

2024 WCLN Conference: "Performing Clinically Relevant Microbiology"

A WCLN Conference for Wisconsin
Laboratory Professionals

Conference Date:
April 9, 2024

Conference Location:
Wintergreen Conference Center
and Clarion Hotel & Suites,
60 Gasser Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

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P.A.C.E.® Credit:

P.A.C.E.® credit will be available for the conference and a certificate of participation will be granted as continuing education. The WSLH is an approved provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E.® Program.

Vendors:

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.

No Fee:

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

Target Audience:

This one-day conference is intended for Wisconsin laboratory professionals who wish to engage in discussion and learn more about performing clinically relevant microbiology for urine, blood, respiratory, wound, tissue and non-sterile fluid specimens. All levels of laboratory professionals are encouraged to attend: students, new hires, bench technologists, and those in laboratory leadership roles who have the ability to implement change.

Audience Participation:

We encourage audience participation during the conference. Please plan to share your experiences and best practices, participate in discussions, and ask questions in order to get the most value from the conference.

Presentation of the 2024 Peter A. Shult Award:



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Hosted by:

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Communicable Disease Division
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Program:

In 2018 the WSLH hosted a WCLN Conference entitled "Relevance and Best Practices" where we discussed microbiology culture of urine, wound and lower respiratory specimens. Now in 2024, six years later and adding the additional specimen sources of blood, tissue and non-sterile fluid, we will revisit the topic. Is culture still the best practice for identifying the pathogens causing infections in these sources? If not, how are laboratories performing relevant microbiology testing on these sources today?

LabTAG members will take the lead as we share ideas and discuss these various specimen sources looking at the pre-analytical, analytical, and post-analytical aspects of providing relevant microbiology diagnostic testing.

We will not provide definitive "how to" guidance, as each laboratory is different and serves a unique patient population with varied needs. However, we will share our collective experiences and knowledge to provide ideas for you to consider as you choose the best practices and technologies that will enable your laboratory to perform clinically relevant microbiology for your patients and their physicians.

Additionally, we will present of the 2024 Peter A. Shult award to this year's recipient.

Faculty:

Heather Alvarez, MS, CLS(ASCP), Laboratory Manager, Prairie Ridge Health, Columbus

Jorn Bansberg, BS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Microbiology Lead, Vernon Memorial Hospital, Viroqua

Eric Beck, PhD, D(ABMM), Clinical Laboratory Director of Microbiology, ACL Laboratories, West Allis

Tim Block, BS, MLS(ASCP), Laboratory Manager, Froedtert West Bend Hospital, West Bend

Erik Munson, PhD, D(ABMM), Assistant Professor, College of Health Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee

Faculty (cont.):

Thomas Novicki, PhD, D(ABMM), Clinical Microbiologist, Marshfield Labs, Marshfield

Tyler Radke, BS, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}, Laboratory Manager, Bellin Health, Green Bay

Moderator:

Erin Bowles, BS, MLS(ASCP), Clinical Laboratory Network Coordinator, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene, Madison

Draft Agenda:

- 7:45 Check-in and Refreshments
- 8:15 Welcome, Introductions and Overview
- 8:30 Urine Specimens
- 9:45 Break
- 10:00 Blood Specimens
- 11:15 Presentation of Peter A. Shult Award
- 11:30 Lunch
- 12:30 Respiratory Specimens
- 1:45 Break
- 2:00 Wound, Tissue, and Non-Sterile Fluid Specimens
- 3:15 Final Thoughts
- 3:30 Adjourn



Registration Deadline:

March 27, 2024

Registration Information:

There is no fee for this conference, but pre-registration is required by close of business March 27, 2024. A reminder letter of registration for the conference will be sent via e-mail prior to the conference date.

To Register:

Register online:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7701857/4-9-24-WCLN-Conference-Performing-Clinically-Relevant-Micr>.

- A confirmation of registration will be sent immediately via e-mail. Unfortunately, many laboratory security systems block the confirmation email.
- If you do not receive an immediate e-mail confirmation, please check your junk/blocked email. If you don't find your confirmation there, you can email erin.bowles@mail.slh.wisc.edu to ensure we received your registration.
- Additionally, a reminder letter will be sent out approximately one week before the conference.

