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JUNE 15-17 NASHVILLE

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APIC

Association for Professionals in
Infection Control and Epidemiology

Registration Rates

IN-PERSON | Includes full access to 3 general sessions, concurrent education sessions, poster gallery, exhibit hall, networking, daily meal and refreshments, conference materials, closing reception, and post-conference access to all content (excluding pre-conference workshops) for up to 3 months.

	Early Bird Rate (Thru 4/3)	Standard Rate (Thru 5/22)	On-Site Rate (After 5/23)
APIC Member	\$715	\$815	\$915
Non-Member	\$965	\$1,065	\$1,165

VIRTUAL | Includes live streaming of 3 general sessions, live streaming of over 10 hours of selected concurrent sessions, real-time networking, digital conference materials, virtual poster gallery, and post-conference access to all content (excluding pre-conference workshops) for up to 3 months.

	Early Bird Rate (Thru 4/3)	Standard Rate (Thru 5/22)	On-Site Rate (After 5/23)
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Discounted rates for
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Advance Your Education

Earn CE credits and IPU's to maintain your important professional status.

Attendees of APIC26 may earn up to 10 IPU's and up to 82 CE credits for attending the conference live or virtually.

FIND INSPIRATION AT APIC26!

MONDAY, JUNE 15 | 8:00 - 9:30 AM CT



Sean Bott
Connect for Keeps
Attract, Keep, and Build
Thriving Talent, Teams, &
Organizations

People don't leave jobs; they leave experiences where they feel unseen and unappreciated. In this powerful and entertaining keynote, you'll discover practical, research-backed tools for creating real connection, recognition, and trust in the workplace. Learn how small shifts in communication can make people feel understood, valued, and motivated to bring their best every day. With jaw-dropping mind-reading moments, engaging storytelling, and a dose of humor, this session delivers both insight and inspiration, the kind you'll be talking about long after the conference ends.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 | 9:30 - 11 AM CT



Allison Massari
The Heart and Soul of
Health Care

What is the mindset needed to be vibrant, alive and in command of your life? What does it look and feel like? At any moment, life can throw turmoil in our direction. Allison's journey, delivered through the art of storytelling, reveals that we can discover untold amounts of strength, joy and aliveness when we learn to embrace our challenges in a new way. Her riveting keynote boosts confidence and well-being and offers a balm of hope as she intimately shares the nuances of how to respond to difficult circumstances and maintain personal command and integrity despite life's disruptions.

Keynote Speakers

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 | 12:00 - 1:15 PM CT

Jessica Houston, PhD
Leading Through the Chaos: Thriving
When Crisis Becomes the New Normal

For infection preventionists navigating concurrent outbreaks, resource scarcity, and constantly shifting priorities, the old playbook of "work-life balance" and "stress management" simply doesn't cut it anymore. In this high-energy, practical session, Dr. Jessica Houston delivers real-world strategies for leaders who are operating in perpetual urgency without the luxury of downtime between challenges. This is not about surviving until things calm down; it's about building the capacity to lead well when calm isn't coming. Participants will leave with practical tools to maintain clarity amid chaos, recover quickly between crises, and protect their long-term sustainability while meeting the relentless demands of infection prevention work.



Pre-Conference Workshops

Elevate Your Leadership: Tools, Techniques, and Inspiration for Every Level

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 8 AM - 5 PM

\$405 Member

\$505 Non-Member OR Stand-Alone

This pre-conference event is open to all attendees who are looking to grow their leadership capabilities, whether you are new to a leadership role or a seasoned professional. Through expert-led sessions and interactive discussions with your industry peers, you'll gain practical tools and insights to lead more effectively, foster high-performing teams, and drive meaningful changes in your organization.

OBJECTIVES | At the end of this session the learner will be able to:

1. Identify key leadership principles and behaviors that contribute to effective and impactful leadership in healthcare settings..
2. Apply practical strategies to build and sustain high-performing teams within their organizations.
3. Develop actionable approaches to lead change and drive meaningful organizational improvement.

