

Keynote Sessions

Session 1

Role of the Clinical Environment of Care in the Transmission of HAI's - what's happening in the homes, and transferring to the hospitals.

9:00am - Dr. Hudson Garrett Jr.

- Review the most common sources of healthcare associated infections in the clinical environment
- Discuss the role of the Environmental Services Professional in preparing for future outbreaks and novel pathogens
- Discuss the core components of effective collaboration between Infection Prevention and Control and Environmental Services Program to improve healthcare quality and reduce Healthcare Associated Infections

Session 2

Taking the Science to the Bedside: Application of Evidence-Based Practices.

10:00am - Fiona Nemetz

- Review the challenges with the application of guidelines and clinical recommendations across the continuum of care
- Discuss the importance of inter-professional collaboration on a comprehensive infection prevention and control program to address the clinical environment of care
- Review the use of performance metrics and data to drive standardization, improvements in clinical practice, and healthcare quality outcomes

Session 3

Hot Zones: An Environmental Services Perspective on Infection Prevention and Control.

11:15am - Dr. Ruth Carrico

- Describe the patient hot zone and challenges that exist with addressing the environmental hygiene needs of the clinical environment of care
- Review systems and tools that recognize the uniqueness of the patient hot zone and work to ensure adequate cleaning and disinfection
- Evaluate elements of protocols that might help to ensure reliable processes for addressing infection prevention and control in the clinical environment of care

Session 4

Biofilms: Current Threats and Why We're Not Winning The Disinfection Battle.

1:15pm - Prof Karen Vickery

- What are Biofilms and what are the implications for infection control
- Why are they resistant to traditional cleaning methods
- What should we be looking to build into our cleaning programs to deal with them in the future

The Great Debate

4:00pm

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Does cleaning and disinfection of our healthcare facilities need to change?

- Listen as our leading scientists, microbiologists, infection preventionists, and environmental services managers debate the need to change our cleaning systems.

Exchange Electives

2:15pm

Michael Gately MBA

Exchange Electives 1



**What are you taking home?
What germs in the facility are you taking home to your family?**

- During this session you will learn how Healthcare worker's families have higher rates of infections. This talk will give facts, figures & advice on how you protect your families from diseases acquired at work.
- This is an interactive session where you will have the opportunity to raise discussion points and have your questions answered.

2:15pm

Dr. Hudson Garrett Jr.

Exchange Electives 1



**Superbugs are among us:
Strategies to address the threats of today, tomorrow, and the future**

- Hear from Dr. Hudson Garrett as he brings us the latest findings on Superbugs and the threats they pose today, tomorrow and in the future.
- Be involved in this exchange of information and work out how you can help develop strategies to deal with these threats to patients, residents and staff of your facilities.

3:15pm

Fiona Nemetz

Exchange Electives 2



The Critical Role of the Frontline Environmental Services Technician in Reducing HAI's & Improving Quality Outcomes

- During this exchange session you will learn what Fiona has done to achieve great results at the operational level.
- Be there to ask questions that will help confirm your next step in managing your cleaning staff.

3:15pm

Dr. Ruth Carrico

Exchange Electives 2



Elements of Core Practices of Infection Prevention and Control for Environmental Services Programs

- During this exchange session you will learn the basics and the best way to transfer knowledge of infection control to your cleaning staff.
- This down to earth exchange session is your opportunity to interact and get your questions answered.

3:15pm

Prof. Karen Vickery

Exchange Electives 2



What can we do NOW to bring future disinfection concepts into reality

- Although we face great threats in the area of infection prevention, in this exchange session Prof. Karen Vickery will state her views on what we can do now to increase our effectiveness and minimise cross contamination.
- Get your questions answered as to what you can do now, in the midst of differing opinions.

Exchange sessions will be recorded and handouts will be available to full day delegates for the exchange sessions you miss out on.