

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008 continued

- 3:30pm – 3:45pm WELCOME CEREMONIES
Color Guard provided by Tyndall Air Force Base
- 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm 6. KEY NOTE SPEAKER
1 contact hour
General
#08-06-08
LESSONS LEARNED ON THE FARM: VIEWS FROM THE LAB EDITORS DESK
How we can get more mobilized for change as a profession, day by day, piece by piece, and person by person
Matthew T. Patton, Editor
ADVANCE FOR MEDICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS
- 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
- 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm WELCOME WINE AND CHEESE VENDOR EXHIBITS
Drawings for door prizes

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2008

- 7:00 am - 2:30 pm REGISTRATION
- 7:15 am – 8:00 am COFFEE/PASTRY BREAK VENDOR EXHIBITS
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am 7. SPECIMEN INTEGRITY – SAMPLE COLLECTION PROCESS
1 contact hour
General / Phlebotomy
#08-07-08
The quality and accuracy of your results (no matter how good your instrument precision and QC/QA activities are, first depend on the integrity of your specimen).
Richard Crowner, BS, MT (AMT), Florida Medical Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida
President, Florida State Society American Medical Technologists
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am 8. CLIA UPDATE WORKSHOP
2.0 contact hours
Admin./Management
#08-08-08
New CLIA regulations presented as well as proposed changes to state regulations to accommodate the CLIA changes.
Gwendolyn Williams, MS, MT (ASCP), Laboratory Consultant
CLIA Regional Office, Atlanta, Georgia
Denise Abbott, BS, MT (ASCP), Health Services and Facilities Consultant
Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration, Laboratory Unit
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am 9. CURRENT ISSUES IN TRANSFUSION MEDICINE: CHAGAS' Disease and TRALI
1 contact hour
Immunohematology
Blood Bank
#08-09-08
The pathophysiology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of Chagas' Disease and TRALI reactions will be discussed.
Tim Peterson, M.D., Medical Director, The Blood Center, New Orleans, Louisiana
Sponsored by the College of American Pathologists
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am REFRESHMENT BREAK VENDOR EXHIBITS
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am 10. CONSUMER DRIVEN HEALTH: THE NEW PATIENT
1.5 contact hours
Admin./Management
#08-10-08
Changes continue to affect delivery of Healthcare.
Cheryl Davis, DHA, MS, CLS (NCA), Program Director, Healthcare Management
South University, Montgomery, Alabama
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am 11. CARDIAC MARKERS A TO Z
1.5 contact hours
Chemistry
#08-011-08
Standard and new testing to detect cardiac disease will be discussed.
David Plaut, Consultant
Sponsored by Siemens Medical Solutions Diagnostics

