
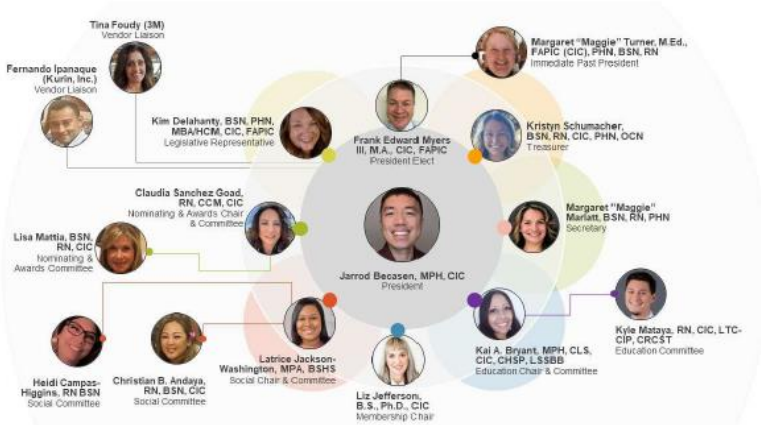




**Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc.**  
**San Diego and Imperial Counties Chapter 057**  
**Minutes for May 8, 2024**

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION	ACTION/ASSIGNMENT
1. Call to Order	Jarrod Becasen	TIME: 1300	None.
2. Recognition/ Introductions	Jarrod Becasen	<p><b>Meeting sponsored by</b></p>  <p>Joel Fairbanks, TMG Health Tech 858-866-8345 or 888-443-1528  <a href="mailto:jfairbanks@tmghealthtech.com">jfairbanks@tmghealthtech.com</a>  <a href="https://tmghealthtech.com/">https://tmghealthtech.com/</a></p> <p><b>New Members or Visitors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul> <p><b>New CIC certifications or re-certifications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None.</li> </ul> <p><b>San Diego APIC Board</b></p> 	Thank our sponsor.
3. Old Business	Jarrod Becasen	<b>April minutes</b> approved. <b>May minutes</b> approved.	None.

		<p><b>Welcome our 2nd Vendor Liaison:</b> Chris Remala, Aerobiotix</p> <p><b>Community Outreach w/ #TeamAryeh</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Volunteers &lt;12 – there are 4 spots left RSVP now: <a href="https://forms.gle/14SFhGuvPdQt9kFb7">https://forms.gle/14SFhGuvPdQt9kFb7</a></li> <li>Friday July 26 @10am to 2pm</li> <li>Fundraiser goal met \$500 - THANK YOU RICK FROM GERMITEC</li> </ul>  <p><b>2024 Chapter Goals</b> Elevate Infection Preventionists as essential advocates, leaders, and experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase member certification (CIC®, a-IPC™, LTC-CIP) by 5% from December 2023 within 1 year</li> </ul> <p><b>Foster development of the next generation infection prevention and control workforce</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve LTC IP membership and engagement through educational outreach and chapter representation</li> <li>Host a infection prevention educational conference to provide continuing education and network with industry partners by September 2024</li> <li>Host a virtual infection prevention educational webinar geared towards California SNF &amp; LTCF IPs by November 2024</li> </ul>	<p>Apply.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>None.</p>
<p>4. New Business</p>	<p>Jarrold Becasen</p>	<p><b>Chapter Conference Planning Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theme: “Beat the Odds Against Infections”</li> <li>SAVE-THE-DATE: <b>September 20, 2024</b></li> <li>Pechanga Resort Casino Temecula, CA</li> <li><a href="https://sdapic.org/2024-annual-conference/">https://sdapic.org/2024-annual-conference/</a></li> <li>Early Bird registration ends July 20th</li> </ul>  <p><b>Health Advisory Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased Risk of Dengue Infections in the U.S.</li> </ul> <p><b>CA APIC Foundations seed money \$100.00.</b> Deadline August 30<sup>th</sup></p> <p><b>APIC Modernizing Medical Device IFUs</b> <a href="#">[Download]</a></p> <p><b>New APIC Community Portal – change your password to sign in</b> <a href="http://www.portal.apic.org/">http://www.portal.apic.org/</a></p>	<p>BUY, SELL, SHARE, LIKE, POST the te</p> <p>Apply.</p> <p>Download.</p> <p>Change your Password.</p>

