NE Board Member for many years prior. Before joining Baystate Health in 2011, Michele was an Infection Control Practitioner for the Department of Public Health at Western Massachusetts Hospital in Westfield, MA. She has been a registered nurse for over 30 years, specializing in Infection Prevention since 2005.

Topic: Surgical Site Infections, NHSN Definitions & Prevention Strategies

Martie L. Moore, MAOM, RN, CPHQ
President/CEO, M2WL Consulting

Martie Moore is an accomplished executive with over 35 years of experience in healthcare, specializing in research, quality improvement, patient and resident safety, and the advancement of healthcare delivery systems.

Throughout her career, Moore has held key leadership roles, including Chief Nursing Officer at corporate, system, and Magnet-designated facilities. She has been instrumental in driving the implementation of evidence-based practices, fostering cultural transformation, and elevating organizational performance through quality improvement, systems thinking, and the practical application of knowledge to action. She holds multiple patents regarding the innovation of healthcare products and recently received an honorary doctorate for her contributions to healthcare. Moore is also the co-author of *The Leadership Sandwich*, a book that explores innovative leadership strategies, now available on Amazon.

Topic: Magnitude of the Source: How Pathogens from the Gut are Center Stage in the Fight Against Infections

Olayinka Oremade, MD, MPH, CIC
Patient Safety/Infection Control Manager, Griffin Hospital

Dr. Olayinka "Ola" Oremade is a certified Infection Preventionist and the Patient Safety/Infection Control Manager at Griffin Hospital in Derby, Connecticut. With a medical degree and a Master of Public Health from Texas A&M University, Ola brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the field of infection prevention. He currently serves as the Chairperson of the Connecticut Hospital Association's Infection Preventionist Meeting Group and is an active member of the APIC New England Chapter. Ola is dedicated to implementing innovative strategies to enhance patient safety and infection control practices.

Topic: A Colorful Solution: The Impact of a Novel Color Additive for Disinfectant Wipes on Room Cleanliness and Turnover Time

Kristin M. Smith, RN, MSN, CIC
Infection Preventionist, Baystate Medical Center

Kristin has an impressive and extensive background in nursing and infection prevention, with nearly three decades of experience, making her an asset to her field. With a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from Boston College and a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Our Lady of the Elms College, she has developed deep expertise, especially in infection prevention and control. For a little over ten years, she has maintained her role as an Infection Preventionist at Baystate Medical Center, along with the prestigious CIC certification.

Kristin is an active member in APIC at both the national and local New England chapter level. She received the 2021 APIC NE Chapter Leader Award, served two (non-consecutive) terms as chapter treasurer, and maintains active participation with the chapter planning committee. Since 2016, she has been the Chair for the Baystate Health Hand Hygiene Committee, driving initiatives that ensure patient safety and quality care across the system. Kristin's focus on leadership development, change management, and innovative research reflects her passion for improving healthcare practices and contributing to lasting improvements in infection control and patient safety.

Topic: How Collaboration Led to Achieving Leapfrog Compliance for Hand Hygiene