

# THE IP COL-LAB-ORATION PROJECT

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New collaborative bridges the gap between infection preventionists and lab professionals

## About the project

The IP Col-lab-oration Project brings together leaders in infection prevention and the lab. Through this relationship, APIC members will gain the insights of thought leaders from the lab community that will help deepen the knowledge and expertise for the common goal of achieving better patient outcomes. APIC has entered into a formal agreement with the American Society for Microbiology (ASM) to collaborate on this project.

We welcome your comments and requests for further information. Please email us at:

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## Collaborating partner

ASM is the world's largest scientific society of individuals interested in the microbiological sciences. The mission of ASM is to advance the microbiological sciences as a vehicle for understanding life processes and to apply and

## *Ready Reference Guide to Lab*

### **Brought to you by APIC and the IP Col-lab-oration Project**

The Col-lab-oration Project is in the process of completing the Ready Reference Guide. This guide is designed to be useful to newcomers to the field as well as seasoned healthcare professionals. It delivers updated and relevant information needed for infection preventionists to develop knowledge of lab protocols in an accessible and easy to read format. The need for this guide is to share information across teams that are at the core of the Col-lab-oration Project.

This guide covers topics such as:

- Specimen collection and transportation
- Cultures and Gram stains
- Blood cultures
- Virology, and
- Other labs and surveillance data

The chapters were authored by healthcare personnel and reviewed by a multidisciplinary team of experts at APIC and ASM. Through this review process, the guide delivers technically sound educational material.

Several chapters have been posted on the [IP Lab website](#), under Tools & Resources. We will be

communicate this knowledge for the improvement of health and environmental and economic well-being worldwide.



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### Live event



Visit the IP Col-lab-oration Project within APIC Village during the 2012 Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.; June 4-6, 2012.

The IP Col-lab-oration will be featured as part of the APIC Building Bridges series. APIC launched the Building Bridges series to build a bridge between infection preventionists (IPs) and stakeholders across the continuum of care.

For more information on the APIC Village, contact the APIC [2012 Annual Conference website](#).

adding to these resources throughout the year.

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### January 2012

First webinar in The IP Col-lab-oration Project series

### **Testing Procedures & Outbreak Investigation: Best Practices in MDRO Screening and Control.**



**Presenter: Richard A. Van Enk, PhD, CIC, director, infection prevention and epidemiology, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, Michigan**

Dr. Van Eck addressed an important area of collaboration between the hospital clinical microbiology laboratory and the hospital infection prevention department. Outlining the process of developing a best-practice program for control and prevention of multidrug resistance organisms, Dr. Van Eck stressed the interdependence of each department's role in leveraging patient outcomes.

Target audience: clinical microbiology personnel, infection preventionists, hospital epidemiologists, and the hospital administrators who make decisions about clinical practice.

**Missed it? View the on-demand presentation [here](#).**

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## **March 2012**

### **Program Management: Active MRSA Surveillance Program and Case Study**

March 6 & 8, 2012 at 3 p.m. EST, 2 p.m. CST, 12  
p.m. PST  
(60 minutes each)



**Presenters: Lance Peterson, MD, director of microbiology  
and infectious diseases, and associate epidemiologist  
NorthShore University Health System, Evanston, Illinois**

**Lillian Burns MT, MPH, CIC, administrative director  
infection control/epidemiology, Staten Island University  
Hospital, Staten Island, New York**

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**Roche, a 2012 APIC Strategic Partner**

The IP Col-lab-oration Project is made possible through an unrestricted educational grant by Roche, a long-standing partner and supporter of APIC and ASM. “We enthusiastically support this APIC educational initiative because it provides an opportunity to foster collaboration between laboratory and infection prevention professionals, who share a vision of reducing infections and improving outcomes.

We believe this vision can be achieved through better screening and diagnostics as well as a close working relationship between these two disciplines to determine which solutions will work best for a particular organization. We look forward to seeing the fruits of this collaborative effort and the contribution that these enhanced educational programs make to patient care.

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