5.Membership Report	Liz Jefferson	No report.	None.
6. Treasurer's Report	Kristyn Schumacher	<p>July 10, 2024, Treasurer's Report.</p> <p>1. Beginning Checking 06/01/2024   <b>\$6,326.60</b></p> <p><b>Cash Flow</b></p> <p>Deposits:                                   <b>\$4,090.43</b> (Fall Conference Registrations from vendors at \$650 per table and attendees at \$120 per person)</p> <p>Disbursements:                           <b>\$2,000</b> (National APIC Education Award to Raj Gill)</p> <p>Ending balance: 06/28/2024           <b>\$8,417.03</b></p> <p>2. Mutual Fund Investment: <b>Update TBD</b></p> <p>Balance as of May 1, 2024       \$</p> <p>    <i>Income: \$ 0.01</i></p> <p>    <i>Fees:    \$ 0.00</i></p> <p>    <i>Change in Investment Value: \$</i></p> <p>Ending Checking Account Value as of May 31, 2024:        \$</p>	None.
7. Education Report	Kai Bryant, Kyle Mataya	<p><b>Call for chapter speakers for October hybrid meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-10 minute slide presentation on a personal IP project, experience, research, etc.</li> <li>• Provide one learning objective and CV (for our BRN CEP)</li> <li>• Accepting up to 5 submissions – reviewed by BOD and education committee</li> </ul>	Call for Speakers.

### Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) and Outpatient Clinics/Services

#### 2024 Registrations

August 19 – 21, 2024 | In-Person, Boston, MA | 8:00 am – 5 pm ET [Click here for Hotel/Travel information](#)

October 21 – 23, 2024 | Virtual | 9:00 am – 6:00 pm ET

[CE Credits: 34](#)

This intensive training course covers essential training and competency-building in infection prevention and control (IPC) for healthcare professionals in **Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs)** and **Outpatient Clinics/Services**. You'll learn evidenced-based best practices that are focused on your specific facility-based requirements and will get the tools you need to develop an effective IPC program. Our virtual training is held via Zoom over four days.

#### About The Course

The course introduces the various roles and responsibilities of the infection preventionist (IP) working in Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) and Outpatient Clinics/Services.

Over four days, you'll cover the fundamental components of infection prevention and control in an Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) and Outpatient Clinics/Services, including risk assessment, how to develop an effective infection prevention program to protect patients, accrediting and regulatory compliance, and the evidence-based best practices that improve patient, staff, and facility safety.

This fast-paced intensive education opportunity is led by experienced faculty who teach complex concepts in everyday language, facilitate smaller group activities, lead Q&A sessions, and encourage the sharing of individual experiences. Enrollment is limited for each class to ensure a quality learning experience and enhanced networking.

**(Attendance is mandatory for the 4-day training)**

Register.

<https://apic.org/course/ambulatory-y-centers/>

ASCA Training...


[Sterile Processing & Infection Prevention in the ASC - Ambulatory Surgery Center Association \(ASCA\) \(ascassociation.org\)](https://ascassociation.org)

Educational Opportunity. Register.

The screenshot shows the ASCA website for the course 'Sterile Processing & Infection Prevention in the ASC'. The header includes the ASCA logo and navigation links: About ASCA, Join/Renew, Find an ASC, Get Involved, Marketing Opportun, Medicare Resources, ASC Operations, Education & Events, and Men. The main heading is 'Sterile Processing & Infection Prevention in the ASC' with a date of 'Monday, August 5 – Tuesday, August 6, 2024'. The description states: 'Maintaining good infection prevention techniques and strategies in the sterile processing department (SPD) is essential in reducing the risk of transmission of microbial pathogens. This course will provide valuable insights to help assist sterile processing technicians, infection preventionists and other key ASC personnel in achieving positive patient outcomes while ensuring patient and staff safety.' The pricing table is as follows:

	Sterile Processing & Infection Prevention in the ASC <small>Single Course Only</small>	Bundle & Save <small>Four Courses for the Price of Three</small>
Members	\$248	\$738
Nonmembers	\$299	\$889

Buttons: Register Now, Learn More

<p>8. Legislative Report</p>	<p>Kim Delahanty</p>	<p><b>APIC Chapter Legislative Representative Update: CLR Tools and How to Engage Legislators, June 4, 2024</b></p> <p>Lisa Tomlinson, Vice President, Government Affairs, APIC Nancy Hailpern, Director, Regulatory Affairs, APIC; Rosha Chowdhury, Senior Specialist, Legislative Affairs, APIC</p> <p><b>Federal Funding Requests</b></p> <p>Bio-Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program – \$50 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incentive program for individuals to enter infectious disease fields</li> <li>• Authorized, but did not fund the pilot program</li> </ul> <p>National Healthcare Safety Network – \$60 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand care critical user support for NHSN to additional facilities across the spectrum of</li> <li>• Enable expansion of NHSN’s Antibiotic Use and Resistance (AUR) module reporting options</li> </ul> <p>Antibiotic Resistance Solutions Initiative – \$400 Million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asking for an increase in funding from FY 2024 levels</li> <li>• Sustains the Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network of seven AR Regional Labs</li> <li>• Implement antibiotic stewardship programs in inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings</li> </ul> <p>Advanced Molecular Detection – \$175 million</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports the integration of genomic sequencing with bioinformatics and epidemiology expertise</li> <li>• Partnerships with state and local health departments, public health laboratories, and academic institutions</li> <li>• Better positions the U.S. to respond to future pandemics and outbreaks</li> </ul> <p><b>Coalition Activities</b></p> 	<p>None.</p>
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**New CMS Requirements**

Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR) reporting

- Required by the FY 2023 CMS IPPS rule
- Reporting beginning with CY 2024 submissions

Enhanced Barrier Precautions (EBP) in Long-Term Care Facilities

- Incorporated into Requirements for LTC Facilities -- Effective April 1, 2024
- Will align with July 2022 CDC recommendations for “Implementation of PPE Use in Nursing Homes to Prevent Spread of MDROs.”
- EBP will be required for care of residents with chronic wounds or indwelling medical devices during high-contact resident care activities regardless of their MDRO status.
- Will be incorporated into F880 Infection Prevention and Control in interpretive guidance for surveyors.

**Regulatory Updates**

Minimum Staffing Standards for Nursing Homes – Effective date 6/21/24

The proposed rule includes three

- Minimum staffing standards for registered nurses and nurse aides (by 5/10/27)
- Requirements to have an RN onsite 24 hours a day, seven days a week (by 5/11/26)
- Enhanced facility assessment requirements (by 8/8/24)

Not included: Staffing for infection preventionists in nursing homes

**APIC Message to CMS:**

- Include in staffing requirements at least one full-time dedicated IP in nursing homes.
- Provide public data on how much time is dedicated to carrying out IPC in each facility.

**Strengthening Oversight of Accrediting Organizations (AOs) and Preventing AO Conflict of Interest – CMS proposed rule**

Purpose: To ensure integrity of surveys of Medicare-participating healthcare facilities.

Provisions include:

- Separation between management of accrediting and fee-based consulting divisions of an AO.
- AOs must utilize Medicare conditions and provide CMS a crosswalk to identify how AO standards correspond to CMS conditions.
- Require all AO surveyors to take CMS online surveyor basic training.
- AOs must submit a publicly reportable plan of correction for unacceptable performance.

**CMS Payment Rules -- proposed**

FY 2025 Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility PPS update

- 4 new Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) items to be reported in IRF Quality Reporting Program: Living Situation, Food, Utilities, Transportation.
- Request for comment on possible future measures – pain management, depression, vaccine composite.
- Request for comment on future star rating system for IRFs

FY 2025 Skilled Nursing Facility PPS update

- SDOH – same as IRF
- Possible future measures – same as IRF
- Align validation processes for the SNF QRP and VBP programs
- Align measure selection, retention, and removal policies between existing SNF QRP and SNF VBP and other CMS programs.
- APIC added a comment on the need for IPs in nursing homes.