ALL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS ARE HELD IN NASHVILLE ON SUNDAY, JUNE 14

Boost your education with a pre-conference workshop. These sessions allow you to maximize your learning investment and contact hours and can be added to your registration or purchased as a standalone.



AI Innovation Workshop

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 8 AM - 5 PM

\$405 Member

\$505 Non-Member OR Stand-Alone

The AI Innovation Workshop is a full-day pre-conference program designed for attendees across the infection prevention and control (IPC) community who are eager to deepen their understanding of artificial intelligence and its emerging role in healthcare. Whether you're new to AI or looking to advance your expertise, this immersive experience features expert-led sessions, hands-on learning, and real-world demonstrations tailored to the needs of IPC professionals. Attendees will leave equipped with actionable tools and strategies to responsibly integrate AI into their IPC initiatives and drive meaningful improvements within their facilities.

OBJECTIVES | At the end of this session the learner will be able to:

1. Explain foundational AI concepts and terminology and describe how artificial intelligence is currently being applied within infection prevention and control (IPC) and broader healthcare settings.
2. Evaluate real-world AI use cases in IPC to identify opportunities, benefits, limitations, and ethical considerations for implementation within their own facilities.
3. Develop an actionable plan to responsibly integrate AI tools into IPC initiatives.



CIC® Power Prep Course

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 | 8 AM - 5 PM

\$405 Member

\$505 Non-Member OR Stand-Alone

This interactive course will teach the fundamental concepts of IPC practice and provide test preparation tips, strategies, and practice questions. Access guidance for developing a personal study plan and identifying test-taking strategies. Attendance is required to earn all available CE credits.

Please note: This class will not teach IPC basics. It will help attendees become familiar with the CIC® exam content and structure and build confidence in taking the exam.

OBJECTIVES | At the end of this session the learner will be able to:

1. Describe key concepts and competencies of IPC practice as defined in the CBIC content outline.
2. Discuss how examination questions are constructed.
3. Describe the steps in the certification process.
4. Apply critical thinking skills to analyze different types of exam questions working with peers and guided by expert IPs.
5. Identify strategies to assist with test-taking and the development of study plans.

Session Listing^{*}

Immerse yourself in a dynamic and engaging learning experience, increasing your knowledge no matter where you are in your career.

The educational sessions at APIC26 cover key competencies that every IP needs, with topics that range from the fundamental learning necessary to advance patient safety in your facility, to the strategic and thought-provoking ideas that will take your career to the next level.

Tracks

Sessions are divided into learning tracks to help attendees understand the core competencies covered. Tracks include:

- 1 Antimicrobial and Diagnostic Stewardship
- 2 CDC/NHSN
- 3 Disinfection and Sterilization
- 4 Education, Training, and Competencies
- 5 Emergency Preparedness
- 6 Environment of Care
- 7 Implementation Science and Research
- 8 Information Technology and Surveillance
- 9 Leadership Development and Program Management
- 10 Occupational Health and Wellness
- 11 Public Health and Health Policy
- 12 Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SESSION TRACKS AND TYPES, VISIT [ANNUAL.APIC.ORG](https://annual.apic.org)

KEY



30-minute concurrent session



60-minute concurrent session



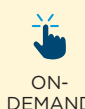
90-minute rapid fire + deep dive session interactive workshop



Target Audience (novice, proficient, expert, all stages)














Look for this icon to identify those sessions which will be live-streamed during the virtual conference. All sessions will be available on-demand one week after the conference.




