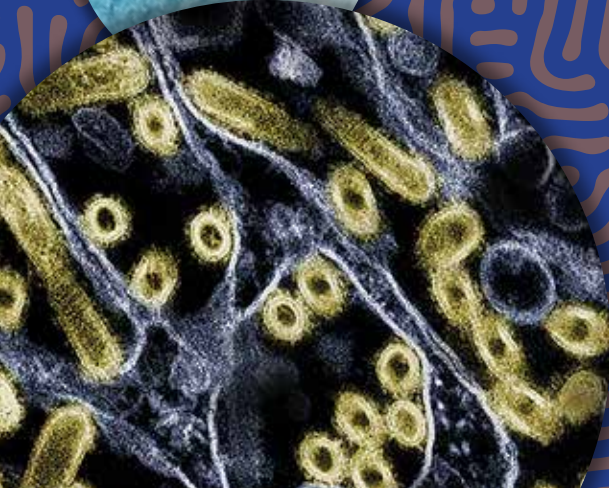
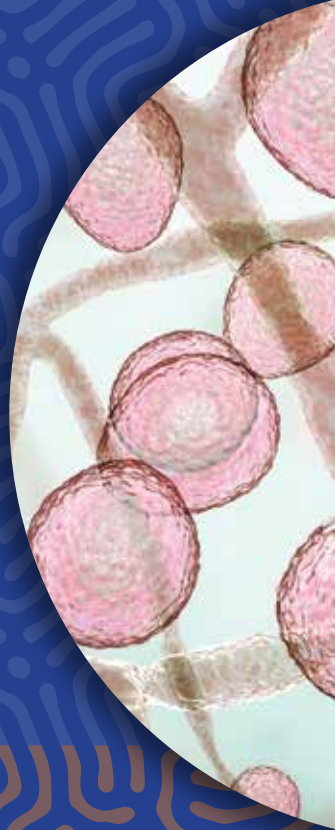




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Convention Center Floor Plan



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Welcome to ID Lab Con 2025!

Welcome to ID Lab Con 2025, the Association of Public Health Laboratories' infectious disease-focused conference! We are happy to welcome you to Pasadena for our second iteration of this event.

To say it is a tumultuous time in science and public health is an understatement and this conference is an opportunity for clinical, public health and commercial laboratories and industry colleagues to gather and discuss pertinent topics in infectious disease science and testing. We have an exciting program lined up over three-and-a-half days that includes six preconference workshops prior to the meeting. On the first day of the meeting, Dr. Grace Aldrovandi will open the conference as our keynote speaker. Other highlights throughout the conference include a session on science communication from Those Nerdy Girls.

The conference will cover a range of topics from antimicrobial resistance to wastewater surveillance and contemporary technologies including next generation sequencing. Our industry partners will provide innovative sessions to update participants on their latest products. Lastly, please make time to visit the Exhibit and Poster Hall to learn about the latest and greatest from our infectious diseases laboratory community.

ID Lab Con has been planned as an engaging and interactive experience that only in-person meetings can bring. ID Lab Con is an opportunity to celebrate our accomplishments and what we can achieve together. On behalf of the Planning Committee, comprised of individuals from public health, clinical, commercial and industry backgrounds, enjoy the meeting!



Marty Soehnen, PhD, MPH, PHLD(ABB)
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General Information

Meeting Location

The APHL 2025 ID Lab Con is being held at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E Green St, Pasadena, CA 91101, 626.793.2122. It is located in downtown Pasadena, walking distance to numerous restaurants, shops and entertainment.

Registration Hours

Monday, March 24	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, March 25	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 26	7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, March 27	7:30 am – 12:30 pm

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Visit with the exhibitors and win prizes! Follow the instructions on the Exhibit Hall raffle card distributed onsite, recording each booth visit. When ALL of the boxes are filled, turn the card in at the registration desk no later than 2:00 pm on Wednesday, March 26. Be sure to include your name on the card.

Winners of the prizes will be announced starting at 2:30 pm on Wednesday, March 26 in the Exhibit Hall. You must be present to win.

