

IPC 2023: Local Solutions for Global Challenges



24 Hour Virtual Conference
6 July 2023
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The event will be broadcast across 3 time zones:

Australian Eastern Standard Time → Central European Time → American Eastern Daylight Time

09:00	Opening Address Dr Neil Wigglesworth, IFIC Chair
Session 1 Building the IPC team of the future Chair: Dr Neil Wigglesworth, IFIC Chair	
09:05	What needs to change for IPC programs in the future? Professor Shaheen Mehtar, Professor Infection Control (retd), Stellenbosch University, Cape Town, South Africa
09:20	Where do we go from here? Professor Michael Borg – Head of Infection Prevention and Control, Mater Dei Hospital, Malta
09:35	The role of multidisciplinary teams in IPC David Jay Weber MD, MPH, FIDSA, FSHEA, FRSM, Charles Addison and Elizabeth Ann Sanders Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Paediatrics and Epidemiology, USA
09:50	Q&A / Discussion
Session 2 Critical Care Infections Chair: Barbara Catt, IFIC Board member	
10:10	IPC in critical care: Lessons learnt from COVID-19 Anucha Apisarnthanarak, Professor in Infectious Diseases, Thammasat University Hospital, Thailand
10:25	Gram-negatives and water in ICU Dr Michael Weinbren, Consultant Medical Microbiologist, New Hospitals Programme, UK
10:40	Critical care infections in low and middle income countries Victor Rosenthal, Research Associate Professor, University of Miami, USA
10:55	Q&A / Discussion
11:15	COMFORT BREAK
Session 3 Surveillance of HAIs Chair: Elizabeth Ridgway, IFIC Scientific Program Committee member	
11:20	Surveillance of healthcare associated infection in low and middle income countries Feah Altura-Visan, Hospital Head, Infection Prevention and Control, Al Wakra Hospital, Hamad Medical Corporation, Qatar
11:35	Automated surveillance for healthcare associated infections - Where are we and what is possible? Professor Westyn Branch-Elliman, Associate Professor of Medicine, VA Boston Healthcare System, Harvard Medical School, USA

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11:50	Surveillance of SSI to improve practice/patient outcomes Dr Mohamed Abbas, Consultant, Geneva University Hospitals, UK
12:05	Q&A / Discussion
Session 4 Decontamination of surfaces in the healthcare environment Chair: <i>Martin Kiernan, IFIC Scientific Program Committee member</i>	
12:25	Latest technologies for healthcare disinfection Dr William A Rutala, Director, Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology, University of North Carolina School of Medicine, USA
12:40	Microbial persistence in the presence of biofilms: Do biofilms interfere with cleaning in healthcare? Dr Greg Whiteley, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Sydney, Australia
12:55	Decontamination in low resource settings Dr Joost Hopman, Clinical Microbiologist / Medical Director, Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands
13:10	Q&A / Discussion
13:30	LUNCH
Session 5 Safer surgeries for prevention of SSIs Chair: <i>Birgitta Lytsy, IFIC Secretary</i>	
13:50	Are bundles the way forward in prevention of SSI? David Leaper - Emeritus Professor of Surgery, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK
14:05	Why care bundles don't work? Judith Tanner, University of Nottingham, UK
14:20	Implementation of SSI prevention measures in resource limited settings Dr Peter Nthumba, Consultant Plastic and Surgeon, AIC Kijabe Hospital, Kenya
14:35	Q&A / Discussion
Session 6 The role of ventilation in providing a safe healthcare environment for the patient and HCW Chair: <i>Marilyn Cruickshank, IFIC Treasurer</i>	
14:50	Balancing healthcare ventilation, infection control and energy costs Professor Catherine Noakes, Professor of Environmental Engineering for Buildings, University of Leeds, UK
15:05	Recognising airborne transmission - what does it mean for IPC? Anna Stevenson, Public Health Physician, Te Whatu Ora- Waitaha, New Zealand
15:20	Ventilation and COVID-19 - one hospital's experience Kirsty Busing, Infectious Diseases Physician, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia
15:35	Q&A / Discussion

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15:55	COMFORT BREAK
Session 7 Global strategies for improving IPC programs moving forward Chair: Terrie Lee, Chair, IFIC Scientific Program Committee	
16:00	Implementing IPC on the global stage - A WHO perspective Victoria Willet, Infection Prevention & Control Technical Officer, WHO Health Emergencies (WHE) Programme Miranda Deeves RN, MPH, CIC - Technical Officer, Infection Prevention & Control, WHO HQ
16:40	Q&A / Discussion
17:10	Closing remarks Terrie Lee, Chair, IFIC Scientific Program Committee
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