



Conference Overview

The FPIC Annual Conference is Florida's premier educational event for Infection Prevention Professionals, bringing together healthcare leaders, clinicians, researchers, public health partners, and industry experts from across the state.

The conference will feature more than 20 educational sessions, panel discussions, roundtable forums, and innovation spotlights covering topics such as:

- Infection Prevention Leadership & Change Management
- Artificial Intelligence & Emerging Technologies
- Antibiotic Stewardship & MDRO Prevention
- Long-Term Care & Outpatient Infection Prevention
- Healthcare Construction & Environmental Safety
- Outbreak Investigation & Emergency Response
- Research, Innovation & Quality Improvement
- Regulatory & Legislative Updates
- Career Development & Professional Mentorship

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Agenda

Wednesday September 23, 2026

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Conference Welcome Reception - Sponsored by:



Thursday September 24, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM **Coffee with Sponsors**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Opening Keynote:**

**Infection Control & Prevention - A Changing Profession -
New Challenges & Opportunities!**

The profession of Infection Control and Prevention is undergoing a significant transformation, evolving from a role historically focused exclusively on observational surveillance to a data-driven, strategic, and multidisciplinary field. This keynote will explore how changes such as the elimination of HICPAC may affect future guidance and standards, while also identifying new opportunities for collaboration among professional organizations, public health agencies, and healthcare systems.

9:00 AM - 9:30 AM **Refreshment Break with Sponsors**

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM **Break Out Sessions**

Managing & Leading Change - Preparing for the New Frontier

This session will focus on practical leadership strategies for infection prevention professionals who must influence change without always having direct authority. Participants will learn how to address resistance, build accountability, and use effective communication to support sustainable infection prevention initiatives.

Panel Presentation: From Resistance to Resilience - Prevention, Research, & Actions to Advance MDRO Prevention / Antibiotic Stewardship

This panel will examine emerging approaches to preventing multidrug-resistant organisms and strengthening antimicrobial stewardship. Speakers will share lessons from successful multidisciplinary programs and highlight opportunities for collaboration between healthcare facilities and public health partners.

Roundtable Discussion: Infection Prevention Gaps in ASCs and Outpatient Care Settings

This roundtable will explore the unique infection prevention challenges found in ambulatory surgery centers and outpatient care environments. Participants will discuss common deficiencies, inspection concerns, and ways to standardize infection prevention practices across outpatient settings.

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM **Break Out Sessions**

Panel Presentation: AI in Action - Real World Cases of How Technology is Reshaping Our Profession

This session will present real-world examples of how artificial intelligence is being used in infection prevention, including surveillance, outbreak detection, and reporting. Participants will also consider how AI can improve efficiency while maintaining clinical oversight, data integrity, and ethical standards.

Panel Presentation: MRSA & CDI - New Strategies for Old Foes an Examination of Two Case Studies

This panel will review current strategies for reducing MRSA and CDI rates through evidence-based interventions and case study analysis. Attendees will learn how evolving diagnostics, prevention practices, and stewardship efforts are shaping better outcomes across healthcare settings.

Roundtable Discussion: Hospitals & LTC Facilities - Collaborating to Improve Healthcare Transfers

This roundtable will address best practices for communicating infection risks during patient transfers between hospitals and long-term care facilities. Participants will discuss ways to improve continuity of care, prevent transmission, and strengthen relationships across care settings.

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM **Awards Lunch Sponsored by:**



1:00 PM - 2:00 PM **Break Out Sessions**

**Panel Presentation: Infection Control Innovation -
Surveillance Using Precision UVC & Microbiological
Visualization**

This panel will explore how emerging environmental monitoring technologies can improve infection prevention efforts. Speakers will discuss how precision UVC and microbiological visualization tools can help assess cleaning effectiveness and support safer healthcare environments.

**Panel Presentation: Design / Construction Expectations &
Requirements for Infection Prevention and Control**

This session will review regulatory and accreditation expectations related to infection prevention during healthcare construction projects. Attendees will learn about common deficiencies, how to avoid them, and how to collaborate effectively with facilities teams, construction partners, and leadership.