Prizes include:

- Free registration to ID Lab Con 2027 *compliments of APHL*
- \$100 Amazon gift card *compliments of Applied BioCode*
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- \$250 Delta Airlines voucher *compliments of APHL*
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Exhibit and Poster Hall Hours

Monday, March 24	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Exhibitor Setup
Tuesday, March 25	7:00 am – 9:30 am	Exhibitor Setup
	10:00 am – 6:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
	10:00 am – 10:30 am	Morning Break
	3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Afternoon Break
	5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception
Wednesday, March 26	10:00 am – 3:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
	10:30 am – 11:00 am	Morning Break
	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
	2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Break and Raffle
	3:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Exhibits Breakdown
Thursday, March 27	(No Exhibit Hall)	

Schedule of Events

Full agenda and speaker information is available in the mobile app



Monday, March 24, 2025

9:00 am – 4:00 pm **Preconference Workshops**

The Power to Resist: Labs vs. Antimicrobial Resistance

Ballroom A

588-508-25 • 5.25 contact hours for this session

Speakers

- Romney Humphries, PhD, D(ABMM), Vanderbilt University
- Kimberly McCullor, PhD, MSc, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services—Bureau of Laboratories
- Jean Patel, PhD, D(ABMM), JBP Microbiology Consulting
- Robert Potter, PhD, D(ABMM), Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- Paula Vagnone, MT(ASCP), Minnesota Department of Health Public Health Laboratory

Diagnostic Approaches to Emerging Infectious Diseases

Ballroom B

588-507-25 • 5.25 contact hours for this session

Speakers

- Henry Bishop, retired, CDC
- Amy B. Dean, PhD, New York State Department of Health – Wadsworth Center
- Julianne V. Kus, MSc, PhD, FCCM, Public Health Ontario
- Amy L. Leber, PhD, D(ABMM), SM(ASCP)MB, Nationwide Children’s Hospital
- Kimberly McCullor, PhD, MSc, Michigan Bureau of Laboratories
- Anisha Misra, PhD, D(ABMM), Cleveland Clinic
- Benjamin Pinsky, MD, PhD, Stanford University School of Medicine
- Marty K. Soehnen, PhD, MPH, PHLD(ABB), Michigan Bureau of Laboratories

Next Steps for Next Generation Sequencing

Ballroom C

588-512-25 • 5.25 contact hours for this session

Speakers

- Daniel Evans, MS, Minnesota Department of Health
- Kelsey Florek, PhD, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
- Christin L. Hanigan, PhD, Association of Public Health Laboratories
- Kelly Oakeson, PhD, Utah Department of Health and Human Services

Monday, March 24

Assuring Regulatory Compliance in an Era of Change: What's a Lab to Do?

Ballroom D

588-510-25 • 4.75 contact hours for this session

Speakers

- Sarah Buss, PhD, D(ABMM), Association of Public Health Laboratories
- Jonathan R. Genzen, MD, PhD, ARUP Laboratories
- Karen Harrington, PhD, HCLD(ABB), Hologic
- Kara Levinson, PhD, MPH, D(ABMM), Tennessee Department of Health
- Kimberlee A. Musser, PhD, Wadsworth Center
- Susan E. Realegeno, PhD, D(ABMM), M(ASCP), Qwest Diagnostics

Optimizing Mycobacteriology Laboratory Operations: Strategies for Supervisor Success

Ballroom F

588-509-25 • 5.25 contact hours for this session

Speakers

- Emily Craig, MS, M(ASCP), Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services
- Erin Estes, MBA, MLS(ASCP), Association of Public Health Laboratories
- Drew Francis, M(ASCP)^{CM}, Arizona State Public Health Laboratory
- Julie Higashi, MD, PhD, Los Angeles County Public Health Laboratory
- Hector Rivas, BS, MPH, PHM, Los Angeles County Public Health Laboratory
- Marie-Claire Rowlinson, PhD, D(ABMM), Florida Bureau of Public Health Laboratories
- Angie Schooley, MT(ASCP), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services

Biosafety Practices for the Clinical and Public Health Laboratorian

Ballroom G

588-511-25 • 5.25 contact hours for this session

Speakers

- Erin Bowles, BS, MLS(ASCP), Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene
- Shoolah Escott, MS(MLS), MT(ASCP), ABSA International
- Michael Pentella, PhD, D(ABMM), Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory
- Michael Perry, DrPH, MS Ed, Wadsworth Center

Monday, March 24

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

9:00 am – 10:00 am **Opening Session**

Ballroom DE

Welcome to Pasadena

- Marty Soehnlén, PhD, MPH, PHLD(ABB), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Laboratories
- Nicole M. Green, PhD, D(ABMM), Los Angeles County Public Health Laboratory

Keynote Address

588-801-25 • 1 contact hour for this session

- Grace Aldrovandi, MD, CM, UCLA Mattel Children's Hospital

10:00 am – 10:30 am **Morning Break and Poster Viewing
(Session A)**

Exhibit Hall A

10:30 am – 12:00 pm **Plenary Session**

Ballroom DE

Late Breaker! Responding to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

588-802-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Emily Travanty, PhD, Colorado State Public Health Laboratory