On-demand

**Session listing as of February 2026.*
Subject to change. Visit annual.apic.org for most updated information.






Antimicrobial and Diagnostic Stewardship

Diagnosti(C) (Diff)iculties: A (S)tool to Stand On	Jordan Seaver, Ulysses Wu	 60 MIN	 EXPERT
Double Trouble: Tackling Dual Carbapenemase Producing Bacteria in Resource-Limited Settings	Hager L. Mewafy	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Lessons Learned from a Health System's Pseudo-Outbreak of Burkholderia Cepacia	Dan Popkin, Kevin Smith	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Socioeconomic Deprivation and Antibiotic Use in Acute Care Settings	Mayar Al Mohajer	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES
The Fungus Among Us: Developing a Candida Auris Risk Assessment	Ashley Bychkowski, Gabriela Perez	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT  LIVE




























CDC/NHSN

Bacteremia Surveillance: The Event Formerly Known as Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection	Marissa McMeen, Kristi Betz	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Elevating Environmental Services (EVS) Training for a Safer Healthcare Environment	Katherine Johnson, Amy R. Kolwaite	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  ON DEMAND
Empowering Infection Preventionists Through Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR)-Enabled Reporting	Kristi Betz, Jennifer Watkins	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Exploring the National Healthcare Safety Network's Ambulatory Surgical Center Surveillance Report	Benjamin O'Connell, Irene Khan	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES  ON DEMAND
Global Approach to Healthcare-associated Infection (HAI) Surveillance Using Point Prevalence Surveys	Emily Petersen, Matthew Westercamp	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  ON DEMAND
Infection Preventionists: Not a Side Gig	Heather Jones	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Maximizing Antimicrobial Resistance Option Data to Inform Infection Control and Stewardship	Terence Robinson, Virgie Fields	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  ON DEMAND
Nursing Home Dialysis Dens: Unique Infection Prevention and Control Considerations	Stephanie Booth	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  ON DEMAND
Practical Tools and Insights to Strengthen Water Management Programs	Christine L. Yount, Jacqueline Woodring	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  ON DEMAND




























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Resilience: Empowering Infection Preventionists to Prepare for Disruptions Using Systems-based Approaches	Austin Penna, Matthew J. Stuckey, Elisa Arespacochaga	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	 ON DEMAND
Strengthening Infection Prevention in Rural Healthcare Facilities: Insights, Innovations and Strategies	Stephen Perez, Kristin Preihs, Maggie Busta	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	


















Disinfection and Sterilization

Centralizing Ambulatory Instrument Cleaning and Sterilization	Michele A. Anderson, Libby MacDonald	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	 LIVE
Leveraging Generative Artificial Intelligence to Improve Manufacturers' Instruction for Use Adherence	Jessica Alicdan	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	 LIVE
Navigating Dental Challenges: Reprocessing Dental Burs, Endodontic Files, and Waterline Safety	Eve Cuny, Hillary Hei	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
People, Products, and Practice: The Perfect Trifecta in Infection Prevention	Caitlin M. Crews-Stowe	 30 MIN	 NOVICE	
Return of the MythBusters! Common Environmental Hygiene Accreditation and Regulatory Misconceptions	Rebecca Battjes	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	 LIVE
Sterilization Success: A Blueprint for Ambulatory Care Settings	Kelli Heisner, Lynn A. Skelton	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
The \$70K Mistake: A Multidisciplinary Response to a Prion Disease Near-Miss	Nicole A. Bland, Kathy Nigh	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
The Hidden Risks of Loaner Instruments: An Infection Prevention Perspective	Eileen R. Thompson	 30 MIN	 PROFICIENT	
Ultraviolet Disinfection Technology for Candida Auris in Saudi Intensive Care Units	Nahla Moustaf Abdelkader Habiballa	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Understanding Log Reduction: Decoding the Numbers for Smarter Infection Prevention	Aaron A. Woodall	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Water Matters: A Critical Factor in Infection Prevention	Jeffrey N. Holland, Sylvia Garcia-Houchins	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Who Dunit? An Infection Preventionist's Role as Instrument Staining Sleuth	Jennifer J. Gustafson	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	











