

Learning Outcomes: As a result of participating in the Infection Prevention Conference, the attendees will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand & identify 2 ways to decrease the likelihood of Joint Commission Infection Control findings related to sterilization and disinfection Understand and explain 2 ways to decrease the likelihood of Joint Commission findings related to sterilization and disinfection. Understand the 2 most common findings of the Joint Commission and apply them to your healthcare facility. Understand how to utilize construction tools in the Infection Control Risk Assessment. Explain the implications of the changing health care landscape to infection prevention practices. 		
7:30-8:00	REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST	
8:00-8:15	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS	
8:15-9:45	Infection Control Update from The Joint Commission Sylvia Garcia-Houchins, RN, MBA, CIC Director, Infection Prevention and Control, The Joint Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify 2 ways to decrease the likelihood of an IC finding related to sterilization and disinfection Discuss 2 key issues to avoid when writing policies Explain the process to follow if the facility disagrees with surveyor's application of the standards
9:45-10:30	BREAK AND VENDORS	
10:30-11:30	Moving Toward the Future: Updates in Clinical Microbiology Jeana Houseman, MHSA, DLM(ASCP) ^{CM} , CIC Director, Infection Prevention University of Minnesota Health Minneapolis, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how MALDI-TOF technology impacts both the laboratory and Infection Prevention List three ways in which carbapenemase production can be identified in the laboratory Explain how technological advances in the laboratory affect Infection Prevention practices, such as in outbreak investigations
11:30-11:45	APIC NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER UPDATE	
11:45-12:55	LUNCH AND VENDORS	
1:00-2:00	Infection Prevention Risk Assessment: What have we learned Harry Dow ICRA Lead/APIC Associate Healthcare Group, New England Carpenters Labor Management Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the purpose of conducting an ICRA and how it relates to patient/staff safety Identify best practices related to construction safety in healthcare settings Discuss ways to collaborate with the ICRA team
2:00-2:10	STRETCH BREAK AND DESSERT, Vendor Raffle at 2:10	

2:15-3:15	Infection Prevention in Ambulatory Care Settings Mary Lou Manning, PhD, CRNP, CIC, FAPIC Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson College of Nursing Philadelphia, PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore the changing health care landscape and the implications for infection prevention and control programs• Provide guidance on implementing infection prevention practices in ambulatory care
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