



VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Infection Prevention in Nursing Homes

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SPEAKER BIOS

Evelyn Cook, RN, CIC

Evelyn Cook is the Associate Director for the North Carolina Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE). She is a principal lecturer at all SPICE infection control courses and leads applied research projects in infection prevention and epidemiology of infectious diseases. Evelyn provides training, education, and consultation to hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other healthcare organizations to prevent and control healthcare-associated infections. Evelyn is named as Primary Investigator (PI) on several CDC funded grants, geared to address COVID-19 related issues in nursing homes and other healthcare settings.

Evelyn is a registered nurse and is certified in Infection Prevention and Control (CIC). She is active in the North Carolina Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology serving as President and currently board member. Evelyn has presented extensively to multiple state and national associations and is currently serving as a member of the APIC Long-Term Care Task Force.

Karen K. Hoffmann, RN, BSN, MS, CIC, FSHEA, FAPIC

Karen Hoffman is currently the Infection Preventionist Consultant for the Quality, Safety and Oversight Group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. From 1988 to 2014, she was a Clinical Instructor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine in Chapel Hill and continues as an adjunct faculty member. She has specialized in infection control and prevention for over 30 years, beginning at the Detroit Medical Center, then at the University of Virginia Hospitals, and prior to joining CMS, for 23 years as the Associate Director and consultant for the North Carolina Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE). Karen is a Fellow in both the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA) and Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC). She currently serves as the Immediate Past President of APIC. Karen has been the recipient of several awards, including, the 2010 SHEA "Advance Practice Infection Preventionist Award". Karen earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Indiana University and her Master's in Healthcare Epidemiology from the University of Virginia.

Donald Macaskill, PhD

Dr. Donald Macaskill has worked for many years in the health and social care sectors across the United Kingdom. A particular professional focus has been issues related to bereavement, palliative care and individual human rights. He is the CEO of Scottish Care, the representative body for care providers in the independent sector in Scotland. He sits on a number of Governmental committees and working groups and is a trustee of a number of charities.

Judith A. Salerno, MD, MS

Dr. Judith Salerno is President of The New York Academy of Medicine and is leading its strategic vision to advance health equity. A physician executive and one of the nation's pre-eminent leaders in health and healthcare, Dr. Salerno most recently served as President and CEO of Susan G. Komen™, the world's largest breast cancer organization. She also served as the Leonard D. Schaeffer Executive Officer of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health, and Chief Consultant for Geriatrics and Extended Care for the U.S. Veterans Health Administration. Dr. Salerno is board-certified in internal medicine and holds an MD degree from Harvard Medical School and a Master of Science in Health Policy from the Harvard School of Public Health. She was elected a member of the National Academy of Medicine in 2018.

Ann Spenard, DNP, RN-BC

Dr. Ann Spenard is the Chief Clinical Officer for National Healthcare Associates a privately owned company with a post-acute network of 38 skilled nursing centers and two assisted livings centers. The centers are located in seven states Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Vermont. Dr. Spenard has spent the majority of her career in long-term care with a focus on Quality and Patient Safety.

Nimalie D. Stone, MD, MS

Dr. Nimalie Stone is the Team Lead for Long-term Care for the Prevention and Response Branch within CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. She is a Board-certified infectious disease physician with over 10 years of experience developing surveillance and quality improvement projects to track and prevent infections and antibiotic resistant pathogens in post-acute and long-term care settings. She trained in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins University and in infectious diseases at Emory University. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Stone and her colleagues have been leading the development of guidance, education and implementation resources for COVID prevention and response activities in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.

Patricia W. Stone, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Patricia Stone is a senior faculty member, nurse scientist and adult nurse practitioner who has practiced in the nursing home setting. For the past two decades, the majority of her research has focused on the prevention of infections in vulnerable adults across healthcare settings. Since 2010, she has led an interdisciplinary team that has conducted multiple NIH- and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)-funded studies examining nursing homes (NHs) capacity for infection prevention. These mixed methods studies have used multiple data sources including national surveys, which were linked to Centers

for Medicare and Medicaid Services data (i.e., Minimum Data Set and Medicare Claims) as well as the CDC's National Healthcare Safety Network data. Her team has also engaged NH stakeholders and conducted qualitative interviews. With many NH residents having serious illness, Dr. Stone is also interested in the integration of infection management and palliative care at the end-of-life. She also is the current Editor-in-Chief of the *American Journal of Infection Control*.

Michael Wasserman, MD

Dr. Michael Wasserman is a geriatrician who has devoted his career to serving the needs of older adults. He has been a tireless advocate for vulnerable older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic, serving as a member of the National Academy of Science's "A Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus" Committee. He is Editor-in-Chief of Springer's upcoming textbook, *Geriatric Medicine: A Person Centered Evidence Based Approach*. He previously served as Chief Executive Officer for Rockport Healthcare Services, overseeing the largest nursing home chain in California. In 1989, in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, Doctor Wasserman published "Fever, White Blood Cells and Differential Count in Diagnosing Bacterial Infection in the Elderly," the findings of which are now part of the McGeer Criteria, used widely in nursing homes to evaluate residents for infections.