



New Hampshire Infection Control and Epidemiology Professionals

Agenda – November 6, 2020

- 9:00 – 9:10 am **Welcome Opening Announcement and Board Update**
Board update
Election results
Scholarship recipient announcement
- 9:10 – 10:30 am **Our Newest COVID-19 Tools: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Vaccines**
Elizabeth Talbot, MD
Deputy State Epidemiologist, NH Department of Health and Human Services
Associate Professor of Infectious Disease and International Health, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth
- 10:30 – 11:30 am **Biofilm, Threat to Patient Safety**
Tamara Behm MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC, CER, CRCST, CQIA
Clinical Education Specialist
Steris Corporation/Infection Prevention Technologies/North East
- 11:30– 12:00 pm **Using Data for Action: CDC’s TAP Strategy for HAI Prevention**
Katie White, MPH
Epidemiologist
Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion/Prevention and Response Branch
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 12:00 – 12:30 pm **CIC- Getting Certified and Recertified**
Anne Nolan, RN, MSN, CIC
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Dr. Talbot is an infectious diseases- and tropical medicine-trained internist, who has had extensive experience in international and domestic infectious disease control through outbreak investigation, clinical projects, research, and consultation. She trained at Duke University and with the Epidemic Intelligence Service during which she was stationed in Botswana with the CDC then the World Health Organization before coming to Dartmouth where she is a Professor of Medicine in the Section of Infectious Diseases and International Health at the Geisel Medical School at Dartmouth. Her primary research interest is infectious disease diagnostics, especially for global tuberculosis control. Since 2003, Dr. Talbot has been NH's Deputy State Epidemiologist, where she is currently engaged in leadership for COVID-19 pandemic response.



Biofilm, Threat to Patient Safety

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Tamara Behm, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC, CER, CRCST, CQIA is a masters prepared clinical education specialist with 15 years of vast clinical nursing leadership and healthcare experience. She has held various roles as a Director of ICU, ICU nurse, Director of Infection Prevention, Infection Prevention Consultant, Infection prevention mentor, college adjunct faculty, presenter, author, and mock surveyor. Her topics of specialty range from GI reprocessing safety, decreasing catheter associated urinary tract infections to discussing HLD and Sterilization practices to keep patients safe from harm. She is an expert in Infection Prevention and ensuring facilities are meeting CMS and other regulatory requirements as well as decreasing infections through process improvement projects in Acute Care, ASC's, clinics, and SPD's. She is a member of APIC, SHEA, AORN, IAHCMM, SGNA, ASQ, and AAMI.





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Using Data for Action: CDC's TAP Strategy for HAI Prevention

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Katie White is an Epidemiologist on the Hospital Infection Prevention team within the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. After completing her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry at the University of New Hampshire, she received her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from Emory University. In her current role, Katie serves as a lead for the implementation of the Targeted Assessment for Prevention (TAP) Strategy, assisting partners across the nation in their HAI prevention efforts. This includes providing education, tool development, direct technical assistance, and facilitating collaborations between partners.



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Anne Nolan, RN, MSN, CIC

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Anne Nolan has been a registered nurse and Certified in Infection Control since 1999. She has her Master's in Nursing and is the current Director of Infection Prevention at Heywood Healthcare in Gardner and Athol Massachusetts. She was previously an Infection Preventionist at Cheshire Medical Center and New London Hospital. Ann has served on NHICEP as a board member, President Elect and President. She is a member of APIC National and APIC New England.

