Congratulations to the 2018 APIC Award Winners!

Carole DeMille Achievement Award

Terrie Lee, RN, MS, MPH, CIC, FAPIC, director of infection prevention and employee health at Charleston Area Medical Center, in Charleston, West Virginia, will receive the prestigious Carole DeMille Achievement Award for her innovative contributions and exceptional leadership in infection prevention and control (IPC).

The award, which will be presented during the opening session at APIC’s 45th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, is given annually to an infection preventionist who best exemplifies the ideals of Carole DeMille, a pioneer in the field of IPC.

Lee’s career in IPC has spanned more than 30 years, with her leadership in APIC being nearly as long. Beginning as a founding member of the APIC West Virginia chapter, she served as chapter president in 1985-86. Nationally, she served on a number of task forces and committees, culminating in her service as the 1995 APIC president. She has served as a consultant for APIC Consulting Services since 2009 and led the development team for the APIC Program of Distinction, as well as the creation of the Standards of Excellence for Infection Prevention and Control—the first set of standards that APIC published in its 40-year history. Lee is also very dedicated to serving the international infection prevention community, serving as the chair of the International Federation of Infection Control.

Lee is a nationally recognized leader on surveillance and risk assessments, and has authored numerous articles on the topic, including the hallmark “Recommended Practices in Surveillance,” published in the American Journal of Infection Control in 2007. She has been at the forefront of organizational infection prevention risk assessments, and her leadership in teaching the risk assessment process at local, state, national, and international meetings has led to her program’s inclusion in the APIC EPI® 101 course curriculum. Lee also serves as a member of the West Virginia State Healthcare-Associated Infection Control Advisory Panel on public reporting of infections.

Lee’s contributions to the field have been extensively recognized. She was the recipient of the Quality Award for outstanding performance and commitment to reducing healthcare-associated infection rates from the West Virginia Medical Institute in 2014, and winner of the “Hot Shot” Award from the West Virginia Immunization Network for special achievement in achieving healthcare worker immunization in 2010.

President’s Distinguished Service Award, in honor of Pat Lynch

Connie Steed, MSN, RN, CIC, FAPIC, corporate director of the Infection Prevention Department at Greenville Health System in Greenville, South Carolina, will receive the President’s Distinguished Service Award, in honor of Pat Lynch, at the APIC Annual Conference.

The award is given to an individual who has made major contributions to the profession of infection prevention and control (IPC) through service within APIC. Steed is being recognized by her peers as a champion within the IPC field and as an expert in education tied implementation science. She was one of the first infection preventionists (IPs) to recognize the importance of education in reducing needlestick injuries and infection risks to patients and staff.

Steed has been a member of APIC since 1979. On the state level, she has served as president of both the Chattahoochee and Palmetto chapters. Nationally, she served on the APIC Board of Directors, the Membership Committee, and the Governmental Affairs Committee. She was also chairperson of the National Extended Care Facility Recruitment Subcommittee and has been influential in the development of the future path of APIC and the field by assisting in the creation of APIC’s Strategic Plan 2020, the IP Competency Model, and revision of APIC’s national policy manual. Furthermore, Steed has served in every elected position at her local chapter.

She has energized and motivated new IPs, teaching basic IPC courses as well as certification review courses. She has mentored nearly 200 IPs, many of whom have gone on to become leaders in the field.
Distinguished Scientist Award

Mary Lou Manning, PhD, CRNP, CIC, FAAN, FNAP, FAPIC
Thomas Jefferson University, College of Nursing
Philadelphia, PA

MARY LOU MANNING, PhD, CRNP, CIC, FAAN, FNAP, FAPIC, professor at the Thomas Jefferson University College of Nursing in Philadelphia, will receive the Distinguished Scientist Award at the APIC Annual Conference in Minneapolis.

The Distinguished Scientist Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the science of infection prevention and control (IPC) as determined by the APIC Research Committee.

Over the past three decades, Manning has extensively contributed to clinical practice, research, and education in IPC. A member of APIC since 1991, she served as the 2015 APIC president, and president of the Delaware Valley and Philadelphia chapter in Pennsylvania. Manning is a member of the editorial board of the American Journal of Infection Control, and has authored and published more than 35 publications dealing with critical IPC topics ranging from antibiotic stewardship to program evaluation and leadership.

Prior to Manning’s current position at Thomas Jefferson University, she held leadership positions at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, serving as the director of infection prevention and occupational health for more than 12 years. In this role, she launched a Center for Process Innovation.

Manning has been an ambassador for global infection prevention, providing consultation and education in numerous countries, including Indonesia, where she was a member of a post-tsunami Indonesia Disaster Recovery Program team in 2007. During the recent Ebola crisis, she served as a faculty member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) safety training course for healthcare workers going to West Africa, and she was a member of the American Nurses Association Expert Advisory Panel on Ebola. Manning also represented APIC on a CDC rapid Ebola preparedness assessment team in Philadelphia.

Manning will speak on the “State of the Science in Infection Prevention” at APIC’s 45th Annual Conference.

