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Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses



Barbara A. S. Gilbert, MSN, RN, CIC has been a registered nurse for over 34 years. She has served as the Infection Control Nurse at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii, since August 2009 and she is certified in Infection Control. She supports a variety of inpatient units to include medical-surgical, behavioral health wards and the Operating Room; clinics, such as Internal Medicine, Medical subspecialties, General Surgery and Surgical subspecialties, and patient-centered medical homes. She is involved in infection prevention and control activities across the organization and continuum of care. Examples include AMSN's infection risk assessment,

teaching classes at the hospital and unit level, The Joint Commission readiness, rounding in the units she supports, and surveillance for health care associated infections.

Subject Matter Expert Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Round daily on inpatient med-surgical and behavioral health wards; assess isolation, observe practices, answer questions, make on-the-spot corrections, encourage.
- Conduct formal isolation assessment weekly on six wards, check compliance with elements of transmission-based precautions.
- Coordinate twice monthly and as needed high level disinfection (HLD) classes, conduct HLD assessments of 12 areas (Anesthesia, Cardiology, ENT- Otorhinolaryngology, Family Medicine, General Surgery Clinic, Gastrointestinal , Neurology, Pulmonary, Sleep Lab, SPD, Urology and Women's Health) and perform HLD.
- Provide written comprehensive feedback to unit and fecal microbiota transplantation (FMT) leaders.
- Work aggressively on a new National Patient Safety Goal 07.06.01 for hospital and critical access hospital accreditation programs approved by the Joint Commission and focused on catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI).
- Implement evidence-based practices to prevent indwelling CAUTI.
- Serve as alternate Infection Control (IC) representative to standardization, reprocessing and reuse of single use devices subcommittee, and Joint Product Review Board Medical Material Enterprise Standardization Office (MMESO)-Pacific
- Previously served as IC subject matter expert for surgical gloves, surgical disposable gowns, negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT), and disinfecting surface wipes.
- Associate Investigator for study "Identifying Infectious Contamination of Military Uniform in a Hospital Setting".
- Participate in Highly Infectious Diseases of Significance (HIDOS) Team, with a focus on patients who may present to clinical areas other than Emergency Department (ED) and Adult Intensive Care Unit (ICU).
- Coordinate monthly Infection Control Coordinator (ICC) meetings.

American Association of Critical Care Nurses



Sarah Delgado, MSN, RN, ACNP, has over 20 years of experience as a nurse, including as an Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and nurse faculty member. She spent 5 years working in an infectious disease clinic, managing patients with HIV.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- AACN has Practice Alerts that address infection prevention. Specifically, the prevention of catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) in adults, and ventilator associated pneumonia (VAP).
- AACN has created webinars, as part of its monthly series. The June 2016 webinar was titled, “CRE: Beware the Latest Superbug” and the February 2017 webinar was titled, “Updating your Practice: The 2017 Sepsis Guidelines”.
- AACN has a Clinical Scene Investigator (CSI) Program that offers support to unit-based performance improvement projects, and these include projects addressing CAUTI, central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI), and prevention of ventilator associated pneumonia.
- AACN has two peer-reviewed journals, the American Journal of Critical Care and Critical Care Nurse.
- AACN’s national conference, the National Training Institute (NTI) regularly include infection prevention content, and specifically content on sepsis including sepsis prevention and early recognition.
- AACN has collaborated with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on antibiotic stewardship. Three AACN nurses have served as liaisons for the two year work group that developed an antibiotic stewardship white paper.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

- Enjoyed collaborating with the Association for Rehabilitation Nurses (ARN) and the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) for NICE Network webinar 3, *Examining the Role of the Environment and Infections Across the Continuum of Care*.
- Would like to further collaboration with Academy of Medical-Surgical Nurses (AMSN) and National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialist (NACNS) because AACN has members in progressive care units and their needs would be similar to AMSN members. AACN also has a number of contributing members who are clinical nurse specialists.
- Open to collaborating with other organizations as well but those two mentioned have an obvious connection.

American Association of Nurse Anesthetists



Lynn Reede, DNP, MBA, CRNA, FNAP is the Chief Clinical Officer for the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA). She provides overall leadership for Professional Practice Team, which oversees the development of evidence-based resources for nurse anesthesia practice.



Chuck Griffis, PhD, CRNA is a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist working at the Greater Los Angeles Veterans Administration Medical Center. He has a PhD from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Nursing. Dr. Griffis is on the AANA Practice Committee Infection Control Task Force, and lectures widely on infection control practices in anesthesia.



Victoria Hledin, MPH researches and develops evidence-based documents and guidelines on infection prevention and control, particularly how it impacts anesthesia care. Her background in practice-based research helps better determine gaps between research and actual practice and how implementation can be improved.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

Interested in collaborating with everyone but specifically AANA would like to collaborate with the Association of periOperative Nurses (AORN), Association for Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN), Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), and the Infusion Nurses Society (INS).