Friday, February 22, 2008 continued

- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm LUNCH (included) VENDOR EXHIBITS / DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm 12. PATHOGEN OR NOT?
1.0 contact hours How normal flora can become pathogenic in another part of the body.
Microbiology Karen Hurban, MT (AMT), FSSAMT Vice President
#08-012-08 Microbiologist, Bartow Regional Medical Center, Bartow
- 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 13. PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS
2.0 contact hours Is your facility prepared to handle a bioterrorism, chemical terrorism or
Admin./Management pandemic flu issue?
General Rhonda R. White, MBA, Director
#08-013-08 Office of Public Preparedness, Florida Department of Health
- 1:00 pm – 5:15 pm 14. EDUCATE BEFORE YOU VACCINATE Are vaccinations causing immunologic diseases?
4.0 contact hours Extremely sensitive and controversial subject. Children are being kept out of school
Immunology if the parents do not get them vaccinated and some states are even arresting or
#08-014-08 considering legislation to jail the parents. Get the facts and decide for yourself.
Dr. Gary Tunsy, Traditional Naturopathic Physician
CEO, Precision Healing Technologies; Co-founder of Global Biophysics Cancer Institute
April Renee, Keynote speaker, Vaccine Injury Coalition and
Past President of The Autism Autoimmune Project, Broward County, Florida
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm 15. MYTHS & REALITY OF HOSPITAL DECON AND COMPLIANCE WITH HAZWOPER
1.0 contact hour Have an effective plan that works and be prepared to use it.
Safety Joseph E. Burgess, CEO, Burgess and Associates, Inc.
#08 – 015-08
- 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm REFRESHMENT BREAK VENDOR EXHIBITS
- 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm 16. ARE YOU PREPARED FOR A CLIA OR STATE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTION?
1.0 contact hour Guidelines and suggestions to prepare for a successful inspection
Admin. / Management Patricia L. James, BS, MA, Laboratory Consultant
#08-016-08 Former Health Services and Facilities Consultant Supervisor
Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Lab Unit
- 3:15 pm – 5:15 pm 17. COMMUNICATION FOR THE ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
2.0 contact hours Interactive workshop to discuss the importance of common barriers,
Admin/Management techniques and listening.
General Gerard Boe, Ph.D., Executive Director
#08-017-08 American Medical Technologists Institute for Education
Sponsored by Puritan Medical Products Company LLC
- 4:15 pm – 5:15 pm 18. FLORIDA LABORATORY PERSONNEL LAW AND RULES
1.0 contact hour Overview of the regulations that all licensees should be familiar with.
Law/Rules Roger Bertholf, PhD., Chairman, Florida Board of Clinical Laboratory Personnel
#08-018-08 Associate Professor of Pathology, Director of Clinical Chemistry, Toxicology and Point of Care
*Mandatory for Laboratory University of Florida, Shands Medical Center, Jacksonville, Florida
re-licensure in Florida
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm AMT STATE SOCIETY BOARD MEETINGS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008

7:00 am – 10:00 am REGISTRATION

- 7:15 am – 8:00 am **COFFEE/PASTRY BREAK**
- 8:00 am – 11:45 am 19. **WORKSHOP: COST EFFECTIVE “NUTS AND BOLTS” HOSPITAL
MICROBIOLOGY** (Workshop description on back of pre-registration form.)
1:00 pm – 4:15 pm
6.5 contact hours
Microbiology
#08-019-08
Dennis L. Wegner, PhD., Consulting Clinical Microbiologist
Collaborative Laboratory Services, Ottumwa, Iowa
Sponsored by Becton Dickinson
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am 20. **THALASSEMIA**
1 contact hour
Hematology
#08-020-08
Learn more about this inherited blood disorder that causes mild to severe cases of anemia.
Dorilyn Hitchcock, MS, MT (ASCP)
Director, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Central Florida University, Orlando
Sponsored by Iris Diagnostics, a Division of Iris International, Inc.
- 8:00 am 9:00 am 21. **RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEDICAL ASSISTANT**
1 contact hour
08-021-08
*AMTIE credit only
In addition to your routine tasks and utilization of your skills , there are professional responsibilities vital to your success.
Patricia Poitier Sands, RMA (AMT), FSSAMT Treasurer/Board Member
Office Manager, Practice of Vijay Samant, M.D., Boca Raton, Florida
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am 22. **POINT OF CARE TESTING, STRATEGIES AND STRUCTURE**
1 contact hour
General / Chemistry
#08-022-08
Reaching efficient, proficient and compliant goals in Point of Care Testing.
Edwina F. Szelag, MHM, BSMT(ASCP),Point of Care Testing Coordinator
Health First, Inc., Holmes Regional Medical Center, Melbourne
Recognized at the AACC Convention as National Point of Care Coordinator of the Year 2006
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am 23. **MEDICAL RECORDS OVERVIEW**
1 contact hour
General
#08-023-08
Guidelines for compliance including HIPAA mandates.
Bobbie Rose Wilson, RMA (AMT), Medical Records Co-ordinator
Bell Care Nursing Registry and Educational Center, Miami, Florida
- 10:00 am – 10:15 am **REFRESHMENT BREAK VENDOR EXHIBITS**
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am 24. **CALIBRATION VERIFICATION AND PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS**
1.5 contact hours
Admin./Management
024-08
The requirements for calibration verification and verifying the performance specifications of a new test system will be reviewed in detail. The session will include #08-how to perform verification studies, how to evaluate performance and interpret your results (sample worksheets will be provided). Material commercially available for use in verification studies will also be discussed.
Rebecca Kenner, MT (ASCP) DLM
Accreditation Surveyor, COLA
- 10:15 am – 11:45 am 25. **THE BASICS OF INFERTILITY AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE
TECHNOLOGIES**
1.5 contact hours
#08-025-08
*AMTIE credit only
For some, having a family is a distant dream. Participants will learn the most common causes of infertility and the basics of Assisted Reproductive Tehnologies.
Kathleene Hardy, AAS, RMA (AMT), In - Vitro Fertilization Coordinator
Reproductive Medicine Group, Tampa

