



INFECTION PREVENTION CONFERENCE

March 13-14, 2025



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel

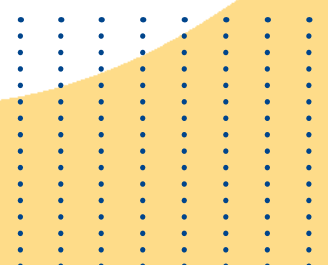


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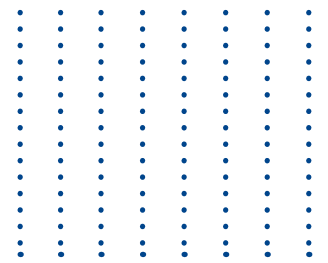


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Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Wichita, Kansas City and Heart of America Chapters





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Infection Prevention and Control - A Bootcamp for Success

Thursday, March 13

9:30 a.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m.	Course Instruction
Noon	Lunch
12:45 p.m.	Course Instruction
2:45 p.m.	Break
3:00 p.m.	Course Instruction
5:00 p.m.	Networking Reception

Speakers

Cassie Stevenson, RN, CIC, Senior Infection Preventionist and Project Firstline Lead, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Section

Diane Miller, MSN-Ed, BS, RN, Health Education Lead, Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance Section

Overview

This session will provide infection preventionists a comprehensive and practical approach to improving infection prevention and control programs. Designed as an interactive and focused learning experience, the session equips participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to enhance patient safety, ensure regulatory compliance, and address emerging challenges in health care environments.

Day one of the conference attendees will learn how to:

Apply the Fundamentals of an Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Program

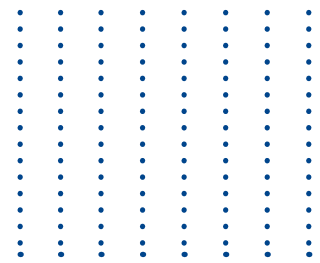
Participants will demonstrate foundational knowledge about IPC principles, including the chain of infection, modes of transmission, and standard precautions.

Understand Regulatory and Accreditation Standards

Participants will describe key infection control regulations and accreditation requirements (CMS, CDC, OSHA, and Joint Commission) and how to ensure compliance within their organizations.

Enhance Surveillance and Reporting Skills

Participants will employ skills to effectively conduct infection surveillance, infection data for trend analysis, and report healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) to local and state public health authorities.



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Promote Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Participants will discover best practices for fostering communication and teamwork among healthcare providers, infection control personnel, and other stakeholders to implement IPC measures.

Address Emerging Challenges in Infection Control

Participants will examine current challenges such as antimicrobial resistance, outbreak management, and the impact of emerging pathogens (for example COVID-19, *C. auris*).

Analyze Effective Training and Education Programs

Participants will identify effective infection prevention training for healthcare staff, focusing on practical strategies and adherence to best practices.

Monitor and Evaluate IPC Program Performance

Participants will learn methods to assess the effectiveness of their IPC programs, use key performance indicators, and implement continuous quality improvement processes.

Foster a Culture of Safety and Prevention

Participants will understand the importance of leadership commitment and organizational culture in promoting infection prevention as a core value across healthcare settings.

Friday, March 14

7:00 a.m. Early Bird Roundtables with Breakfast

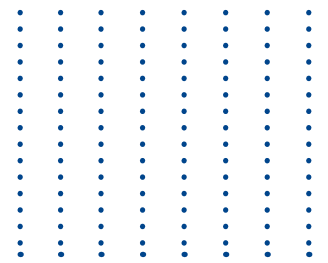
7:00 – 7:20 a.m.	Breakfast
7:20 – 7:45 a.m.	Round One
7:45 – 7:50 a.m.	Switch Tables
7:50 – 8:15 a.m.	Round Two
8:15 – 8:20 a.m.	Switch Tables
8:20 – 8:45 a.m.	Round Three

8:45 a.m. Break

9:00 a.m. Emerging Pathogens: Strategies for Early Detection and Prevention

Dana Hawkinson, MD, Infectious Diseases,
The University of Kansas Health System

Objective: Recognize how to identify, manage, and prevent these infections through proper infection control measures, early recognition, and appropriate use of protective equipment.



