

## DICON Weekly Digest: 11/23/2020

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### COVID-19 Tracker & Statistics:

Duke University Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

UNC Health Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

NC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

SC DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

GA DPH Dashboard (updated weekly) [here](#).

VA DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

WV DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

FL DPH Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

Johns Hopkins Global Dashboard (updated daily) [here](#).

### COVID-19 Guidance & Resources:

DICON website [here](#).

CDC website [here](#).

### Network News:

Congratulations for **first time** certification in Infection Prevention to:

- Ebony Alford, MPH, CIC from WellStar Cobb Hospital
- Tracy Sansossio MSN, RN, CMSRN, CIC from Augusta Health
- Brandi Law BSBA, BSN, RN, CIC from UNC Johnston Health Care

Congratulations for successful recertification in Infection Prevention:

- Connie Clark, BSN, RN, CIC from Nash UNC Health Care

Davis Ambulatory Surgery Center was ranked as one of the best ASCs in NC, read about it [here](#).

### CDC:

Date: Monday, November 30, 2020

Time: 3:00— 4:00 p.m. ET

*Resilience and Mental Health for the Holidays*

Register in advance for this webinar: [Resilience and Mental Health for the Holidays](#)

### CMS:

CMS has released the first episode in a series of short podcasts for frontline nursing home staff “[CMS Beyond the Policy](#)”. The first episode is titled “Nursing Home Series for Front Line Clinicians and Staff.”

**APIC:**

[APIC 2020 47TH Annual Conference Abstracts](#) August 2020 highlights:

- IP Development
  - Developing an Infection Prevention Position for a Multi-Center Hospital-based Dialysis System. **Page S8**
- Device Associated HAIs
  - Implementing a Program to Standardize Central Line Maintenance. **Page S5-6**
  - A Multidisciplinary Approach to Leveraging Data and Implementing Change: A Reduction in Emergency Department Foley Catheter Insertions. **Page S10**
  - Zero CLABSI is Achievable. **Page S35**
  - Knowledge Based Approach to Solving CLABSIs in Patients Receiving Total Parenteral Nutrition...Improving Nursing Best Practice Through Direct Observation & Education. **Page S37**
  - Outbreak of Bloodstream Infections in Hemodialysis Patients Highlight the Importance of a Working Partnership Between Infection Prevention and Interventional Departments. **Page S38**
  - Blood Culture Collection Teams Reduce Contamination Rates and Reduce Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infections. **Page S40**
- SSI Prevention
  - Decreasing Colon Surgical Site Infections Through Multidisciplinary Engagement Using a Practice Bundle. **Page S11**
  - Effectiveness of Preventive Surgical Site Infection Bundle in Colorectal Surgery: A Collaborative Program for Improving Surgical Care and Recovery. **Page S31**
  - Creation of a Hysterectomy Bundle to Reduce Surgical Site Infections: A Standardized Approach. **Page S42**
- Outbreaks
  - Prevention of Candida Auris Outbreak. **Page S16**

**Interesting Literature for Infection Prevention:**

- [A strategy for expanding infection prevention resources to support organizational growth](#)
- [APIC Prevention Strategist Fall 2020: Infection Prevention and Control Across the Continuum of Care](#)
- FROM THE DUKE TEAM: [Implementation of a Pooled Surveillance Testing Program for Asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infections on a College Campus — Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, August 2–October 11, 2020](#)
- [The Impact of COVID-19 on Provider Usage of Electronic Hand Hygiene Monitoring Technology](#)
- [County-Level Predictors of COVID-19 Cases and Deaths in the United States: What Happened, and Where Do We Go from Here?](#)
- [The Impact of COVID-19 Response on Central Line Associated Bloodstream Infections and Blood Culture Contamination Rates at a Tertiary Care Center in Greater Detroit Area](#)
- [NYT Coronavirus Vaccine Tracker](#)

**Do you have a suggestion for a new FAQ, position statement, or newsletter?**

Reach out [here](#) or discuss with your DICON IP liaison.