

## 3M Announces Educational Offerings at APIC Annual Congress

Satellite Symposia and in-booth demonstrations to showcase solutions in the reduction of healthcare-associated infections

3M today announced a series of educational sessions the company will offer to attendees at the upcoming Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) Annual Scientific Meeting, taking place in New Orleans, La., beginning on July 12.

“As a company, we are truly on a mission to help hospitals reduce their rates of healthcare-associated infections,” said Debra Rectenwald, president and general manager, 3M Infection Prevention. “Through satellite symposia and in-booth educational opportunities and demonstrations, attendees will be able to gain valuable knowledge about infection control practices, and new technologies that may further help their efforts.”

### Education

The company will offer two satellite symposia for Continuing Education (CE) credit:

Monday, July 12, 6:00-7:30 a.m. CST: *Surgical Site Infections beyond Core Measures*. Presented by Edward Septimus, M.D., FIDSA, FACP, FSHEA, Medical Director Infection Prevention and Epidemiology Clinical Services Group at HCA Health System in Houston, Texas. Attendees will receive 1.5 Contact Hours of CE credit.

Tuesday, July 13, 5:30-7:30 a.m. CST: *Hospital Cleaning and Environmental HAI's, What is the link?* Presented by: Curtis Donskey, MD, from Louis Stokes Cleveland VAMC, and John Boyce, MD, Chief, Section of Infectious Diseases Hospital Epidemiologist, Hospital of Saint Raphael, New Haven, Conn. Attendees will receive 2 Contact Hours of CE credit.

Both symposia will take place at the Sheraton New Orleans, Grand Ballroom C (500 Canal Street). APIC-registered attendees can sign up for the symposia by contacting Connie Piscitello at [connie\\_piscitello@mmmtsals.com](mailto:connie_piscitello@mmmtsals.com) or at 1-800-413-1795 ext 3038.

Other non-CE educational programs will be offered in the 3M booth (#1716) throughout the conference for attendees wishing to learn more about the latest technologies and techniques that may help prevent healthcare-associated infections. The following sessions will be held in the booth daily Monday-Wednesday. A specific schedule will be available in the booth:

*Hand Hygiene in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century  
Clean or Not, Can You Tell?  
Nasal Carriage of S. aureus  
Importance of Oral Care for Ventilated Patients  
How to Read a Clinical Study Article*

### New Products and Technologies

In addition to its complete portfolio of product solutions for infection control needs from preoperative prep to post-operative sterilization to pandemic preparedness, 3M will demonstrate a number of emerging products and technologies to help healthcare facilities reduce the rate of healthcare-associated infections (HAIs).

### About 3M Infection Prevention

3M Infection Prevention Division is truly on a mission to help reduce healthcare-associated infections through its infection prevention solutions. With its system of people, products and processes, 3M remains a trusted partner committed to helping hospitals reduce the risk of infections, improve patient outcomes, and control their bottom lines. Learn more at [www.3m.com/infectionprevention](http://www.3m.com/infectionprevention).

#### About 3M Health Care

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