

Speaker Biographies



Scott Roberts, MD

Assistant Professor, Infectious Diseases, Yale School of Medicine
Associate Medical Director, Infection Prevention, Yale New Haven Hospital

Scott Roberts trained at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx NY, completed his internal medicine training at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and his infectious diseases training at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago IL. He started as an Assistant Professor in Infectious Diseases at the Yale School of Medicine in 2020, where he also has an administrative role as the Associate Medical Director, Infection Prevention, Yale New Haven Hospital.

Topic: Measles



Dena Olivo, MSOL, CRCST, CIS, CHL

Sterile Processing Manager at Moffitt Cancer Center and Founder of The Ramirez Institute of Sterile Processing

Dena Olivo is a nationally recognized executive leader in sterile processing, instrument reprocessing, and infection prevention, with more than a decade of experience directing complex, multi-hospital operations

across academic medical centers and community health systems. She is known for transforming underperforming departments into high-reliability operations through standardization, workforce development, and rigorous regulatory compliance. Currently serving as Sterile Processing Manager at Moffitt Cancer Center, Dena oversees sterile processing and high-level disinfection operations across three hospitals, multiple clinics, and satellite locations, supporting specialized surgical and ambulatory services. She leads more than 50 professionals and serves as a trusted subject matter expert in AAMI, AORN, OSHA, and Joint Commission standards. Under her leadership, the organization has achieved zero regulatory deficiencies, eliminated immediate-use steam sterilization, reduced instrument turnaround time by up to 40%, and stabilized staffing through strategic recruitment and retention. Dena is recognized for unifying practices across facilities, improving surgical readiness, and delivering measurable gains in efficiency, safety, and cost control through Lean 5S initiatives, workflow redesign, inventory optimization, and contract labor reduction. She is the Founder and Owner of The Ramirez Institute of Sterile Processing, where she has educated and mentored hundreds of technicians through HSPA- and CBSPD-aligned curriculum, supporting certification success and workforce development nationwide Sterilization Standards working groups. She holds a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from Quinnipiac University, a Bachelor of Science from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and multiple professional Certificates.

Topic: SPD



Jason Contrady, MBA, PMP, LSSGB, NREMT
Sr. Project Manager

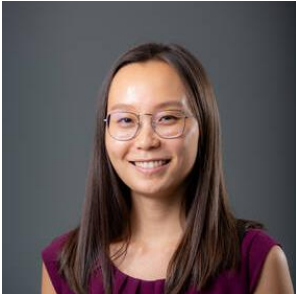
Jason is a Senior Project Manager at Dartmouth Health. He has over a decade of experience leading diverse teams, implementing large-scale projects, and driving quality improvements across different industries. Currently, he guides system-wide strategic integration initiatives to improve quality, safety, and patient care.

Much of Jason's 15-year career was spent in supply chain planning, operations, and software in wholesale distribution and retail while spearheading emergency response and federal grants as a public servant. An advocate for continuous learning and innovation, Jason is passionate about equipping others with practical tools to succeed. He thrives on exploring complex systems, distilling technical concepts, and transforming ideas into reality.

Jason holds a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification, an MBA from Colby-Sawyer College, a BS in Finance and Supply Chain from Northeastern University, and is Lean Six Sigma Green Belt

certified through the Dartmouth Health Value Institute Learning Center. He is an active National Registry EMT, Firefighter I, Deputy Fire Chief, and Emergency Management Director in Surry, New Hampshire.

Topic: Project Management



Rebecca Wang, MD

Infectious Disease Physician

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth

Rebecca is an Infectious Disease physician at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. She received her MD from Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth. She went on to complete her Internal Medicine residency and Infectious Diseases fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. She joined as faculty at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in 2021. She has training and interest in antimicrobial stewardship as well as quality improvement, and she currently serves as Co-Director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship program.

Topic: Surgical Prophylaxis



Lisa Giannakopoulos, RN, BSN

Infection Preventionist, UCONN Health

Lisa is a registered nurse with over 20 years of experience, with 3 of those years focused on Infection Prevention. She has led multiple quality improvement initiatives and has received 3 honorable achievement awards for enhancing patient safety at UCONN. She currently serves as the co-chair of the Water Management Committee at UCONN.

Topic: Legionella the Silent Killer