Education, Training and Competencies

Advancing Infection Prevention Guidance: Updates from APIC Practice Guidance Committee	Jennifer A. Ormsby, Anoshe Aslam	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	 LIVE
Clean Practices, Safe Patients: Ultrasound-Guided PIVC Education Meets Infection Prevention	Nancy Moureau	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Dialysis Infection Control Made Practical and Powerful: Mastering Dialysis Best Practices	Katherine E. Buechel, Kelley Tobey, Sara Dodson	 90 MIN	 NOVICE	
Fridays at 4: Hosted by the APIC Annual Conference Committee and Education Committee	Brook Frazier, Amy D. Montross, Karen K. Hoffmann, Karen McGoldrick	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
From Awareness to Action: A Dialogue about Health Equity in Practice	Krystal Robinson, Nicole Henry	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
From Boring to Brilliant: Making Infection Prevention Memorable Using Artificial Intelligence	Jessica L. Fargher	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	
Future-Ready: The New APIC IP Competency Model Unveiled	Stephanie Holley, Eileen R. Sherman, Christina C. Zirges, Jeffrey Chudzinski	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Gamifying Infection Prevention: An Escape Room Approach for Ambulatory Leaders	Lauren A. Everett	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Inclusive Infection Prevention: Protecting People with Cognitive and Physical Disabilities	Cindy M. Hou, Mary E. Miller	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Integrating a Virtual Reality Experience into Foley Catheter Insertion Practices	Gina Behnke, Kelly M. D'Aries	 90 MIN	 PROFICIENT	
Risk Assessment 101 Workshop	Kara Downing, Amy Huff, Molly Hale	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Sustaining Excellence, Expanding Access: CBIC's Strategic Vision for Certification	Jessica Dangles, Gail R. Fraine	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Terrified of Rounding? Get Unscared with Purposeful Infection Prevention (IP) Walkabouts	Dina M. Conigliaro	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES	

Emergency Preparedness








Beyond the Culture: Investigating Pseudo-Outbreaks in Robotic Bronchoscopy	Jessica Johnson, Kathryn Willebrand	 60 MIN	 NOVICE	 LIVE
Clinics to Country Roads: Harmonizing Measles Prevention Across a Health System	Arysten Lynn Prigmore, Mackinnon C. Smith	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
From Airways to Outbreaks: A State's Journey Strengthening Respiratory Care Assessments	Carolyn Kiefer	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Navigating Dirty Waters: Lessons Learned from a Water Intrusion Event	Nychie Q. Dotson, Benjamin D. Galvan	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Operation Tranquil Passport: Lessons in Biocontainment and Patient Transport	Natalie Schnell, Brooke Brewer, Diana L. Toney, Sharon V. Carrasco	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Outbreak Investigations: Catalysts for Infection Prevention and Promise of AI Integration	Jennifer Vogelsberg	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Ready for Anything: Infection Preventionists in Real-Time Crisis	Dina M. Conigliaro, Ravneet Kaur	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
When Measles Is the Best-Case Scenario: Special Pathogens Preparedness in Alaska	Christa Arguinchona, Lindsey R. Sprinkle	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	

Environment of Care


















Developing Infection Prevention Standards, Workflows, and Mitigation Processes in Hospital Renovations	Rachel L. Blaydes, Christopher Olson	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Emerging Infectious Diseases in Infection Prevention and Control: Current Challenges, Practical Resources, and APIC's Response	Peggy Douglas	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Explore the Importance of Inpatient Pharmacy Rounds	Frances Nicholson, Conceicao Pires	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
From Crisis to Control: Managing a High-Acuity Legionella Outbreak	Kinta Alexander, Sean Brown	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
H2-Oh No! When Dialysis Water Quality Goes Wrong	Kelly Romano	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	

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Environment of Care *continued*

INSPIRED to Prevent Respiratory Care Services Associated Infections	Jess Danko, Steven Schweon	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Investigating a Case of Nosocomial Myiasis	John M. Townes	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Navigating the Frontlines: Innovative Infection Prevention Practices in Critical Access Hospitals	Emily Frost	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Point-Counterpoint: Fungal Bioaerosol Sampling for Infection Control and Prevention	Adina Feldman, Chin-Ting Wu	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Systemwide Implementation of Water and Steam Quality for Medical Device Reprocessing	Maimuna Jatta, Mandy Swann	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  LIVE












