

## ***“Culture Relevance and Best Practices”***

***For Urine, Wounds and Lower Respiratory Specimens***

A WCLN Conference for Wisconsin  
Clinical Laboratory Professionals

**Conference Date:**  
**April 5, 2017**

**Conference Location:**  
**Buffalo Phils**  
**150 Gasser Rd.**  
**Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965**

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Product vendors have not been invited to this conference; commercial product solicitation or demonstration will not be included.

### **Special Needs:**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring special accommodations must notify the program coordinator no later than two weeks prior to the date.

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<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4211106/Culture-Relevance-and-Best-Practices>

**or Fax to:**  
WCLN - Conference  
Fax: 844-390-6233  
By close of business March 28, 2018

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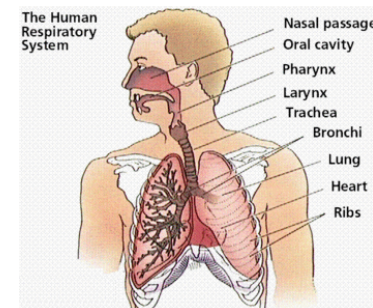


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## Program:

This one day conference is being coordinated by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene for Wisconsin clinical laboratory professionals. The conference will focus on the relevance and best practices of urine, wound, and lower respiratory cultures. The LabTAG members will present some common challenges laboratories face in performing these cultures, including handling special requests from clinicians. Often there isn't a clear right or wrong way to respond to these challenges. LabTAG will then lead facilitated discussion on the relevance and best practices for each culture type so all can share their thoughts and practices. The audience should come prepared to enter into the discussions to obtain the most value from this conference.

## Faculty:

### **Heather Alvarez, B.S., CLS(ASCP)**

Laboratory Manager, Columbus Community Hospital, Columbus

### **Allen Bateman, Ph.D., D(ABMM)**

Assistant Director, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH, Madison

### **Eric Beck, Ph.D., D(ABMM),**

Technical Director of Microbiology, ACL Laboratories, West Allis

### **Tim Block, B.S.**

Laboratory Manager, Froedtert & MCW - St. Joseph's Hospital, West Bend

### **Joshua Kropp, B.S., MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>**

Lead Microbiologist/MLSII, The Diagnostic & Treatment Center, Weston

### **Erik Munson, Ph.D., D(ABMM),**

Assistant Professor, College of Health Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee

### **Ray Podzorski, Ph.D., D(ABMM),**

Microbiology Director, St. Mary's Hospital, Madison

## Faculty (cont.):

### **Tyler Radke, B.S., MLS(ASCP)**

Laboratory Supervisor, Bellin Health, Green Bay

### **Karen Siebers, B.S., MT(ASCP),**

Medical Technologist, ThedaCare Laboratories, Neenah

### **Sarah Stoner, M.S., MB(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>**

Technical Lead - Microbiology, Gunderson Health System, La Crosse

### **Tyler Tschanz, B.S., CLS(ASCP)**

Microbiologist, MCHS - Luther Hospital, Eau Claire

### **David Warshauer, Ph.D., D(ABMM)**

Deputy Director, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH, Madison

## Moderators:

### **Erin Bowles, B.S., MT (ASCP)**

Clinical Laboratory Network Coordinator & Co-Biosafety Officer, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH, Madison

### **Richard Dern, M.S., RM(AAM), M(ASCP)**

Researcher and Co-Biosafety Officer, Communicable Disease Division, WSLH, Madison

## Agenda:

- 7:45 Check-in and Refreshments
- 8:15 Welcome
- 8:30 Urine Cultures
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 Wound Cultures
- 12:45 Lunch
- 1:30 Lower Respiratory Cultures
- 2:00 Break
- 3:20 Final Thoughts
- 3:30 Adjourn

## Target Audience:

This conference is intended for all levels of Wisconsin laboratory professionals who wish to discuss and learn more about the culture relevance and best practices for urine, wounds and lower respiratory cultures.

## Registration Information:

**There is no fee for this conference, but pre-registration by close of business March 28, 2018 is required.** A reminder letter of registration for the conference will be sent via e-mail prior to the conference date.

### To Register On-line: (preferred)

- Register online at the WSLH website:  
<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4211106/Culture-Relevance-and-Best-Practices>
- Click on the words "Register Now" and complete the short registration form.
- A confirmation of registration will be sent immediately via e-mail
- If you do not receive immediate e-mail confirmation, please e-mail WCLN@mail.slh.wisc.edu.

### To Register by Fax:

- Complete the brochure registration form & fax to: WCLN Culture Relevance and Best Practices Conference
- Fax: 844-390-6233

## Registration Deadline:

**March 28, 2018**

## No Fee:

This conference is offered at no charge to participants, with lunch and breaks provided.