American Nephrology Nurses Association



Nancy Pierce, BSN, RN, CNN, is a Certified Nephrology Nurse with over 40 years of experience. She is the Director of Dialysis at St. Peters Hospital in Helena, MT, overseeing acute and chronic hemodialysis, as well as home training and support for continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD), continuous cycling peritoneal dialysis (CCPD), and home hemodialysis. For many years, Ms. Pierce served on the Medical Review Board for End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD), #Network 16, as well as her hospital Infection Control Committee. Ms. Pierce also does all the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) entries for her facility.

Subject Matter Expert Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Vaccination rates of patients for Influenza, hepatitis B, Pneumovax 23, and Prevnar 13
- Percentage of staff vaccinated for influenza
- Maintain good peritonitis rates (40% of her facilities patients are on CAPD/CCPD)
- Maintain great rates for hemodialysis catheter-related infections

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

ANNA would like to collaborate with hospital-based dialysis facilities, home training programs for both peritoneal dialysis and home hemodialysis, chronic outpatient ESRD facilities.

American Nurses Association\California



Brian Harradine, MSN, RN, CNOR, CAPA, has been a nurse for 12 years and a Clinical Nurse Educator for 3 years. He is currently responsible for the educational needs of surgery & surgery-related departments with 230 staff members and 20 additional healthcare professions. He has been a surgical nurse, a PACU nurse, an adult medical/surgical floor nurse and currently has his specialty certification in the operating room (CNOR) and ambulatory perianesthesia nursing (CAPA). He currently works at Desert Regional Medical Center as the Clinical Educator for Peri-Operative Services.



Aaron McColpin, RN, DNP, FNP, RRT-NPS, is a faculty member and content expert in Critical Care, Pharmacology, Infection control, and Epidemiology. Mr. McColpin is a highly accomplished Nurse Practitioner with over 25 years of experience in healthcare and 10 years of experience as a nursing instructor and professor, including service as a program director for a highly-respected university. He currently works at the California State University Channel Islands as the Assistant Professor of Nursing.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- ANA\C has an active Infection Control Task Force is preparing for an upcoming Infection Control Panel in the spring of 2018.
- ANA\C is exploring opportunities to share their knowledge with other/ regional partners and has been reaching out to healthcare colleagues through inter-professional education (IPE) to increase other professions knowledge of infection control.
- Submitted articles for The Nursing Voice
- ANA\C continues to share all their information with the California Primary Care Association, and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) Coalition.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

ANA\C welcomed and truly appreciated the opportunity to work with the New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSNA) and ANA colleagues. ANA\C is now connected on FB and sharing updates, posts and content. ANA\C would welcome the opportunity to work with one of the specialty nursing organizations that would give them a vehicle to engage a specific segment of their membership. Furthermore, ANA\C firmly believes that only through collaborations like these we will break barriers and silos inside the profession of nursing.

Association of Rehabilitation Nurses

Emergency Nurses Association



Monica Escalante Kolbuk, MSN, RN, CEN has practiced Emergency Nursing for over a decade and her role at ENA focuses on developing and reviewing clinical resources to support emergency nurses. She is a member of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) Epidemic Expert Panel and has worked closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ACEP, and Johns Hopkins Medical Center, providing an emergency nursing perspective on resources, policies, procedures, and guidelines during the Ebola crisis.

She currently serves as ENA's staff liaison to the Position Statement Committee, Trauma Committee, Emergency Management and Preparedness Committee, and the EMS Advisory Council.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- NICE Network
- Ebola Virus Disease Triage Assessment tool
- Ebola Virus Disease practice resources
- Zika Virus infographic and practice resources

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)
- Infusion Nurses Society (INS)
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
- Association for Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
- National Association of School Nurses (NASN)
- National Association of Pediatric Nurses Practitioners (NAPNAP)

Infusion Nurses Society

National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists



Melinda Mercer Ray, MSN is the Executive Director of the National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialist (NACNS). Ms. Ray practiced as a clinical nurse specialist for 8 years. She worked as a lobbyist for nursing and healthcare for almost 20 years. Ms. Ray has worked for a number of associations, including the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN), the American Academy of Nursing (AAN) and the National Association of Chain Drug Stores. She has been the executive director of NACNS for 7 years.