1. **Zoonotic Spread of Influenza A(H5N1)**
Julie E. Breher, DVM, MPVM, County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency
2. **Monitoring the Outbreak in Cats**
Brandon Bonin, PhD, Santa Clara County Public Health Laboratory
3. **The Academic Medical Center Perspective**
Benjamin Pinsky, MD, PhD, Stanford Health Care
4. **Influenza A (H5N1) Outbreak Response in California**
Anthony Tran, PhD, (ABMM), California Department of Public Health

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch (on your own)**

Tuesday, March 25

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: The Backbone of Genomics: Building Infrastructure for Next Generation Sequencing

Ballroom B

588-803-25 • 2 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Megan Fuschino, MS, Wadsworth Center

1. **Building Cloud-base Bioinformatics Capacities — A Public Health Laboratory Perspective**
Jie Lu, PhD, Texas Department of State Health Services
2. **Validation of Multiple, Independent Analysis Platforms for Bacterial Sequencing Data in the Next Generation Sequencing Laboratory**
Eric Vaughn, DrPH, MPH, Department of Forensic Sciences — Public Health Laboratory Washington DC
3. **A Sustainable Solution for Tracking NGS Workflows**
Sarah Preston, MS, Kentucky Division of Laboratory Services
4. **Integrating Quality Systems Essentials in Next Generation Sequencing**
Noah Hull, PhD, MPH, Association of Public Health Laboratories

Session 2: Novel Approaches in Antimicrobial Resistance Detection: Innovations in Laboratory Testing

Ballroom DE

588-804-25 • 2 contact hours for this session

Moderator: William A. Glover II, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP), North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

1. **Performance Evaluation of the Bruker MBT STAR-CARBA at the Arizona State Public Health Laboratory**
Katherine Nordell, MLS (ASCP), SM, Arizona Department of Health Services
2. ***Mycoplasma genitalium* and Macrolide Resistance Detection Rates in Urogenital Samples at a National Reference Laboratory**
Salika Shakir, PhD, D(ABMM), ARUP Laboratories
3. **Enhancement of a Carbapenemase Producing Organism Colonization Screening Workflow: Decreasing Time, Increasing Data and Maximizing Resource Capabilities**
Majie Foster, PhD, Wadsworth Center
4. **Genomic Basis for Antibiotic Resistance in Clinical *Staphylococcus saprophyticus* Strains**
Robert Potter, PhD, D(ABMM), Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia

**3:00 pm – 3:30 pm Afternoon Break and Poster Viewing
Exhibit Hall A (Session A)**

Tuesday, March 25

3:30 – 5:00 PM Plenary Session

Ballroom DE

Combating Misinformation in Laboratory Science with Those Nerdy Girls

588-805-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Susan E. Realegeno, PhD, D(ABMM), M(ASCP), Quest Diagnostics

Employ tools to establish trust with their audiences, communicate uncertainty effectively and present data in a transparent and approachable manner without oversimplifying.

- Amanda M. Simanek, PhD, MPH, Those Nerdy Girls
- Gayle Mendoza, MPH, BSN, RN, Those Nerdy Girls
- Roopa Seshadri, PhD, AM, Those Nerdy Girls

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm Reception in Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall A

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

7:30 am – 8:45 am Partners in Technology Spotlight Sessions

Ballrooms A, B, C, F, G

A continental breakfast and coffee service will be provided for attendees.

9:00 am – 10:30 am Plenary Session

Ballroom DE

Next Generation Sequencing Applications in Infectious Disease Testing

588-806-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: David Payne, PhD, City of Milwaukee Health Department

1. **Genomic and Epidemiologic Characteristics of SARS-CoV-2 Persistent Infections in California, January 2021 – July 2023**
Rahil Ryder, MS, California Department of Public Health
2. **Whole-genome Sequencing Surveillance of *C. Auris Nevada* Reveals the Evolution of a Novel Amphotericin B Non-susceptibility and a Potential Pan-resistant Isolate**
David Hess, PhD, Nevada Public Health Laboratory
3. **Implementation of a CLIA-compliant Targeted Next Generation Sequencing Assay for the Detection of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Antimicrobial Resistance Mutations**
Matthew Schimenti, MPH, M(ASCP), Florida Department of Health
4. **Threat Agnostic Sentinel Surveillance (TASS) Pilot in NY: Evaluating Metagenomic Sequencing**
Michael Perry, DrPH, MS Ed, Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health

10:30 am – 11:00 am Morning Break and Poster Viewing

Exhibit Hall A

(Session B)

Wednesday, March 26

Partners in Technology Spotlight Sessions

Wednesday, March 26, 7:30 – 8:00 am

The Partners in Technology Spotlight Sessions will be held in Ballrooms A, B, C, F, G. A continental breakfast and coffee service will be provided for attendees.