FY 2025 Hospital Inpatient and Long-Term Care Hospital PPS (IPPS/LTCH) update

Some infection-related proposals include:

- Add 2 new Hospital IQR measures – CAUTI and CLABSI reporting in oncology wards beginning with CY 2026 reporting period.
- Update hospital/CAH CoPs to include reporting “acute respiratory illnesses”
- This would replace the current requirement for reporting COVID-19 and seasonal flu.

- Separate Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR) Surveillance measure into 2 measures – AU surveillance and AR surveillance -- beginning with CY 2025 reporting
- LTCH QRP – SDOH and possible future measures – same as IRF PPS and SNF PPS.

**HICPAC Update**

Revisions to Isolation Precautions Guideline

Guideline will be updated in two parts

- Part 1: focus on conceptual framework for pathogen transmission; elements of transmission that are relevant in healthcare settings
- Part 2: will focus on pathogen-specific guidance, to be updated at a later time. Current elements of the 2007 guideline will remain active until specifically updated.

Status update:

- HICPAC initial approval of Workgroup recommendations – November 2023
- Next step – CDC initial review
  - CDC sent the draft back to the Workgroup with additional questions.
  - New members have been added to HICPAC and expanded the scope of interests and technical backgrounds of workgroup liaisons working on the guidelines.
- June HICPAC was postponed to August 22, 2024.




**State Legislative Update**

- Limiting Vaccine Requirements
  - Disallowing vaccine requirements for school or work
- Mask requirements
  - Disallowing masking requirements in schools, workplaces, and public spaces



**Bring Lobby Day to You**



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Email your local representatives to visit your chapter -- virtual or in-person!</li> <li>• Attendance will likely include representative and/or staff</li> <li>• Great opportunity to show what IPs are seeing on the ground</li> <li>• Build connections with them – likely to reach back out when they might need help on legislation</li> </ul> <p>Sign up for the Action EList</p>  <p>Become an APIC Virtual Advocate</p> 	<p>Join the Action eList to receive the latest legislative and regulatory information.</p> <p>APIC needs your voice! Join APIC’s virtual advocacy team and meet with legislators right from home.</p>
<p>9. Social Committee</p>	<p>Latrice Jackson-Washington, Christian Andaya, Heidi Campas-Higgins</p>	<p><b>Summer event. – Grand ole Barbeque, July 19, 2024.</b></p> <p>Summer Social Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage western/cowboy attire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive a raffle ticket</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Opportunity raffle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepting gifts for this raffle (bring to event)</li> <li>• Raffle tickets will be \$5 each</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Food, games, &amp; more</li> <li>• RSVP by July 10 TODAY – ALL WELCOME</li> <li>• <a href="https://sdapic.org/2024-summer-event/">https://sdapic.org/2024-summer-event/</a></li> </ul> <p>Beginning to plan holiday event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open to location ideas.</li> </ul> 	<p>RSVP by July 10, 2024.</p> <p>Submit ideas.</p>