Implementation Science and Research

APIC Research Network Updates	Rebecca Crapanzano-Sigafoos, Sara Reese	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Beyond the Bundle: A Collaborative Strategy to Reduce Ventilator Associated Events	Pamela Moran, Amy E. Jodoin	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT
Developing a Multi-disciplinary Infection Control Protocol for Cross-Perfusion of Porcine Livers	Carlee J. Hoxworth, Grace Myers	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT
Pertussis Resurgence: What Twenty-Seven Exposure Investigations Taught Us About Readiness	Rachel Ronne, Kelcy D. Scott	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  LIVE
Reducing Central-Line Associated Bloodstream Infections in Pediatric Oncology: Leveraging Staff/Caregiver Partnerships	Cameron E. Griffin, Elizabeth Phoung	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT
Tiny Patients, Big Threat: Navigating a Carbapenemase-Producing-Organism Outbreak in the Neonatal-Intensive-Care-Unit	Katrina E. Foakes	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Top IPC Articles of 2025		 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Tracing the Source: A Data-Driven Candida Auris Investigation Across Care Settings	Bonnie Berkley, Jennifer L. Cantu	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES

Information Technology and Surveillance





















APIC Research Network—State of The IP Profession	Sara Reese, Monika Pogorzelska-Maziarz, Lisa Hall	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	 LIVE
Debrief to Dashboard: Driving Data Integrity Through Centralized Surveillance	Laura Aschenberg, Rebecca Leach	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Elaine Larson Distinguished Scientist Award Presentation		 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Facts, Fiction & Frontlines: Combating Misinformation in Infection Prevention with Science and AI	Emily Sickbert-Bennett, Mohamed Yassin, Janet Haas, Janet Glowicz, Stephanie Stroever	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Graduate Student Research Award	Julie Yang, Danielle Jamerson, Christina Chommanard, Mustapha Muhammad	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Improving Charting Accuracy of External Urinary Collection Devices	Gina Behnke, Kelly M. D'Aries	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	
Precision of Language Matters: Taking Credit for Complexity of Care	Rebecca J. Lewis	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	
Take It Easy! Artificial Intelligence Will Be Your New Best Friend!	Bassel Molaeb	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	 LIVE

Leadership Development and Program Management






A Dynamic Blueprint for Ambulatory Care Infection Prevention Program Design	Valerie Payne, Brittain Wood	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	 LIVE
Changing the Narrative: Infection Prevention as a Partner in Ambulatory Settings	Gail Weeks	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Economic Armor: Making the Financial Case for Infection Prevention	Timothy Kelly	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES	
Elevating Infection Prevention Through Industrial Hygiene Collaboration	Alaina L. Finzer, Michelle McIntyre	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT	
From Acquisition to Alignment: First-Year Lessons in Systemwide Infection Prevention Integration	Stephanie R. LaRochelle	 30 MIN	 PROFICIENT	

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Leadership Development and Program Management *continued*

Is It Really That Different? Infection Prevention in Tribal Care	Lela L. Luper	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Leading with Curiosity: Embracing Uncertainty in Infection Prevention Practice	John P. Delano, Anne L. Reeths	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Linking Leaders to Limit Germs: Remote Mentorship Model in South Sudan	Claire O. Jai	 30 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Managing the Unmanageable: Productivity Strategies for Modern Infection Preventionists	John P. Delano, Jacob J. Schermetzler	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  LIVE
Reciprocal Mentorship That Fits: Education-Rich, Time-Smart, and Built for Collaboration	Dana Chapman, Ginger Vanhoozer	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Resilience & Impact: Advancing Infection Prevention Through Collaboration and Action	Kathy Ward, Lisa Maragakis	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  LIVE
Stopping Infections at the Door: The Home Health Infection Preventionist's Role	Valerie Martin	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Thriving as a Sole Infection Preventionist in a Complex Healthcare Landscape	Leah Carrier, Jaclyn Fosnacht, Tiffany R. Richens, Chaz Rhone	 60 MIN	 PROFICIENT
When Leadership Says No: Infection Prevention in Hostile Environments	Aaron A. Woodall	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  LIVE

