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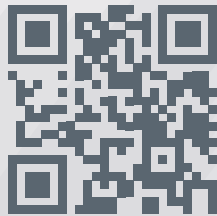
## A ROADMAP TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

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## A ROADMAP TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

A panel of healthcare professionals will discuss implementation strategies that may optimize the reduction and prevention of SSI. Attendees will better understand how to engage senior leadership, create a multidisciplinary team, and develop a standardized protocol and process. Please join us for this symposium and learn how to successfully implement an SSI reduction program in your facility!

## SCHEDULE

### INTRODUCTION

#### ENGAGE, EDUCATE, EXECUTE, AND EVALUATE

Linda Greene, RN, MPS, CIC

#### TEAM DEVELOPMENT AND EXECUTIVE SPONSORSHIP

Mary Kay Brooks, RN, MSN, CPHQ

#### PROTOCOL CREATION

Joe Sharma, MD, FACS

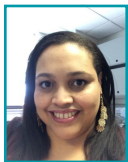
#### IMPLEMENTATION STEPS

Mary Kay Brooks, RN, MSN, CPHQ

#### GRIP PROGRAM

Tony Miles, MD

#### PANEL QUESTION & ANSWER SESSION



#### Mary Kay Brooks, RN, MSN, CPHQ

Director of Special Projects, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics

Mary Kay Brooks is the Director of Special Projects at the University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics, in Iowa City, IA. She has been a registered nurse for 23 years, and has over 15 years of informatics and performance improvement experience in the healthcare quality and safety sector. She recently facilitated institutional wide projects that resulted in significant reduction in CAUTI and Colorectal SSI rates. Mary Kay Brooks received a BSN and MSN from the University of Iowa. She is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ), and is a Certified Advanced Care Planning (ACP) Instructor and Facilitator.



#### Linda R Greene, RN, MPS, CIC

Manager Infection Prevention, Highland Hospital  
Affiliate University of Rochester Medical Center

Linda R. Greene, RN, MPS, CIC, is the Infection Prevention Manager for UR, Highland Hospital in Rochester, NY. Linda has over 25 years' experience in infection prevention. Linda has authored or coauthored several peer review publications in nursing and infection prevention journals, text book chapters and implementation guides. Linda serves as national faculty for the Agency of Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) "CAUTI CUSP" program and is a mentor for the CAUTI Fellowship program. She was the APIC (Association of Professionals in Infection Control) representative to the SHEA Compendium sections on VAE and SSIs. Linda has served in various leadership capacities in APIC including president of her local chapter, president of the New York State APIC Advisory Council and as an APIC board member and secretary of the APIC Board of Directors. Linda was lead author for APIC'S Position Paper on Healthcare Worker Influenza Immunization as well as APIC'S Position Paper on Electronic Surveillance for HAIs. She currently serves as president of the APIC Consulting Board and is a member of APIC'S Regulatory Review Committee and the AJIC Editorial Board. She has served on several advisory panels including the New York State technical advisory panel for public reporting of hospital-acquired infections, the CDC Ventilator Pneumonia work group, and the CDC HICPAC surveillance work group. Linda has lectured extensively at the state, national and international level.



#### Tony Miles, MD

Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, Leadership Tutor, NHS Hospital Worthing & Southlands Hospital  
Worthing Hospital, United Kingdom

Mr. Miles has published widely covering aspects of Laparoscopic Surgery of the colon and rectum, enhanced recovery from surgery and the minimally invasive treatment of early rectal cancer. He has also delivered training courses in Transanal Minimally Invasive Surgery, Leadership and Operating Theatre Safety. Mr. Miles is an invited expert lecturing to national meetings on ward round safety and prevention of surgical site infection. His interest in teaching and training continues as he is a director of The Medical Leadership Company, delivering leadership training to junior medical staff. He holds a certificate in Medical Education from Brighton University and is a certified trainer for the American College of Surgeons "Advanced Trauma and Life Support" course. Mr. Miles has held a Gold rating from the Joint Association of Gastroenterology for Colonoscopy since 2007 and is a certified colonoscopy trainer. Mr. Miles is the Leadership Tutor for the Western Sussex NHS Foundation Trust and Health Education England Student and Trainees Champion for West Sussex.



#### Joe Sharma, MD, FACS

Assistant Professor of Surgery (Endocrine), NSQIP Surgical Champion, Emory University School of Medicine  
Consultant Medical Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Dr. Sharma received his MD at the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 2000, and completed his general surgery residency and endocrine surgery fellowship at Emory in 2005 and 2006, respectively. He is heavily involved in the Department of Surgery's quality and safety efforts, particularly as chair of the Wound Infection Group (WIG), which formed with a mandate to reduce surgical site infection (SSIs) at Emory hospitals. SSIs are one of the more common healthcare-associated infections. The multidisciplinary group's agenda involves all aspects of patient care, from preoperative visits and perioperative counseling to intraoperative issues and post-op care. WIG collects outcomes data, feeds it into the ACS NSQIP database, and extracts areas from the results that need improvement. Through its various initiatives, one of which was the "Come Clean: Stop Surgical Infections Before They Start" iPad app for patients, WIG has lowered the incidence of surgical site infections at Emory hospitals. Dr. Sharma is also a frequent faculty participant in Emory Medishare's summer surgical trips to L'Hôpital Sainte-Thérèse de Hinche in Haiti's Central Plateau, the poorest and most medically underserved region in all of Haiti.