National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses



Tandy Gabbert, MSN, RN, ONC is the Director of Education for the National Association of Orthopaedic Nurses (NAON). Tandy Gabbert has been a nurse for 40 years, specializing in the care of orthopaedic patients for the last 22 years. She has seen firsthand the importance of detailed and tedious attention to infection prevention practices to assure the best outcomes for patients. NAON has Subject Matter Experts whom they utilize for education activities for our members, as well as outside contacts.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Surgical Site Infection prevention and evidence-based strategies for the orthopaedic surgical patient populations.
- NAON is working on revising their current Clinical Practice Guideline in 2018 at their live conference.
- Antibiotic Stewardship for orthopedic Nurse Practitioner/ Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) prescribers and bedside nurses.
- NAON promotes educational activities and resources from the NICE Network and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/American Nurses Association (ANA) initiatives. NAON believes the NICE Network webinars are extremely informative and encourages their members to participate.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

NAON is open to collaborating with any organizations within the NICE Network and any efforts that will benefit patient outcomes.

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners



Heather Keesing, MSN, RN, APRN, is the Senior Manager of Professional Development & Nursing Practice at the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP).

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- NAPNAP Immunization Special Interest Group - <https://www.napnap.org/imm>
- Specialty Symposium on Infectious Diseases in Tampa, FL on July 29, 2017
- Member representative to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Pew Charitable Trusts Outpatient Antibiotic Prescribing: Setting a National Goal for Reducing Inappropriate Use
- Member representative attended CDC 2017 Partner Meeting on Zika on August 17-18, 2017
- Member representative attended American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)/CDC 2017 Zika Experts Meeting on August 30-31, 2017
- Liaison Organization and member representative to CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)
- Member representative to Health Resources and Services Administration Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV)
- Member representative on the Immunization Action Coalition Advisory Board
- Supporting organization for National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID)
- Working with Families Fighting Flu and Healthy Women to develop a healthcare provider toolkit and created the *Do You Know the Flu?* infographic - <https://www.napnap.org/do-you-know-flu>

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

NAPNAP would be interested in collaborating with are other advanced practice nursing organizations and/or any nursing organizations with a focus on pediatrics.

National Student Nurses Association



Trisha Mims MSN, MBA, HCM, RN, is the Director of Program and Education. Her involvement in infection prevention and control is that she served as the department head for the infection prevention control office for two years while she was in the Navy and continued being active in data collection and policy during her time as an OR Nurse. She truly believes that initiatives like the NICE Network are necessary information to get out to NSNA students for the health of our patients and students.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Several resolutions adopted by the students about infection prevention and control.
- NSNA would like to include more education into their programs for the students and the faculty.
- NSNA is actively promoting the Infection Prevention and Control work by their Alliance partners and the NICE Network.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

NSNA loves collaborating with all of the networks, as each brings a unique perspective and resources that the organization can provide to students and faculty.

Oncology Nursing Society



Kathleen Wiley RN, MSN AOCNS has eight years of experience as a Certified Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist. Kathleen's work has focused on preventing infection in an immunocompromised patient population. Kathleen has developed educational content on central line associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) and the maintenance of central lines.

Subject Matter Expert Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Providing updated evidence-based practice strategies for infection prevention in patients with cancer.
- Published standards on venous access device utilization and maintenance.
- Developing quality measures for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) reporting pertaining to documentation of infection prevention education in neutropenic patients.
- Collaborator on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/American Nurses Association NICE Network

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- Infusion Nurses Society (INS)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing



Rick García, PhD, RN, CCM, FAAOHN has over 20 years of active clinical nursing practice across a multitude of administrative and clinical settings. His experience includes serving as Chair of the Education Committee and Registered Nurse Member of the District of Columbia Board of Nursing. He has served as the Executive Director of the Florida Board of Nursing, focusing on regulation, licensure, and discipline of nurses and nursing programs. Most recently, he served on the New York State Board of Nursing as Chair of the Practice Committee and a Registered Professional Nurse Member. Currently, Dr. García is engaged in education policy work in the capacity of Director of Nursing Education with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, which serves as the voice of academic nursing and represents over 810 member schools.

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses

Kathleen Buckheit, MPH, BSN, RN, CEN, COHN-S/CM, CCM, FAAOHN, is the Director of Education at the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)

Jessica Scott is the Senior Education Coordinator at the AAOHN.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- March 2018 Webinar – Emerging Diseases
- Hepatitis C Outreach and awareness, including two conference sessions in 2018
- 2018 Conference Session on bloodborne pathogens

Association of periOperative Registered Nurses



Lisa Spruce, DNP, RN, CNS-CP, CNOR, ACNS, ACNP, FAAN is the Director of Evidence-Based Perioperative Practice for the Association of PeriOperative Registered Nurses (AORN), and is responsible for the overall leadership, development, evaluation and maintenance of the products, services, and guidelines for perioperative practice developed by AORNs Nursing Practice Team and AORNs Research and Information Center.