Occupational Health and Wellness

Systemwide Coordination for Timely Post-Exposure Prophylaxis in a Measles Outbreak	Gillian Blackwell, Jennifer Clary	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES  LIVE
When Our Worlds Collide: Infection Prevention & Employee Health Collaboration	Paul Anthony, Kathryn R. Galvin	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES

Public Health and Health Policy

Access or Exposure? Fact-Checking Infection Prevention Myths About Service Dogs	Rachel Ronne, Scott Bernshausen	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
APIC Advocacy Efforts	Lisa L. Tomlinson	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Planetary Health 202: Strategies for a Climate-Conscious Infection Prevention Practice	Melissa A. Thone	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Promoting Safety in Dental Care Through Infection Prevention Education	Lisa R. Hannah	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Strengthening Infection Prevention in Long-Term Care: Bridging Gaps for Sustainable Success	Donna L. Russell	 30 MIN	 NOVICE
Your Zip Code Shouldn't Determine Your Infection Risk: Identifying Community-Based Opportunities	Christie Pinto, Zehra Jaffari	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES

Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement











From Hospital to Home: Closing the Gap in Surveillance	Laken Chaney	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
From Risk to Resilience: Implementing a High-Level Disinfection Quality Assurance Program	Silvera K. Ford, Anna M. Huber	 90 MIN	 ALL STAGES
Reducing CRE Transmission Through Comprehensive Infection Control in Veterinary Hospitals	Regina Wagner	 30 MIN	 EXPERT
Seeing Is Preventing: Observation in Surgical Site Infection Risk Reduction	Valerie Payne, Brittain Wood	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES
United States-Canada Outbreaks: Shared Lessons Learned for Infection Preventionists	Jennifer Happe, Steven Schweon	 60 MIN	 ALL STAGES

Exhibit Hall

Explore the IPC Solutions Center

The APIC26 IPC Solutions Center is dedicated to infection prevention, showcasing innovative products and services from more than 180 companies. This bustling hub of solutions, ideas, and innovations is an exceptional way for you to discover the best products and services available.

Open all three days, the exhibit hall provides you with the chance for face-to-face interaction and product demos. Enjoy exclusive exhibit hours each day to learn about new science, technologies, advances, and products that provide solutions to infection prevention challenges and strengthen infection prevention programs.

Exhibitor Theater

The APIC Exhibitor theater is a great stop for bitesized learnings from our exhibitors and partners. A full schedule of presentations can be found on the APIC26 website and conference app.

IP Collaboration Lounge

Connect. Recharge. Collaborate.

The IP Collaboration Lounge is your go-to space for conversation and connection. With comfortable seating, charging stations, and short, high-impact Collaboration Presentations throughout the day, this lounge is built for meaningful engagement.

APIC Expert Library

Ready to meet the movers and shakers of the infection prevention world at APIC26? Picture yourself in an engaging one-on-one session with a top expert, diving deep into your infection prevention challenges. Well, there's no need to just dream about it—make it a reality at the APIC Expert Library! Located in the IP Solutions Center, where you can “check out” an expert for a focused 20-minute chat. Explore a variety of critical topics such as Cleaning, Disinfection & Sterilization, Long Term Care, Public Health, Mentorship, Certification, and more. Don't miss out—swing by the APIC Expert Library to secure your spot!

FOR VIRTUAL ATTENDEES

Virtual attendees will also be able to peruse Exhibitors and the digital poster gallery on the online platform!

Learn more about how these products and services can benefit your facility.



Networking and Events

MONDAY IS CHAPTER APPRECIATION DAY

Wear your chapter shirts, buttons, etc. to show your chapter spirit and pick up a special ribbon for chapters at Registration.