Healthcare Administrator Award

Cindy Barnard, PhD, MBA, MSJS
Northwestern Memorial HealthCare
Chicago, IL

CINDY BARNARD, PhD, MBA, MSJS, vice president of quality at Northwestern Memorial HealthCare in Chicago has been named as the recipient of the Healthcare Administrator Award.

The award, which will be presented at APIC’s 45th Annual Conference in Minneapolis, recognizes the pivotal role that healthcare leaders play in establishing an organizational culture that enables and supports infection prevention and control (IPC) efforts.

Through Barnard’s leadership, Northwestern Memorial HealthCare has developed a culture of safe patient care, ensuring quality infection prevention, and healthcare-associated infection reduction is a top priority. Her thoughtful and ongoing reviews of the IPC department have supported efforts for increased staffing and additional resources.

As Northwestern Memorial HealthCare has continued to grow, Barnard has ensured that the IPC program has remained robust and sustainable. Recently, she has advocated and implemented a standardized electronic surveillance system that ensures the growing health system has the technology for timely rounding and documentation.

Her work has helped reduce central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSIs) by 25 percent, catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) by 40 percent, and vancomycin-resistant enterococci (VRE) transmission by 75 percent.

2017 JUDENE BARTLEY ADVOCACY IN ACTION SCHOLARSHIP
Jessica Hayashi, MS, RN, CIC, CPHQ, FACHE
Stratton Albany VA Medical Center

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APIC GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD
Tara Millson, MSN, RN, CIC
Mohawk Valley Health System
Infection prevention in dialysis: The culture of safety and adherence to infection control standards

BLUE RIBBON ABSTRACT AWARDS
Jeanette Harris, MS, MSM, BS, MT(ASCP), CIC, FAPIC
MultiCare Health System
Moving the science forward: A writers/research forum at the chapter level

Kazumi Kawakami, PhD, MSN, RN, CNIC
Juntendo University
Factors influencing the competency of certified nurses in infection control (CNIC) in Japan

Amy Priddy, DNP, RN, CIC
Park Nicollet Health Services
Measles! Responding to a community outbreak as part of an integrated health system
IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE ABSTRACT AWARD
Ayat Abuikhoud, MS, CIC
Loyola University Medical Center
Unit-based just-in-time coaching significantly improves hand hygiene compliance

NEW INVESTIGATOR ABSTRACT AWARD
Nancy Hogle, RN, BSN, MPH, MS
New York Presbyterian Hospital
Incidence of midline catheter-associated bloodstream infections in five acute care hospitals

BEST INTERNATIONAL ABSTRACT AWARD
Shahana Parveen, MSS
icddr,b
Identifying acceptable and feasible infection control interventions for Nipah encephalitis outbreaks in Bangladesh

WILLIAM A. RUTALA ABSTRACT AWARD
Eman Chami, MHA, CIC
Henry Ford Hospital
Use of an electronic tool that drives quality improvement in endoscope reprocessing

HEROES OF INFECTION PREVENTION AWARDS
Cindy Hou, DO, MA, MBA, FACOI
Jefferson Health New Jersey
Category: Patient Safety

Marc Meyer, RPH, BPharm, CIC, FAPIC
Southwest Health System
Category: Advocacy and Influence

Children’s Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota
Category: Process and System Improvement

Excela Health CDI Lean Team
Category: Patient Safety

Mountain View Hospital
Category: Process and System Improvement

University of Louisville Hospital Infection Control Team
Category: Advocacy and Influence

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CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Education, Communications, and Information Resources
Dallas-Fort Worth (Large Chapter)
Heart of New York (Small Chapter)

Clinical and Professional Practice
Eastern Iowa (Small Chapter)

Member Support
Greater New York (Large Chapter)
Intermountain Region (Small Chapter)

Synergistic Alliances
Virginia (Large Chapter)

CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AWARDS
Christine Blackmore, RN, MPH, CIC
Greater New York Chapter

Angella Browne, MT(ASCP), MBA, CIC
Washington, DC Metro Chapter

Susan Engel, BSN
Southern New Jersey Chapter

Craig Gilliam, BSMT, CIC, FAPIC
Memphis Chapter

Crystal Heishman, MSN, RN, CIC, ONC, FAPIC
Ketuckiana Chapter

John Maynard, RN, MSN, CIC
Mile High Chapter

Valyne Pochop, MS, RN, CIC
Greater Kansas City Chapter

DeAnn Richards, RN, BSN, CIC
Badger Chapter

Kissa Robinson, RN, BSN, MHA, MBA
Washington, DC Metro Chapter

Brenda Roup, PhD, RN, CIC, FAPIC, FSHEA
Greater Baltimore Chapter

Wilma Salkin, RN, BSN, CIC
New England Chapter

Kathleen Steinmann, MT(ASCP), CIC
Minnesota Chapter

Marie Hale Wilson, BSN, BS, RN, CIC
Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter

2018 FILM FESTIVAL GRAND PRIZE WINNER
KP SRO Surgical Attire
The Permanente Medical Group, Santa Rosa
Directed by Meghann Brock