

APIC 2017 award recipients

Carole DeMille Achievement Award

STEPHEN STREED, MS, CIC, system director of epidemiology/infection prevention at Lee Health in Fort Myers, Florida, will be awarded the prestigious *Carole DeMille Achievement Award* for his innovative contributions and commitment to education in infection control.

The award, which will be presented during the opening session at APIC's 44th Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, is given annually to an infection preventionist (IP) who best exemplifies the ideals of Carole DeMille, a pioneer in the field of infection prevention.

Streed has been active in APIC since joining in the 1970s, serving in numerous leadership capacities at the local and national levels, including on the APIC Board of Directors and on the editorial board for the *American Journal of Infection Control*. He was among the first group of IPs to become certified in infection prevention and control (IPC) in 1983. Recognizing the increased need for education in the growing field of IPC, he co-founded and taught some of the earliest hospital epidemiology and certification preparation courses ever



offered through APIC and leading academic centers. In addition, he developed courses to teach advanced skills and to reach settings with specific needs such as long-term care.

A nationally recognized expert on HAI surveillance, Streed has promoted the use of computers to improve the efficiency of infection prevention data collection since the early 1980s. He also was a member of a multi-society professional group that worked with the CDC to author a pivotal white paper, which was used to inform the creation of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' "National Action Plan to Prevent HAIs." His research also includes the area of new technologies for improving the cleaning and disinfection of environmental surfaces in healthcare facilities.

Streed promotes the profession through teaching, coaching, and mentoring and has consistently supported and encouraged his peers at the local, national, and international level to reach for their potential. He has established the Stephen A. Streed Scholarship in Epidemiology at the University of Iowa College of Public Health. At the community level he mentors high school and college students to enlighten them on public health careers and share his passion for infection prevention. Streed has been honored by his peers locally and nationally throughout his 40-year career.

Distinguished Scientist Award

PATRICIA STONE, PHD, RN, FAAN, centennial professor and director of the Center for Health Policy at Columbia University School of Nursing, will receive the *Distinguished Scientist Award* at APIC's Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon.

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

Stone will be delivering a lecture when she receives the award, Thursday, June 15, and a session with her Columbia University colleagues on Friday, June 16, on the State of the Art in Nursing Home Infection Prevention.

Over the past two decades, Stone has focused her research on the impact of organizational factors and various processes of care on patient safety outcomes and healthcare-associated infections



(HAIs). An expert in cost-effectiveness analysis, she has applied her economic expertise to help quantify the financial and personal costs of HAIs, and ultimately the cost-effectiveness of processes of care that reduce the incidence of infections. She is one of only a few nurse researchers who understands the complexity of conducting such comparative and economic evaluations in the context of preventing HAIs and has been the principal investigator on a number of federal and foundation grants to conduct large-scale, national studies to inform effective healthcare policy and practice.

Stone has served on a number of national health policy making committees, and her work has been cited by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in the "National Action Plan to Prevent HAIs" and in guidelines developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Stone's work and contributions amply demonstrate her serious and ongoing commitment to advancing implementation science and furthering APIC's mission to "create a safer world through prevention of infection."

President's Distinguished Service Award

LINDA DICKEY, RN, MPH, CIC, senior director of quality, patient safety, and infection prevention, University of California, Irvine Healthcare, will receive the 2017 *President's Distinguished Service Award* at APIC's Annual Conference.

The award is given to an individual whose service within APIC has been judged by peers as exceptional, and who has made major contributions to the profession.

A nationally recognized expert on healthcare design, Dickey has been a member of APIC since 1994, and has filled an important role as an ambassador for APIC to other professional organizations that are essential partners for infection preventionists, including the American Society for Healthcare Engineering



(ASHE), the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), and the Facility Guidelines Institute (FGI). In this capacity, she was influential in the development of a new standard from ASHRAE aimed at mitigating risks of waterborne pathogens. As a member of FGI's Steering Committee, she ensures that the IP perspective is considered when healthcare facility design and construction guidelines are being developed or revised.

She has been recognized for her expertise at the state and national level and has developed numerous tools, checklists and other resources to assist infection preventionists in navigating the sometimes complex and challenging areas of construction and renovation.

Dickey serves APIC members as faculty at national, regional, and chapter conferences, and as a contributor to related topics in the APIC Text Online. She has participated in numerous speaking engagements, as well as countless collaborative projects and publications.

Healthcare Administrator Award

JODI VANDERPOOL, MBA, LNHA, CPPS, HACF, system vice president quality operations, St. Luke's Health System in Boise, Idaho, has been named as the 2017 recipient of the *Healthcare Administrator Award*.

The award, which will be presented at APIC's Annual Conference, is given annually to a member of a healthcare facility's executive team who champions infection prevention efforts.