APIC26 gives you ample opportunity to grow your influence and increase your network. At our official conference events and in the halls of the convention center, you'll meet, discuss, and exchange ideas with peers and colleagues from around the world.

	SUNDAY, JUNE 14	MONDAY, JUNE 15	TUESDAY, JUNE 16	WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17
7am		Morning Buzz	Morning Buzz	
8am				
9am				Attendee Breakfast
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12pm		Attendee Lunch	Attendee Lunch	
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4pm	Welcome Experience			
5pm	First Time Attendee Happy Hour			
6pm		Trivia Night at Omni Nashville	Closing Reception Category 10	
7pm				
8pm				
9pm				



Closing Reception

at **CATEGORY 10**

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Wrap up APIC26 the Nashville way—with great music, good company, and a whole lot of fun. Join us for an unforgettable Closing Reception at Category 10, where we'll celebrate an incredible week of learning, connection, and community with live music, line dancing, and Southern hospitality at its finest.

This is your chance to let loose, lean into the Music City vibe, and close out the conference on a high note.

One reception ticket is included in your full conference registration. Limited additional tickets are available for purchase.

We look forward to seeing you there!

- ✦ **LIVE MUSIC** to keep the energy high and the dance floor moving.
- ✦ **LINE DANCING LESSONS**—no experience required (enthusiasm encouraged!).
- ✦ **PLENTY OF GREAT FOOD** and drinks to fuel the fun.
- ✦ **A LIVELY, RELAXED ATMOSPHERE** to reconnect with friends and make a few last new ones.
- ✦ **WHETHER YOU'RE TWO-STEPPING OR JUST TOE-TAPPING** with a drink in hand, this is a celebration you won't want to miss.



APIC Central

Your first stop at APIC26! Network, engage, and access resources to maximize your conference experience.

Poster Gallery & Oral Abstracts

See and hear what your fellow IPs have been working on! Over 100 presenters will be sharing new ideas and evidence-based practices in infection prevention and control.

APIC Store

Get in some retail therapy with APIC branded attire, products (stuffed germs, anyone?), and the latest publications and resources available. Open throughout the event, this is your onestop-shop for everything APIC!

Backstage Escape

You've handled outbreaks before—but never with a sold-out crowd waiting on the other side of the curtain.

You're an Infection Preventionist AND a rock star (yes, really), and tonight both roles are being put to the ultimate test. A mysterious organism is spreading backstage and your bandmates are dropping faster than the bass line. Investigate, isolate, and eliminate the threat before the music dies—literally.

No encore for this pathogen. The show must go on!

Visit the website for the full schedule of events!

Ribbons & Conference Bags

Stop by Registration to pick up your conference bag and ribbons.

Fill It Forward

APIC is turning up the volume on sustainability at APIC26 in Nashville by partnering with Fill It Forward! Each attendee will receive a complimentary APIC26 water bottle at registration to help you stay refreshed while exploring Music City. Every time you refill your bottle and scan the QR code, you'll help APIC reduce environmental impact and unlock donations to Fill It Forward's charitable partners. It's a simple way to stay hydrated, give back, and make a meaningful difference—one refill at a time.



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of **APIC25 HAD TO SAY:**

"IT IS A GREAT EXPERIENCE FOR IPs

to come together to be recharged in our challenging profession and learn from others challenges and successes. I really enjoyed 2025 the most out of all other conferences!"

"THIS WAS TIME WELL SPENT—

I learned a ton, did a lot of networking, found inspiration and motivation, and had a lot of fun! This really is the premier professional event for infection preventionists!"

"I REALLY ENJOYED

this as my first conference. I met many people that I was able to connect with and talk with in the future for community standards and support."

"THIS CONFERENCE IS EXTREMELY WELL ROUNDED

and organized; there are plenty of learning opportunities with time left to socialize with industry partners. This conference is so important to share current and relevant IPC best practices, explore products available, and provide networking opportunities."

Don't miss out!

REGISTER FOR APIC26 TODAY!