Confidence for Today, Protection for Tomorrow: How a Global Network of Virus Hunters is Transforming Healthcare by Staying One Step Ahead

presented by Molecular Diagnostics of Abbott

Ballroom A

It's critical that we stay one step ahead of viral threats as known viruses evolve and new pathogens emerge faster than ever before. Abbott has expanded on decades of viral surveillance to identify, track, and respond more quickly to these threats through the Abbott Pandemic Defense Coalition.

Join us to learn more about this first-of-its-kind global network that is dedicated to ending current epidemics and helping to prevent future pandemics and the impact we've had in helping provide laboratorians confidence for today and protection for tomorrow.

Speaker: Mark Anderson PhD, Principal Scientist, Infectious Disease Research, Abbott Diagnostics

The Fungus Among Us – Detecting *Candida auris* Colonization and Yeast Bloodstream Infections

presented by Diasorin

Ballroom F

Candida auris has emerged as a public health threat due to its multidrug-resistance and ability to spread in healthcare facilities. Fungal bloodstream infections (BSIs) represent a serious and often life-threatening condition that have been increasing over the past few decades. This session will provide an overview of *C. auris* colonization and fungal BSIs, as well as Diasorin's novel testing solutions: the Simplexa® *C. auris* Direct assay and the LIAISON PLEX® Yeast Blood Culture Assay.

Speaker: Sarah Elliott, PhD, Principal Scientist, Scientific Affairs Diasorin

Get Closure! Sequence More Microbes, More Completely with Any Length Nanopore Reads

presented by Oxford Nanopore Technologies

Ballroom C

Microbial genomes are complex but sequencing them doesn't have to be.

This session will explore Oxford Nanopore's cost-effective solutions for microbial whole genome and targeted sequencing, with a focus on enabling antimicrobial resistance detection. Additionally, we will introduce our newest application for rapid metagenomic sequencing for bacterial, fungal, and viral pathogen surveillance.

Speaker: Anna Maria Niewiadomska, PhD, Oxford Nanopore Technologies

Wednesday, March 26

Simplifying HIV Screening Approaches: One Step at a Time

presented by Roche Diagnostics

Ballroom B

This session will highlight an innovative, two-step, approach to HIV screening methodology. We will explore how alternative processes can optimize and improve laboratory efficiency while positively impacting patient care. This session will equip attendees with vital insights, through real-world data, into screening advancements that will ultimately enhance the management of HIV and support the broader public health initiatives for Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE).

Speaker: Tiffani Jones, PhD, Scientific Liaison, Molecular and Infectious Disease, MSA

Empowering Public Health: Thermo Fisher Genetic Sciences' Complete Workflow Solutions for Enhanced Customer Success

presented by Thermo Fisher Scientific

Ballroom G

Learn about the variety of Thermo Fisher's offerings in the infectious disease space to help solve challenges in public health. This talk will delve into the comprehensive workflow solutions provided by Thermo Fisher Genetic Sciences, showcasing how their innovative technologies and integrated systems are designed to enhance the detection, analysis, and management of infectious diseases.

Speaker: Brunie White, PhD, Regional Applications Specialist, Genetic Testing Solutions

Wednesday, March 26, 8:15 – 8:45 am

Opus In Action: Real-time PCR Answers for Infectious Disease

presented by Bio-Rad Laboratories

Ballroom B

Discover how the CFX Opus Dx Real-Time PCR System harmonizes accuracy, ease of use, and cost-effective operation, empowering public health labs to deliver reliable results with confidence. Its open, flexible system enables seamless integration and simplifies assay development.

Speaker: Christian Overgaard, PhD, Field Application Specialist, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.

Flu A Surveillance and Automated Flu A Subtyping: Meeting the Testing Demands of Today and Building Capacity for Tomorrow

presented by Hologic

Ballroom C

Join us for an insightful session where we will explore Flu A surveillance and recent developments in Flu A subtyping with experts representing a leading reference laboratory and a public health laboratory. During this session, our panel will discuss their surveillance algorithms, responses to the recent Flu A subtyping public advisory, and current efforts to develop automated Flu subtyping LDTs to address today's testing needs while scaling up testing capacity for the future.

