

GEORGIA INFECTION  
PREVENTION  
NETWORK  
42nd Annual Educational  
Conference

October 25-27, 2023  
Pre-Conferences October 24, 2023

*“Riding the Waves of  
Infection Prevention”*



*Jekyll Island Convention Center*  
Jekyll Island Convention Center  
75 Beachview Dr N  
Jekyll Island, Georgia 31527

**Target Audience-** Medical professionals that are dedicated to, with interest in, and/or are engaged in infection prevention, control, and/or epidemiology activities in a variety of settings such as: acute care, long-term care, ambulatory care, dialysis, rehabilitation, home health, hospice, corrections, emergency medicine, public safety.

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**GIPN Pre-Conferences**  
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 0830-1730  
Registration 0800 - 0830  
All pre-conferences include lunch

**Introduction to Infection Prevention**

**Who should take this course?**

New practitioners considering employment in infection prevention or those needing a refresher, vendors, occupational health nurses, and others with interest in infection prevention. Past attendees have come from various healthcare settings.

**Tentative Agenda**

- ❖ 8:00 - 8:30 Registration/continental breakfast
- ❖ 8:30 Overview of the Infection Prevention and Control Program
- ❖ Dynamic Role of the Infection Preventionist
- ❖ Select Multi-Drug Resistant Organisms
- ❖ Isolation, What is it Good for?
- ❖ Surveillance of Infections
- ❖ Disinfection in the Healthcare Environment
- ❖ Sterilization of Medical Equipment
- ❖ Who's Watching Out for the Employee
- ❖ Infection Prevention of Specialty Settings
- ❖ Resource/Q&A/Evaluation
- ❖ 5:30 Adjourn

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**CIC Certification Prep Course**

**Who should take this course?**

Candidates planning to take the Certification in Infection Prevention (CIC) exam and/or persons interested in enhanced competency in the field of infection prevention and control.

**Purpose:** This activity will enable the learner to assess their needs for further study and develop strategies to assist them in achieving certification.

**Tentative Agenda**

- ❖ 8:00 - 8:30 Registration/continental breakfast
- ❖ 8:30 CBIC Exam Overview
- ❖ Identification of Infectious Disease Processes
- ❖ Preventing/Controlling the Transmission of Infectious Agents
- ❖ Surveillance and Epidemiologic Investigation
- ❖ Employee/Occupational Health
- ❖ Environment of Care
- ❖ Cleaning, Sterilization, Disinfection, and Asepsis
- ❖ Infection Prevention and Control Program Management and Communication
- ❖ Study Strategies and Test Taking Skills
- ❖ Q&A/Evaluation/Adjournment
- ❖ 5:30 pm Adjourn

Coordinator: Lynn Reynolds

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**NEW: Practical Guide to Infection  
Prevention in Long Term Care**

**Who should take this course?**

Infection Preventionist (new or experienced) working in LTC or LTC adjacent fields including, but not limited to skilled nursing facilities, nursing and rehab facilities, and nursing homes.

**Tentative Agenda**

- ❖ 8:00-8:30 Registration/continental breakfast
- ❖ 8:30 Introduction to Session
- ❖ Hand Hygiene
- ❖ Transmission Based Precautions
- ❖ Cleaning and Disinfection
- ❖ Environmental Rounds
- ❖ Outbreak Investigation
- ❖ Displaying Surveillance Data
- ❖ Antibiotic stewardship/NHSN/McGeer Criteria
- ❖ CMS Survey Tags for 441
- ❖ Feedback/Q&A
- ❖ 5:30pm- Adjourn

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Georgia Infection Prevention Network  
GIPN 2023 Conference Information  
12460 Crabapple Road Suite 202335  
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**42nd Annual Education Conference**  
**Conference Objectives:**

- Address the clinical and educational needs of the IP under increasing transparency and public accountability.
- Present scientifically sound, evidence- based practices
- Enhance the growth of the IP
- Provide opportunities to learn and network with other IPs in similar settings.

**Tentative Agenda**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

- Registration 4pm -5pm
- Welcome Reception 4:30 - 6pm

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**

- 7:45-8:30am- Registration
- 8:30 Welcome and Announcements
- Keynote: Riding the Waves of Infection Prevention
- How Social Media Makes Me a Better IP
- MDRO’s and CPO’s
- Microbiology Specimen Collection
- *Candida auris*
- Selecting the Best Disinfectant
- Vendor Reception

**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

- 7:15-7:45- Registration
- 7:45 Business Meeting/Announcements
- IP Tools-Risk Assessments, Goals, EOC Rounding
- Performance Improvement
- Member Presentations
- Vendor Exhibits
- Breakout Sessions:
  - Outbreaks in LTC                      ◦ IP in the OR
  - Building an IP program              ◦ HLD Ultrasound
  - IP in the Dialysis World
  - Enhanced Barrier Precautions

**Friday, October 27, 2023**

- 8:45am Announcements
- Water Management
- Antibiotic Stewardship
- State of the State
- Closing/Evaluations
- 12:15 Adjourn

**Lunch provided Wednesday and Thursday**

**Contact Hours:** Pre-conferences and 2023 Educational conference activities will be submitted for approval to award contact hours.

**Complete Registration and Pay Online at:**

[www.gipn.org](http://www.gipn.org)

**Registration Questions**

**Contact: Renee Miller - [rmiller@msn.com](mailto:rmiller@msn.com)**

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**Hotel Reservation Information:**  
 Scan QR code or go to “Events” at [gipn.org](http://gipn.org)



- Reduced GIPN rates if reservations made by: Friday, September 22, 2023
- GIPN room blocks for October 23-27<sup>th</sup>
- Some hotels also offering rate for 1-2 nights before and/or after based on availability
- Be sure to use the specific hotel’s code and links for GIPN rates.
- Rates do not include state/local tax, GA hotel tax, or resort fees
- Questions: Contact Wanda Strzemienski at [wandastrz@bellsouth.net](mailto:wandastrz@bellsouth.net)

**2023 Educational Conference and Pre-Conference Fees**

<p><b>Full Conference registration fees 10/25-10/27</b>                  (Does not include pre-conference)                  Pay on-line or mail check post marked by 10/10/2023:                  Members - \$350                  Non-members - \$400                  Registration After 10/10/2023 - add \$40                  On-site Registration – add \$70</p>
<p><b>Daily Conference Registration:</b>                  Members - \$125/day                  Non-members - \$150/day</p>
<p><b>Pre-Conference registration fees – 10/24/23</b>                  Pay on-line or mail check post marked by 10/10/2023:                  Members - \$125                  Non-members - \$150                  Registration After 10/10/2023 – add \$25                  On-site Registration- add \$50  <b>Choose one pre-conference when registering:</b>                  Introduction to Infection Prevention                  CIC Certification Preparatory Course                  Practical Guide to Infection Prevention in LTC</p>
<p><b>*NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER 10/10/2023</b></p>
<p><b>GIPN Membership Dues: \$30</b>  <b>TIP: Save non-member fees by joining GIPN prior to conference registration.</b></p>
<p><b>Additional GIPN Conference T-shirts available online with registration \$25</b>  <b>*One free shirt per full conference registration</b></p>
<p><b>Pay on-line at time of registration</b>  <b>If paying by check, post mark by 10/10/23</b>  <b>Include name of attendee on the check</b>  <b>Make checks payable to GIPN and Mail to:</b>                  Cathi Nix GIPN Treasurer                  362 Madison Hills                  Hull, GA 30646</p>