**From Pressure Injury to Infection Citation - Where LTC
Facilities Are Getting Caught!**

This session will examine common survey findings that connect wound care, pressure injuries, and infection prevention deficiencies in long-term care facilities. Participants will learn documentation, surveillance, and interdisciplinary strategies to reduce regulatory risk and improve resident safety.

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM **Break Out Sessions**

**Panel Presentation: New Infection Control Innovations
Driving Patient Safety**

This panel will highlight new technologies and practices that are improving infection prevention outcomes. Attendees will learn how organizations evaluate and implement innovative solutions, as well as lessons learned from early adopters.

**Panel Presentation: Reducing Barriers for IP-led Research
(Templates, Shared Protocols & Mentorship)**

This session will help infection preventionists understand how to begin research projects even with limited resources or experience. Participants will explore templates, shared protocols, mentorship opportunities, and strategies for turning quality improvement work into publishable research.

Panel Presentation: Managing Outbreaks in LTC Facilities

This session will focus on outbreak investigation and response strategies specific to long-term care settings. Participants will learn how to work with health departments and regulatory agencies while using communication and mitigation strategies that reduce resident impact and operational disruption.

3:15 PM - 4:00 PM **Ice Cream Social Sponsored by:**



4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Advocacy Update & Stakeholder Panel Discussion: Panelist Include Representatives From FHA, FHCA, FPHA & FNA

This stakeholder panel will bring together representatives from key Florida healthcare organizations to discuss priorities and emerging challenges. The session will highlight opportunities for collaboration across hospitals, long-term care, nursing, and public health, while also addressing future policy, workforce, and patient safety initiatives.

Friday September 25, 2026

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM **Coffee & Poster Session Review**

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM **Break Out Sessions**

Panel Presentation: IP Program Evaluation & Continuous Quality Improvement

This session will focus on methods for evaluating the effectiveness of infection prevention programs. Attendees will learn how to use meaningful metrics, demonstrate value to leadership and regulatory bodies, and prioritize improvement opportunities through data.

Panel Presentation: Patient Safety Depends on Innovation in Water Management

This roundtable will focus on emerging approaches to healthcare water safety and pathogen prevention. Participants will examine lessons learned from waterborne outbreak investigations and

discuss ways to improve collaboration among infection prevention, facilities, and public health teams.

Top Ten Research Articles Impacting LTC

This session will review influential recent research articles affecting infection prevention practices in long-term care. Participants will discuss the practical implications of new evidence, how it applies to frontline programs, and where future research is still needed.

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM **Break Out Sessions**

Panel Presentation: Navigating Your Career - A Deep Dive into the APIC Mega Survey & FPIC Mentor Program

This session will examine current workforce trends affecting infection prevention professionals and the future of the field. Attendees will learn about career pathways, leadership opportunities, emerging roles, and how mentorship can support professional growth and succession planning.

Innovation Spotlight: Detect, Identify, Clean, Educate (DICE)

This session will highlight how the DICE system was developed to facilitate an active approach to reducing infections risk by integrating advanced technologies, sophisticated equipment, and industry best practices to establish a new benchmark in infection prevention and control.

Innovation Spotlight: New Techniques and Science in Reprocessing & Sterilization

As the complexity of surgical instruments and medical devices increases, Sterile Processing Departments (SPDs) must adapt to rigorous new standards and technologies. This high-impact "Innovation Spotlight" session will evaluate the science, practical applications, and safety profiles of cutting-edge single-use endoscopes and reprocessing methods.

10:15 AM - 11:00 AM Coffee & Poster Session Review

Don't miss this last chance to review new research an innovative "Best Practices" in Public Health and Infection Control / Prevention.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM AHCA & DOH Updates

This session will provide updates on state regulatory and legislative changes affecting infection prevention programs.

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Continuing Education

This program has been approved by the Florida Board of Nursing for two hours of Standard Precautions and up to seven hours of General CE. This program is designed to satisfy up to 9 hours of the requirements for re-certification of the Certified Infection Control (CIC®) credential through guidance provided by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC).

Hotel Accommodations

FPIC has negotiated a special hotel room discount rate of \$144 per night for our conference attendees. There are limited number of rooms available so please register for the conference and make your hotel room reservation today.



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Additional Information

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