Under Vanderpool's leadership, St. Luke's focus on quality, patient safety, and infection prevention has significantly increased and become a top priority. She keeps infection prevention front and center with the hospital's board and administration and has been instrumental in ensuring that the infection prevention department is adequately staffed, and has the resources and education needed to improve the team's competencies.



Vanderpool's support has enabled her infection prevention team to do excellent work and empowered them to share best practices with other facilities. In the area of hand hygiene, she actively assisted in getting a new tool brought on board and hired two part-time employees to coordinate the program, which helped the organization achieve a 90 percent compliance rate in inpatient units in fiscal year 2016. To reduce surgical site infections, she facilitated the development of a general surgery care bundle, which required buy-in and support from leadership and the general surgery group. She advocated at the administration level for a multidisciplinary task force called "Project Zero" to reduce ortho-neuro SSIs, which was so successful that it has since been adopted system-wide and has garnered awards from the state's quality innovation network.

Among the letters written to support her nomination, 'leadership, dedication, and commitment' were the most often used words. Her colleagues conveyed that it was a great privilege to experience her support for infection prevention and control on a daily basis.

2017 APIC GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Mary Jo Knobloch, PhD, MPH

University of Wisconsin,
School of Pharmacy, Social and
Administrative Sciences

Leadership rounds to reduce healthcare-associated infections: a case study approach

2017 BLUE RIBBON ABSTRACT AWARDS

Mugdha Golwalkar, MPH

Indiana State Department of Health
Comparing clinical and epidemiological characteristics of non-B invasive Haemophilus influenzae serotypes in the post-Hib vaccine era

Jacob Vinocur, MS, CIC

Northern Arizona Healthcare
Transmission of Clostridium difficile across multiple healthcare facilities revealed through whole-genome sequencing

2017 IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE ABSTRACT AWARD

Kathryn Galvin, MS, MT(ASCP)^{CM}, CIC

Hartford Healthcare
Reduction of catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTIs) through a multi-disciplinary approach implementing skill-based validations

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2017 NEW INVESTIGATOR ABSTRACT AWARD

Marko Predic, BS

University of Florida Health Jacksonville
*Risk factors for carbapenem-resistant
Enterobacteriaceae infection*

2017 BEST INTERNATIONAL ABSTRACT AWARD

Daiane Patricia Cais, MSN

Infection Control Team - Hospital
Samaritano de São Paulo/Brazil
*Isolation precautions: active surveillance and
multidisciplinary management save costs*

2017 WILLIAM A. RUTALA ABSTRACT AWARD

John Rihs, BS

Special Pathogens Lab
*Microbial contamination of heater/cooler
units: Mycobacterium chimaera
and beyond*

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is supported by a grant from Clorox
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2017 APIC/AJIC AWARD FOR PUBLICATION EXCELLENCE

Cori Ofstead, MSPH

Ofstead & Associates
*Persistent contamination on colonoscopes and
gastrosopes detected by biologic cultures and
rapid indicators despite reprocessing performed
in accordance with guidelines*

Additional author(s):

- **Harry Wetzler, MD, MSPH**
- **Evan Doyle, BS**
- **Catherine Rocco, MSN, RN, CNOR**
- **Kavel Visrodia, MD**
- **Todd Baron, MD**
- **Pritish Tosh, MD**

2017 HEROES IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH SCHOLAR AWARDS

Misha Huang, MD

Department of Veterans Affairs
*Barriers and facilitators of procalcitonin
implementation to guide antibiotic use*

Eileen Carter, PhD, RN

Columbia University Medical Center
*Exploring the nurses' role in antimicrobial
stewardship: a multisite qualitative study*

2017 HEROES OF INFECTION PREVENTION AWARDS

Mary Jo Bellush, MSN, CIC

Excela Health Westmoreland Hospital
Category: Process and systems improvement

Katie Cary, MT(ASCP), CIC

Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center
Category: Advocacy and influence

Christina Ewers, MSN, BSN

Lutheran Medical Center
Category: Patient Safety

Jamie Swift, BSN, RN, CIC

Mountain State Health Alliance
Category: Advocacy and influence

(Team)

Angela Rupp, MT(ASCP), MS, CIC

Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital
of Chicago

Elaine Whaley, MSN, RN, CIC

Texas Children's Hospital
Category: Patient Safety

**Dignity Health Infection Prevention
Team**

Category: Process and systems improvement

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CHAPTER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Member Support (Large)

Greater Atlanta Chapter

Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter

Synergistic Alliances (Large)

Indiana Chapter

West Virginia Chapter

Clinical and Professional Practice (Large)

Northern New Jersey Chapter

Clinical and Professional Practice (Small)

Western Iowa Chapter

Education, Communication, and
Information (Large)

Minnesota Chapter

San Francisco Bay Area Chapter

CHAPTER LEADER AWARDS

Adebisi Adeyeye, DHA, RN, CIC

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Dallas-Ft. Worth Chapter

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CIC, FAPIC**

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