10. Nomination Committee	Lisa Mattia and Claudia Sanchez Goad	<p><b>Nominating &amp; Awards Report</b></p> <p><b>Chapter Standard Award</b>  The Chapter Standard Award recipient receives up to \$500 in reimbursement for registration, travel, lodging and other event related expenses following attendance, including educational material for infection prevention.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awards cannot be used for CIC exam or recertification fees, but can for study guides or preparation expenses.</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility:  Active participant in the chapter for at least 1 year  Term of award: January 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025  Award Amount: \$500.00  Number of awards: 3  Application due date: December 31, 2024</p> <p>Award Recipients, it is encouraged that you would come back and share with the committee what you learned from the conference.</p> <p>We would like to announce the recipient of this year’s SDIC Chapter National APIC award for up to \$2,000.00 in reimbursement: Raj Gill</p> <p><a href="#">2024 SD APIC Education Support Awards. Applications are being accepted now. APPLY HERE</a></p>	Apply.
12. Updates			
12.1 HAI Advisory Committee	Maggie Turner, Deweese Quigley	They are seeing an increase in COVID cases in California. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reminder to use CDC guidelines for ventilation and CalOSHA</li> <li>Internal validation starts July 1, facilities selected but not yet notified.</li> </ul> The workbook toolkit is posted on the website.	None.
12.2 CACC Meeting	Jarrod Becasen & Jessica Alicdan	<p><b>Meeting schedule posted.</b>  Next CACC meeting in August with Orange County Chapter  <a href="https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/meetings">https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/meetings</a></p> <p><b>Joint Chapter Education Schedule, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</b>  <a href="https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/jointchapter">https://community.apic.org/cacc/events/jointchapter</a></p> <p><b>Foundations Planning Committee</b>  Scholarships: <a href="#">CA APIC</a> – 4x \$500, 2-3x \$1,000</p>	Use links for more CACC meeting details.  Attend.  Attend. Apply.

12.5 IDAC Report	Lisa Kilgore	<a href="https://idac.org/">https://idac.org/</a> <a href="#">IDAC 38th Annual Southern California Symposium</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>July 13-14, 2024, 7:30 AM Huntington Beach Hyatt Regency</li> <li>\$400.00++</li> <li>Hospital Onset Bacteremia and Peripheral IV Surveillance - Jessica Alicdan, MPH, CIC</li> </ul>	<a href="https://idac.org/">https://idac.org/</a> for more information  Register.
12.6 GERM Report	Frank Edward Myers III	<a href="http://www.sdcms.org/about-sdcms/committees-commissions/sdcms-germ-commission.aspx">http://www.sdcms.org/about-sdcms/committees-commissions/sdcms-germ-commission.aspx</a>  San Diego County Medical Society Group to Eradicate Resistant Microorganisms Commission.  Meets: Quarterly (February, May, August, November)	Attend.
13. Long-Term Care	Jarrold Becasen	NHSN 2024 Post-Acute Care Training Course July 23 – 25, 2025 <a href="https://2024nhsntraining-pac.vfairs.com/en/registration-form">https://2024nhsntraining-pac.vfairs.com/en/registration-form</a>  Training topics include surveillance definitions and analysis for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COVID-19 Surveillance</li> <li>Respiratory Pathogen Reporting</li> <li>Resident, Patient, and Healthcare Personnel Vaccination</li> <li>Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)</li> <li>Dialysis Event Surveillance</li> <li>Standardized Infection Ration (SIR) Reporting</li> </ul>	Register.
14. Ambulatory Care	Janessa Esteban	TJC Readiness. Make sure all high-risk scopes follow the <i>shall</i> statements and AAMI Standards. TJC is proposing revisions to IC guidance and are accepting comments until July 16 <sup>th</sup> .	None.  Comment.
15. Pediatric Care	Rady Children's	Seeing slight uptick in COVID in community and as inpatients. Had TJC survey, went well. Findings related to surgical attire, management of tape, instruments, and transport of biohazardous equipment.	None.
16. County Epidemiology	Grace Kang, Dr. Chinn	None.	None.

17. Other Announcements, Questions, Comments	Group	<p><b>New Positions:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Roundtable:</b> UC San Diego health week just as a tomorrow we will be going with masking for direct patient contact</p> <p><b>Next Meeting:</b> August 14, 2024, <b>Virtual-Only</b></p>	None
18. Adjournment	Jarrod Becasen	TIME: 2:30 PM	None

**Virtual Education Presenter:**

Education Presenter: Robert Garcia, MT(ASCP), CIC, FAPIC

Presentation: Prevention of Bloodstream Infections in all Vascular Access Devices

1. Discuss the main mechanism of development of catheter-related BSIs
2. Describe the impact of the Great Resignation and the COVID-19 pandemic on rates of central line-associated bloodstream infection (CLABSI)
3. Discuss the pending national requirements on infection surveillance of all-cause Hospital Onset Bloodstream Infections
4. Evaluate the findings of recent studies on new strategies for the prevention of Hospital Onset BSIs