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10:00 a.m. **Invisible Threats: Tackling Germs on Surfaces and Instruments**
Presentation with a Moderated Panel Discussion

Objective: Identify current guidelines and best practices for disinfection and sterilization to minimize the risk of infection in healthcare environments.

11:30 a.m. Networking Lunch

12:30 p.m. **Optimizing Antimicrobial Stewardship in UTI Management: Best Practices and Tailored Approaches**
Kellie Wark, MD, MPH, The University of Kansas Medical Center, department of internal medicine, division of infectious disease and epidemiology and response; HAI/AR division, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Loretta Fitzgerald, RN, KFMC Health Improvement Partners

Objectives:

- Identify best practices for UTI diagnosis and treatment.
- Discuss how to enhance staff education and engagement.
- Identify the problem of inappropriate antibiotic use in UTI treatment.
- Recognize the resources within the UTI Toolkit.
- Discuss the Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative for long-term care facilities.

1:45 p.m. **Ensuring Water Safety and Compliance in Health Care**
Moderated Panel Discussion

Objectives:

- Identify mitigation options for different waterborne pathogens.
- Identify equipment and water uses that present a risk for infection in health care settings.
- Discuss water safety during construction.

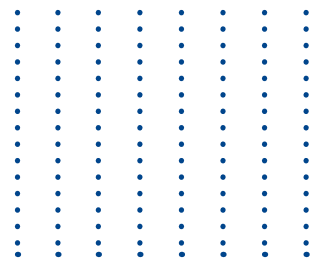
3:00 p.m. **Fireside Chat with KDHE**
Panel discussion moderated by Dereck Totten, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer, Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Objective: Identify actionable strategies and best practices for improving infection prevention from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

4:00 p.m. Adjourn



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Overview

This conference will help prepare health care professionals to be facilitators and resources for surveillance, prevention and control of infections. Attendees will discover proven strategies for implementing infection prevention programs. Time will be allotted during the conference for attendees to network and discuss issues with other infection prevention professionals. All participants will receive infection prevention reference materials.

Who Should Attend

This conference is designed for infection prevention professionals in acute care, ambulatory care, long-term care, home health, mental health, correctional facilities and other interested professionals.

Location and Hotel Accommodations

This conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Wichita Airport, located at 2098 Airport Road, Wichita, KS 67209. A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of March 12 and 13 at a rate of \$123 per night, plus tax. Please note that the room block is available until February 23. After this date, reservations will be accepted based on availability. To secure your room, call (316) 945-5272 and mention the group name "Kansas Hospital Association."

Online Hotel Reservation Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/ictardt-ipc-9ee9372e-eefb-4a94-b41b-8f93e9f52136/>

Continuing Education

The Kansas Hospital Association is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Provider No. LT 0031-0116). This course is approved for a total of fourteen (14) contact hours applicable for RN and LPN relicensure. Continuing nursing education certificates will be distributed at the end of the seminar to all paid attendees.

Attire

Business casual attire is suggested for this conference. Temperatures in meeting rooms are somewhat difficult to control; therefore, we recommend you dress in layers to allow for these variances.

Special Services

If you need any of the aides or services identified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, contact the KHA Education Department at (785) 233-7436 or email mwilley@kha-net.org.

Registration Form

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Registration Fee

Fees include continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments and program materials.



Two Easy Ways to Register

Online: <https://registration.kha-net.org>

****KHA recommends using Google Chrome**

Fax: (785) 233-6955



Registration Fees:

\$150 KHA Members/State Employees

\$300 Non-members



Click Here to Register

IMPORTANT: CNE certificates cannot be issued without completion of the following information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

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Refund Policy

A full refund will be given for cancellations received in writing by email, fax or mail to KHA prior to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Refunds will not be issued for cancellations received after this deadline.

**Questions: Contact KHA Education Department at
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