

Mr. Harry Dow, ICRA Lead

Infection Control Lead, Healthcare. NE Carpenters Labor Management Program

Mr. Harry Dow is an experienced healthcare administrator focused on Patient Safety through the use of Infection Control Risk Assessment program that is designed for construction projects.

Sylvia Garcia-Houchins, MBA, RN, CIC

Director, Infection Prevention and Control Division of Healthcare Improvement, The Joint Commission

Sylvia Garcia-Houchins is the Director, Infection Prevention and Control in the Division of Healthcare Improvement. In this role, she is responsible for the oversight of infection prevention and control for The Joint Commission. Ms. Garcia-Houchins has over 30 years of experience in infection control in both hospital and long term care settings, as well as eight years of clinical microbiology experience. Most recently, she served as the Director, Infection Control at University of Chicago Medicine and was also an intermittent consultant for Joint Commission Resources for 10 years. Ms. Garcia-Houchins has provided infection prevention and control consultation, assessment and education in a variety of health care settings including hospitals, health clinics, ambulatory surgery, and dialysis centers both domestically and internationally. Her specialty areas of interest include disinfection and sterilization, dialysis, infection prevention during renovation and construction, and control of Legionella. One of the highlights of her career has been training health care professionals in Saudi Arabia as Infection Preventionists. She served as a test writer and reviewer for the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, and has also authored numerous articles and book chapters related to infection control including a chapter in the APIC Text and the Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization Chapter in The APIC/JCR Infection Prevention and Control Workbook, Third Edition.

Ms. Garcia-Houchins earned a degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, a master's of business administration from the Keller Graduate School of Management, and her nursing degree from Truman College.

Jeana Houseman, MHSA, DLM(ASCP) CM , CIC

Director, Infection Prevention, University of Minnesota Health, Fairview

Jeana Houseman is the Director of Infection Prevention at University of Minnesota Health, an academic health system located in Minneapolis. Prior to joining the field of Infection Prevention in 2015, she worked as a Clinical Microbiologist first at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and then at University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor. She has published and spoken regionally and nationally on the topics of MALDI-TOF technology, high-level disinfection, and microbiology. She is passionate about adding science and evidence-based practices into her IP practice and loves to share her knowledge of microbiology with other IPs.

Mary Lou Manning, PhD, CRNP, CIC, FAPIC

Professor, Jefferson College of Nursing, Thomas Jefferson University

Mary Lou has contributed to clinical practice, education, and research in the field of infection prevention and control for over 30 years. She is a Professor at Thomas Jefferson University (TJU), Jefferson College of Nursing in Philadelphia, where she teaches leadership, organizational change, and patient safety

courses in the Doctor of Nursing Practice program. Prior to TJU, she held leadership positions at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) and academic appointment at the University of Pennsylvania. At CHOP, she was the Director of Infection Prevention and Occupational Health for over 12 years.

Mary Lou was the 2015 President of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), is certified in infection prevention and control, a Fellow in APIC, Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN), and a former Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow. Dr. Manning has received numerous honors including being named to the 2015 list of "50 Experts Leading the Field of Patient Safety" by Becker's Hospital Review, and in 2018 receiving APIC's Distinguished Scientist Award, and the TJU Lindback Award for Distinguished Teaching. Mary Lou received her baccalaureate and master's degrees in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania and doctorate in health education from Temple University.