Speaker: Dr. Nicole Green, LA County Public Health Labs and Michael Pyne, ARUP Laboratories

Moderator: Ashley Nenninger, Hologic Senior Scientific Affairs Manager, Hologic

Wednesday, March 26

LabConnect: Streamlining Lab Workflows & Interoperability

presented by Primary.Health

Ballroom F

In an era of increasing data complexity, LabConnect provides a LIMS-agnostic solution to streamline lab workflows, automate order entry, and enhance interoperability. This session will explore how LabConnect minimizes manual data entry through OCR requisition scanning, bulk uploads, and lab-to-lab order routing, reducing inefficiencies and improving turnaround times. Learn how public health labs can leverage LabConnect to modernize operations and meet compliance standards while improving provider and patient data management.

Speaker: Jack Hysell, Director of Integrations & Digital Partnerships and Devon Phillips, Head of Strategic Initiatives, Primary.Health

Unlocking Microbial Insights: Harnessing Hybrid Capture Sequencing for Enhanced Pathogen Detection

presented by QIAGEN

Ballroom A

Explore how hybrid capture sequencing is enhancing microbial genomics by enabling deeper, more comprehensive pathogen detection and characterization. This presentation will highlight various workflows where hybrid capture offers advantages over traditional methods, showcasing its ability to uncover low-abundance and novel microbes.

The presentation will also discuss when other approaches may be more appropriate, providing a balanced perspective on advancing infectious disease research and surveillance.

Speaker: Joshua Boston, QIAGEN

Detecting Human Influenza, Coronavirus, Avian Influenza and Other Infectious RNA Virus Pathogens with High Limits of Detection Using Sustainable eQo 1-Step ToughMix

presented by Quantabio

Ballroom G

The critical need for high sensitivity in detecting low copies of RNA viruses and human pathogens prompted the development of eQo 1-Step ToughMix, addressing a significant public health challenge. eQo 1-Step ToughMix features a thermostable and inhibitor-tolerant reverse transcriptase combined with an optimized buffer system that enables the detection of RNA pathogens, such as human influenza, coronavirus, avian influenza, and other infectious RNA viruses, from both pure and crude RNA samples, with detection limits as low as two target copies.

Speaker: Subrata Panja

Wednesday, March 26

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Plenary Session

Ballroom DE

A Review of This Year's Literature: Session A

588-807-25 • 1 contact hour for this session

Moderator: Michael Pentella, PhD D(ABMM), Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory

1. **The State of the Science: Changes in Nomenclature**
Ryan F. Relich, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)SM, Indiana University Health
2. **The State of the Science: Mycobacteriology**
Edward P. Desmond, PhD, D(ABMM), Hawaii Public Health Laboratory
3. **The State of the Science: Respiratory Viruses**
Emily Toth Martin, PhD, MPH, University of Michigan School of Public Health

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall A

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

Discoveries and Investigations in Emerging Infectious Diseases

Ballroom DE

588-808-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Casey L. C. Schroeder, PhD, MLS(ASCP), MB, SM, Texas Department of State Health Services

1. **Recognition of a New Rickettsial Pathogen, *Candidatus R. lanei*, as the Cause of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever-like Illness in Northern California**
Chantha Kath, PHM, BS, California Department of Public Health
2. **Outbreak Response Testing of Measles in Migrant Shelters – Chicago, 2024**
Kendall Anderson, MS, MPH, MB(ASCP), Chicago Department of Public Health
3. **Once Bitten, Twice Shy**
Andrea Morrison, PhD, Florida Department of Health
Marie-Claire Rowlinson PhD, D(ABMM), Florida Bureau of Public Health Laboratories

Sewage Sleuths: Tracking Health Trends Through Wastewater

Ballroom B

588-809-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Nicole M. Green, PhD, D(ABMM), Los Angeles County Department of Public Health

1. **From Pipes to Patterns: Tracking Antimicrobial Resistance in Hawaiian Wastewater**
Doris Di, PhD, Hawaii State Department of Health
2. **COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance: Sampling Frequency and Hospitalization Trends**
Ryan Jepson, State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa
3. **Wastewater-based Surveillance of Norovirus in Wisconsin: A Comparison of Wastewater Concentrations with Clinical PCR Positivity Rates**
Devin Everett, Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Exhibit Hall A

**Afternoon Break and Raffle Drawing;
Poster Viewing (Session B)**

Exhibit Hall Closes at 3:00pm

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Plenary Session

Reaching the Hard-to-Reach Populations in Infectious Disease Diagnostics

Ballroom DE

588-810-25 • 1 contact hour for this session

Moderator: Marilyn Bibbs-Freeman, PhD, M(ASCP), Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services

