

# Avera Infection Prevention Day of Education & Sharing



**Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

USD Campus Avera Hall  
4801 N Career Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57107

## AGENDA

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 – 9:15am	Welcome & Coffee	
9:15 – 9:30am	Opening Prayer and Welcome	
9:30 – 10:30am	From Foe to Friend: Building Solid Relationships in Infection Prevention	Liz Healy
10:30 – 11:30am	Cultivating a Heart of Discernment	Faith Minnich Kjesbo
11:30 – 12:00pm	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:00 – 1:00pm	Tuberculosis: Bridging Epidemiology and Clinical practice	Dr. Jawad Nazir
1:00 – 2:00pm	One Health in Action: Minnesota's Collaborative Approach to the AMR Challenge	Dr. Kristen Clark and Leslie Kollmann
2:00 – 2:15pm	<i>Break</i>	
2:15 – 3:15pm	From Point of Use to Sterility: The Instrument Reprocessing Lifecycle	Brandy Vandehey
3:15 – 4:15pm	Beyond Clean: Elevating Environmental Services Through Science, Strategy, and Strong Partnerships	John Peterson, LeChe Price, Tim Jurgens and Rodrigo Balmaceda
4:15 – 4:20pm	Closing Remarks	

This educational day will provide participants an opportunity to hear current topics in infection prevention and to network with other infection preventionists. This activity will lead to an improved consistency and competence in infection prevention and control practice. This continuing nursing education activity was approved by the Alabama State Nurses Association, an accredited approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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07/14/2026 from 09:00 AM to 04:15 PM

Live Activity

## **Purpose:**

Infection Preventionists are invited to participate in a dynamic one-day conference focused on advancing knowledge, strengthening collaboration, and enhancing practice in infection prevention and control. This educational experience will explore key topics including antimicrobial stewardship, tuberculosis management, safe handling of soiled instruments, and the critical role of environmental services. Participants will also engage in sessions designed to cultivate a discerning professional mindset and strengthen relationships across healthcare departments to support safer, more effective care delivery.

## **Objectives:**

- 1 Evaluate opportunities to connect with staff while in leadership positions (Healy)
- 2 Review definitions and theories of leadership related to healthcare settings (Healy)
- 3 Identify ways to improve communication, trust, and reliability (Healy)
- 4 Brainstorm three ideas on connecting with staff and providers when implementing process improvement projects (Healy)
- 5 Evaluate strategies for prevention and timely diagnosis of tuberculosis in healthcare settings. (Nazir)
- 6 Discuss current treatment approaches and challenges in tuberculosis management. (Nazir)
- 7 Review Public health impact and risk factors influencing spread in communities and healthcare settings (Nazir)
- 8 Define different types of discernment (Minnich Kjesbo)
- 9 Identify key components of self-awareness in cultivating a discerning heart (e.g., intuition, memory, body awareness, imagination, reason, emotions) (Minnich Kjesbo)
- 10 Understand importance of listening and reflection to discernment (Minnich Kjesbo)
- 11 Explore “the learning/discerning space” as an integral part of creating a culture of discernment (Minnich Kjesbo)
- 12 Describe the One Health concept and its relevance to infection prevention and control (IPC) across human, animal, and environmental health sectors. (Clark/Kollimann)
- 13 Explain Minnesota’s collaborative model through MOHASC, including how cross-sector partnerships advance antimicrobial stewardship and reduce antimicrobial resistance (AMR). (Clark/Kollimann)
- 14 Identify the role of the APIC Veterinary IPC Council in strengthening veterinary infection prevention practices and supporting interprofessional collaboration. (Clark/Kollimann)
- 15 Apply One Health principles to IPC practice, identifying opportunities for IPC professionals to engage in stewardship efforts and cross-sector collaboration. (Clark/Kollimann)
- 16 Reframe Environmental Services as a critical infection prevention function, not everyday housekeeping, by understanding the science behind PPE, standard precautions, chemical selection, and dwell time. (Peterson, Price, Jurgens, Balmaceda)
- 17 Apply risk based, tiered environmental cleaning strategies that match the right chemical to the right pathogen and support sustainable growth and staffing models. (Peterson, Price, Jurgens, Balmaceda)
- 18 Strengthen collaboration across Infection Prevention, Facilities, and Safety teams through shared accountability, quality rounds, and clear ownership—improving communication, response times, and safety outcomes. (Peterson, Price, Jurgens, Balmaceda)

## **Target Audience:**

Nurse - RN, Nurse -LPN/LVN

## **For successful completion:**

- Attend education
- Complete evaluation

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Attendance can be texted up to 24 hours after the activity

## **Accreditation & Credit Designation:**

### **Accreditation**



In support of improving patient care, Avera is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

### **Continuing Education Credit Designation(s)**

**Nurse CE:** Avera designates this activity for a maximum of 6.00 ANCC contact hour(s). Nurses should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

### **Disclosure Policy:**

Due to the regulations required for CE credits, all conflicts of interest that persons in a position to control or influence the education must be fully disclosed to participants. In observance of this requirement, we are providing the following disclosure information: all relevant financial relationships disclosed below have been mitigated.

<b>Name of individual</b>	<b>Individual's role in activity</b>	<b>Nature of Relationship(s) / Name of Ineligible Company(s)</b>
Rodrigo Balmaceda, BA	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Kristen Clark, MPH, DVM, MPH, DACVPM	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Alisha DeHaan, RN, Nursing	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
Becky Evans, ARRT, Infection Preventionist	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
Elizabeth Healy, RN, Nurse	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Tim Jurgens, N/A	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Leslie Kollmann, BS	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Tricia Mandery, BS, Data Specialist	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
Faith Minnich Kjesbo, MA	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Jawad Nazir, MD, FACP	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Tiffany Peterson, BSN, CIC	Content Expert - Committee Member, Lead Planner	Nothing to disclose
John Peterson	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
LaChe Price, T-CHEST	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Vonda Reed, A.S. Accounting, Medical Educator	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
Lacey Seefeldt, BS	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose
Brandy Vandehey	Faculty	Nothing to disclose
Nicolle Voeltz, BSN, Nurse	Committee Planning Member	Nothing to disclose

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