Amber Wood MSN, RN, CNOR, CIC, FAPIC, is the Senior Perioperative Practice Specialist for AORN. She has a clinical background as a Perioperative Registered Nurse and Infection Preventionist, and uses this expertise at AORN as an author of clinical practice guidelines, providing clinical information to members via the AORN Consult Line, and contributing infection prevention-related content to the Clinical Issues column in the AORN Journal. She serves as the staff liaison to the CDC Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), as a fellow of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and as a member of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA).

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Prevention of surgical site infections (SSI)
- Prevention of healthcare associated infections (HAIs) in surgical patients
- Preventing the transmission of infections in the perioperative setting
- AORN Guidelines for Perioperative Practice and guideline implementation tools
- Infection prevention education at AORN's Global Surgical Conference & Expo
- Infection prevention course for Ambulatory Surgery Centers
- Regional infection prevention workshops
- Webinars on infection prevention topics
- Organizational liaison to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

AORN is interested in collaborating with any of the NICE Network organizations.

The Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses



Elizabeth Rochin, PhD, RN, NE-BC has twenty-seven years in nursing, with many of those years focusing on Nursing Administration and Leadership. As an organization and system nursing executive, a tremendous part of that work is to ensure the safety and reliability of systems, which includes providing a safe environment for both the patients and those team members who care for them. Part of that safe environment is assuring the highest levels of infection prevention measures which directly impact Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) core measures and outcomes.

Subject Matter Expert Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Reduction of maternal and neonatal sepsis.
- Awareness of infection prevention in all environments that provide care for women and newborns.
- Consumer-related information that directly impacts integrated knowledge of risk reductions in infection, particularly hand hygiene.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

- Association of periOperative Nurses (AORN)
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
- National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)

National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration



J. Hudson Garrett Jr., PhD, MSN, MPH, MBA, FNP-BC, PLNC, CDONA, CADDCT, CDP, CALN, GDCN, FAAPM, VA-BC™, AS-BC™, IP-BC™, FACDONA is the Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Director, National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration (NADONA) Certification Institute, Editor-In-Chief, *The Director: Official Journal of the National Association of Directors of Nursing Administration in Long Term Care (NADONA)*, Master Trainer, NADONA Certification Center.

Dr. Garrett is a recognized international expert in Infection Prevention and Control, and has completed the Johns Hopkin's Fellows Program in Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology and holds post-graduate education in Infection Prevention and Control. He has been recognized as a Who's Who in Infection Prevention by Infection Control Today Magazine and serve's as NADONA National Subject Matter Expert in Infection Prevention and Control in Long-Term Care and Post-Acute Care settings, and is board certified in Infection Prevention and Control by the NADONA Certification Institute.

Organization Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

NADONA is the leading thought leader in Infection Prevention and Control in Long-Term Care and Post-Acute Care Settings. NADONA offers the following education and certification programs specific to Infection Prevention and Control:

- Infection Prevention and Control Certificate of Mastery
- Antibiotic Stewardship Certificate of Mastery
- Infection Preventionist Board Certification
- Antibiotic Stewardship Specialist Board Certification
- Special Issue of Peer Reviewed NADONA Journal focused on Infection Prevention and Control
- Access to Infection Prevention and Control Resources Section of the Website
- Strategic Partnerships with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Association for Vascular Access, and the Vascular Access Certification Corporation

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- Association of periOperative Nurses (AORN)
- Infusion Nurses Society (INS)
- American Association of Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
- National Student Nurses Association (NSNA)
- Oncology Nursing Society (ONS)

American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN)

National Association of School Nurses



Jade Bland-Slaffey, MSHCA, BSN, RN is the Nursing Education and Practice Specialist at the National Association of School Nurses (NASN). Jade worked as a school nurse for almost four years and before that worked in a pediatric medical center. Infection prevention and control are topics in which she has a depth of experience.

Subject Matter Expert Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

- Provided a live training for 141 school nurses on standards or practice as related to infection prevention and control and injection safety.
- Provided a school nurse perspective on how infections spread and ways to prevent and control them in school.
- Shares infection control resources on NASN website and through NASN's weekly electronic magazine.
- Preparing to present for a NICE Network webinar in the spring of 2018.

Future NICE Network Organization Collaboration

- American Association of Occupational Health Nurses (AAOHN)
- Emergency Nurses Association (ENA)
- National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP)

The New Jersey State Nurses Association



Judith Schmidt, MSN, DHA (c), RN, CCRN is the Chief Executive Officer of the New Jersey State Nurses Association. Ms. Schmidt has been a Registered Nurse for over 30 years. She collaborated with the Infection Control Epidemiology Department at Community Medical Center regarding education for nurses and Infection Control Policies at the hospital level.

Background and Expertise Related to Infection Prevention and Control

NJSNA has worked on both the webinar with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and presented a live presentation at their annual convention. NJSNA continues to send out social media blasts on their Facebook and twitter accounts on information related to infection prevention and infection control.