1. **Point-of-Care Diagnostics Provide Better Access to Healthcare**

Omai Garner PhD, D(ABMM), Clinical Microbiology Director, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Plenary Session

Ballroom DE

Update on Laboratory Aspects of Nontuberculous Mycobacteria

588-811-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Max Salfinger, MD, FAAM, FIDSA, ATSF, University of South Florida College of Public Health

1. **Epidemiology of NTM Pulmonary Disease and Healthcare Provider's Need for the Mycobacteriology Laboratory**

Jane E. Gross, MD, PhD, University of North Carolina

2. **Environmental NTM: Ways to Protect the Public Via the Laboratory**

Jennifer R. Honda, PhD, ATSF, The University of Texas at Tyler Health Science Center

3. **Workup of Clinical Samples for NTM in a Clinical Laboratory**

Susan Butler-Wu, PhD, D(ABMM), SM(ASCP), University of Southern California

4. **Workup of Clinical Samples for NTM and the Role of Whole Genome Sequencing in a Public Health Laboratory**

Alana Sterkel, PhD, D(ABMM), SM(ASCP), Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

Wednesday, March 26

8:30 am – 9:30 am Plenary Session

Ballroom DE

A Review of This Year's Literature: Session B

588-812-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Vaneet Arora, MD, MPH, D(ABMM), Kentucky State Public Health Laboratory

1. **State of the Science: Wastewater Surveillance**
Shannon R. Matzinger, PhD, Colorado Department of Health
2. **State of the Science: Antimicrobial Resistance**
Kimberlee A. Musser, PhD, Wadsworth Center
3. **State of the Science: Vector Borne Diseases**
Natasha Tilston-Lunel, PhD, Indiana University School of Medicine

10:00 am – 10:30 am Morning Break

Ballroom DE Foyer

10:30 am – 12:00 pm Closing Session

Ballroom DE

Alternative Specimen Sourcing for Effective Infectious Disease Testing

588-813-25 • 1.5 contact hours for this session

Moderator: Randal Fowler, PhD, D(ABMM), Tennessee Department of Health

1. **Your Place or Mine? Innovations in Home Collection for STI Testing**
Stacey Beal, MD, LetsGetChecked Labs
2. **You Never Forget Your First Time — FDA De Novo Marketing Authorization of Home Collection for CT/NG Assay**
Breland Hockman, PhD, CCRP, CPI, NRCC, DABCC, LetsGetChecked Labs
3. **Evaluation of the Performance and Acceptability of Mailed Dried Blood Spots for HIV and Syphilis Screening**
Johan Melendez, PhD, MS, Johns Hopkins Medicine

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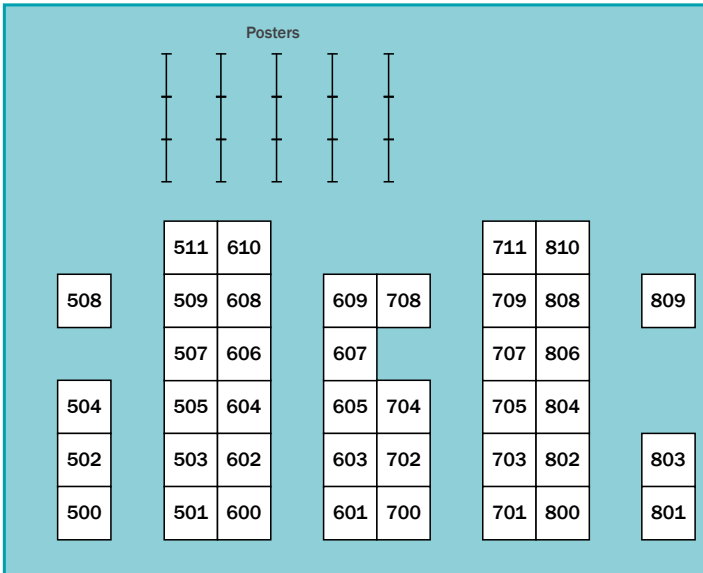
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Diagnostic Microbiology (posters 01T–17T)
Global Health (18T–22T)
Infectious Disease Outbreak and Surveillance (23T–48T)
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Biosafety and Biosecurity (01W–02W)
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Infectious Disease Outbreaks and Surveillance (15W–46W)
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Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Diagnostic Microbiology (01T–17T)

