

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	How much HAI can be prevented and how hard should we try? 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, Pediatrics and Epidemiology, USA
09:50	Q&A / Discussion
Session 2 Critical Care Infections Chair: Barbara Catt, IFIC Board member	
10:05	IPC in critical care: Lessons Learnt from COVID-19 Anucha Apisarnthanarak, Thailand
10:20	Multi drug resistant organisms in ICU Infections Dr Michael Weinbren, Consultant Medical Microbiologist, Specialist Advisor Microbiology, New Hospitals Programme, UK
10:35	Critical care infections in LMIC Victor Rosenthal, Research Associate Professor, Department of Public Health Sciences, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami, USA
10:50	Q&A / Discussion
11:05	COMFORT BREAK
Session 3 Surveillance of HAIs Chair: Elizabeth Ridgway, IFIC Scientific Program Committee member	
11:10	Surveillance in LMIC Feah Altura-Visan, Qatar
11:25	Where are we up to with automated data collection for surveillance? (how applicable is it to diverse settings) Professor Westyn Branch-Elliman, Epidemiologist, Clinician Scientist, Infectious Diseases Specialist at Harvard Medical School, USA

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11:40	Surveillance of SSI to improve practice/patient outcomes Dr Mohammed Abbas, Consultant, Geneva University Hospitals, UK
11:55	Q&A / Discussion
Session 4 Decontamination of surfaces in the healthcare environment Chair: Martin Kiernan, IFIC Scientific Program Committee member	
12:10	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
12:25	Do biofilms interfere with surface decontamination? Dr Greg Whiteley, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Sydney, Australia
12:40	Decontamination in low resource settings Dr Joost Hopman, Clinical Microbiologist / Medical Director, Radboud University Medical Center, The Netherlands
12:55	Q&A / Discussion
13:10	LUNCH / COMPANY SYMPOSIUM SESSIONS
Session 5 Safer surgeries for prevention of SSIs Chair: Birgitta Lytsy, IFIC Secretary	
14:10	Are bundles the way forward in prevention of SSI? David Leaper - Emeritus Professor of Surgery, University of Newcastle upon Tyne Emeritus Professor of Clinical Sciences, UK
14:25	Why don't bundles work? Judith Tanner, University of Nottingham, UK
14:40	Prevention of SSI in LMIC Dr Peter Nthumba, Consultant Plastic and Hand Surgeon, AIC Kijabe Hospital, Kenya
14:55	Q&A / Discussion
Session 6 The role of ventilation in providing a safe healthcare environment for the patient and HCW Chair: Marilyn Cruickshank, IFIC Treasurer	
15:10	Do portable air cleaners reduce aerosol transmission in healthcare settings? Kirsty Busing, Australia
15:25	Balancing healthcare ventilation, infection control and energy costs Professor Catherine Noakes, Professor of Environmental Engineering for Buildings, Deputy Director Leeds Institute for Fluid Dynamics, School of Civil Engineering, University of Leeds, UK
15:40	Recognising airborne transmission - what does it mean for IPC? Anna Stevenson, Public Health Physician, Health in All Policies team, New Zealand
15:55	Q&A / Discussion

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16:10	COMFORT BREAK
Session 7 Global strategies for improving IPC programs moving forward Chair: Terrie Lee, Chair, IFIC Scientific Program Committee	
16:15	Presentation from WHO <i>Speakers to be confirmed</i>
16:55	Closing remarks Terrie Lee, Chair, IFIC Scientific Program Committee
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