Poster 01T

SNP Distribution of AMR Genes on Nanopore Reads

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Poster 02T

Validation of the Single Target Aptima *Chlamydia trachomatis* and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Assays for Adult and Pediatric Samples on the Hologic Panther System

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Poster 03T

Investigating Whole Blood as an Improved Sample Type for West Nile Virus Testing

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Presenter: Joseph Tran, California Department of Public Health, joseph.tran@cdph.ca.gov

Poster 04T

Aztreonam Plus Ceftazidime-Avibactam Broth Disk Elution for Metallo- β -lactamase-producing Enterobacterales

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Poster 06T

Characterization of a Real-time RT-PCR Assay for New World Orthohantavirus Detection

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Poster 07T

Fully Automated Whole Genome Sequencing of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in Public Health Laboratories

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Robust Performance and Diverse Applications of the Clear Dx Fully Automated Genomics Solution

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Poster 09T

Development of Multiplex Real-time Polymerase Chain Reaction Assays for *Mycobacterium abscessus* Species/Subspecies Identification and Detection of Macrolide Resistance

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Poster 10T

Use of Historic Testing Review to Guide Shiga-toxin Producing *Escherichia coli* (STEC) Testing Workflow Improvement

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Poster 11T

Development of a Real-time PCR Assay for the Detection of *Mycobacterium gordonae* at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene

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Poster 12T

Stability of IgG and IgM Antibodies in Serum and Cerebral Spinal Fluid Under Different Laboratory Storage Conditions Across Multiple Serology Testing Platforms

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Poster 13T

Cost Comparison of Wet-mount and Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing for Detection of *Trichomonas vaginalis* in a Public Healthcare Setting

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Poster 14T

Evaluation of a Hantavirus IgG and IgM Bead-based Immunoassay

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Rapid Identification of *Mycobacterium* spp. From MGIT Broth Cultures Using the Bruker Sirius MBT Mycobacteria Workflow

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Poster 17T

Enhancing Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Data Management in Public Health Laboratories in Zambia Using WHONET/BackLink and Laboratory Information Management System

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Global Health (18T-22T)

Poster 18T

Mayaro Virus and Chikungunya Virus IgM and IgG testing in Parallel Improves Diagnosis of Acute Mayaro Virus Infections

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Poster 19T

Genomic Epidemiology Training of the Trainers Model Offers Effective and Sustainable Approach to Capacity Building in Central & South America

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Poster 20T

Salud Mundial: A Case Study in Sequencing Sustainability in Central and South America Public Health Systems

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Development and Application of GBAT: Global Bioinformatics Assessment Tool

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Infectious Disease Outbreak and Surveillance (23T–48T)

Poster 23T

Validation of a Dual-target H5 Influenza Real-time RT-PCR Assay

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Poster 24T

***Serratia marcescens* Outbreak in an Indiana NICU**

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Poster 25T

Whole Genome Sequencing of Influenza A from Wastewater Using Nanotrap Microbiome A Particles and NEBNext iIMS Influenza A DNA Library Preparation

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Poster 26T

Outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease Associated with a Municipal Water Supply: Grand Rapids Minnesota

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Poster 27T

An End-to-end Sequencing Validation Approach for the Genomic Characterization of Bacterial Pathogens as Causative Agents of Healthcare-associated Infections

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Poster 30T

Investigating the Use of BigBacter for *Candida auris* Genomic Surveillance

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Poster 31T

Automated Bacterial DNA Extraction on the KingFisher Flex

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Poster 32T

Assessment of Genetic Material Degradation of Stored Samples in Wastewater Surveillance Samples in Respiratory Viruses with dPCR

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Poster 33T

A Decade of Collaboration: Impact of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Reference Centers

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Genomic Surveillance of *Neisseria meningitidis* – Los Angeles County, CA

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Hepatitis C NGS: Targeted Amplicon vs Hybrid Capture for Epidemiologic Surveillance

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Evaluating the Use of Whole Genome Sequencing to Investigate Outbreaks of Hepatitis A Virus, California

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Culture-independent Diagnostic Testing (CIDT) – Impact on VA Public Health Laboratory (PHL) and Foodborne Outbreak Surveillance

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Expanding Detection in Wastewater: A Long-term Application

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Molecular Detection of Rabies Using the LN34 Pan-Lyssavirus Real-Time RT-PCR Assay

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How the New Hampshire PHL Revitalized Respiratory Virus Surveillance by Building on Existing Networks and Tools

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One Health (49T)

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Public Health Laboratory Fellowship Program: an APHL-CDC Initiative

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Biosafety and Biosecurity (01W–02W)

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Strengthening Laboratory Biosecurity: A Comprehensive Exercise Toolkit for Laboratory Preparedness

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Poster 02W

Challenges Surrounding Specimen Submission For Rabies Testing

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Emerging Technologies (03W-014W)

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Surveilling the Underreported: Using Wastewater to Conduct Respiratory Virus Surveillance

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Evaluation of the CDC Multiplex SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Assay Using the Roche Diagnostics LightCycler PRO

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Poster 06W

In the Jungle, Welcome to the Fungal — Hologic Panther's® Got What You Need

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Time to Unbox a New Assay for Mpox

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Poster 08W

Enabling Molecular Testing In High Containment Labs Using Redbud NA1

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Poster 09W

Validation of a Fully-automated Whole Genome Sequencing Solution for *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* Characterization by the San Francisco Public Health Laboratory

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Poster 10W

Assessing the Usability of simpli-COLLECT STI Home Collection Kits

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Streamlining Pathogen Genomic Surveillance with Cloud Infrastructure

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The Potential of Microbial Cell-free DNA Metagenomic Sequencing to Uncover Public Health Gaps

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PCR-free Library Prep Workflow for the MagicPrep NGS Instrument

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Innovation and Opportunity: Utilizing Smart Glasses Technology for Whole Genome Sequencing in the Public Health Laboratory

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Evaluation of Four Chromogenic Media for *Salmonella* Isolation in a Whole Genome Sequencing Workflow

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Vaccine Preventable Diseases Bacteriology Reference Centers: A Decade of Success

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Mpox Surveillance Using Rectal Swabs for Unsuspected Case Detection

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Data Metrics Evaluation for Monitoring Influenza and Respiratory Syncytial Virus Outbreaks Using Two Years of Wastewater-based Surveillance

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A Sample-to-results Workflow for Respiratory Syncytial Virus Whole Genome Sequencing

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Novel Mycobacterium Capture and Detection from Sputum Samples Using Nanotrap Microbiome B Particles

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Oxford Nanopore Sequencing of Vector Borne Diseases in San Diego County

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Presence of Carbapenemase Producing *Acinetobacter baumannii* with Dual Mechanisms in Indiana

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Comparison of Available H1 HA Subtyping Assays in Wastewater Samples by dPCR

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Comparison of Different Concentration and Extraction Methods for Tiled Amplicon Sequencing of RSV from Wastewater

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Study of Matrix Effect on Tiled Amplicon Sequencing of Influenza A Virus HA Gene Segments in Wastewater

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Enhancing Antimicrobial Resistance Testing in California

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Doing More with Less: Optimizing Wastewater Surveillance at a Local Public Health Laboratory

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Wastewater Epidemiology in Rhode Island: Monitoring SARS-CoV-2

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Enhancing Public Health: Wastewater Surveillance Applications in Wisconsin

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Tracking Respiratory Viruses in the Sewers: Insights From Eight Months of Wastewater Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2, Influenza and RSV in Rhode Island

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A Flexible Bioinformatics Workflow for the Assembly and Analysis of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) from Wastewater Samples and Comparison of Tiled Amplicon Sequencing Approaches

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From Detection to Protection: The Impact of Identifying *Candida auris* Colonization

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Culture-enriched Metagenomics to Analyze Within-patient Diversity and Transmission Dynamics in Patients with Vancomycin-resistant *Enterococcus Faecium* Infections

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A Sustainable, Robust, and Highly Sensitive Solution for RNA Pathogen Detection Using eQo 1-Step ToughMix

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Occurrence of Norovirus and Other Viral Gastroenteritis Pathogens in Sporadic Medically Attended Acute Gastroenteritis Kaiser Permanente Northwest Members, 2023–2024.

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Establishing Capacity for Wastewater-based Epidemiology – A Pilot Surveillance for SARS-CoV-2 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Multilingual Terra Asynchronous Training for Genomic Characterization and Genomic Epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2

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Establishing Capacity for Wastewater – Based Surveillance for Sars-Cov-2 In Lusaka Province Zambia: Balancing Expectations And Multiple Stakeholders' Involvement For Pandemic Preparedness

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Enhancing Influenza and Respiratory Infection Data Management in Kenya: Real-time Integration of Laboratory Information System and Surveillance System

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A Sustainable Solution for Tracking NGS Workflows

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Laboratory Operations and Regulatory Affairs (47W–48W)

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Wastewater Analysis for SARS-CoV-2: Determining the Limit of Detection for Sequencing in Surveillance and Management

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The Elephant and the Mouse Story of Laboratories

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