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2008 continued

11:45 AM – 1:00 pm **LUNCH (included) VENDOR EXHIBITS / DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS**

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| <p>1:00 pm –2:00 pm 1.0 contact hour #08-026-08 *AMTIE credit only</p> | <p>26. <u>RISK MANAGEMENT RAP 101 IN THE MEDICAL OFFICE</u> Focus on recognizing the areas of risk in the physicians office Linda Raven, AS, RMA (AMT), Physician Office Consultant, ABHES Site Evaluator George Raven, BS, EMT, Director of Compliance, Safety and Scheduling CCR Technologies</p> |
| <p>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm 2.0 contact hours Medical Errors #08-027-08 *Mandatory for laboratory re-licensure in Florida</p> | <p>27. <u>MEDICAL ERRORS</u> Reporting, recording and heavy emphasis on the prevention of medical errors. Naomi Melvin, PhD/EdD, MPH, CLC (AMT), CL Sup (NCA), BSMT(ASCP) (AMT) Director, SCB Laboratory Consultants, Inc., Chipley, Florida</p> |
| <p>2:00 pm -3:00 pm 1 contact hour General #08-028-08</p> | <p>28. <u>DRESSING FOR A SUCCESSFUL JOB INTERVIEW</u> How you present yourself (appearance and attitude) will make the difference. Julia Hardcastle, BS, MT (AMT), Consultant Fairview Community Healthcare Center, Bowling Green, Kentucky Kentucky AMT State Society President, Chair, National AMT Student Activity Committee</p> |
| <p>3:00 pm – 3:15 pm</p> | <p>REFRESHMENT BREAK VENDOR EXHIBITS</p> |
| <p>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm 1.0 contact hour #08-029-08 *AMTIE credit only</p> | <p>29. <u>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</u> Signs and symptoms, how it affects the family (especially the children), requirements for reporting suspected violence or abuse. Pearl Campbell, AS, RMA, (AMT), CMA (AAMA) Healthcare Instructor, Bell Care Nurses Registry and Education Center, Miami, Florida</p> |
| <p>3:15 pm – 4:15 pm 1.0 contact hour Immunohematology Blood Bank # 08-030-08</p> | <p>30. <u>WHO MADE MY LAB INTO A FACTORY?</u> Discussion of cGMP and CBER rules and regulations Cynthia F. Moore, MS. MT (AMT) Blood Donor and Distribution Center Compliance Officer Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana</p> |
| <p>4:15 pm –5:30 pm</p> | <p>AMT STATE SOCIETY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP/BUSINESS MEETINGS (All AMT members and guests invited)</p> |

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The “ * AMTIE credit only” notice on a few of the courses signifies that these courses are not lab related and therefore may not be used for renewal of your Florida laboratory license. They are intended primarily for our Registered Medical Assistant membership for renewal of their AMT Certificate of Competency. However, if you lab folks already have enough credit for renewal, many of these courses are of interest to all participants, so feel free to attend.

19. **WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION**

COST EFFECTIVE “NUTS AND BOLTS” HOSPITAL MICROBIOLOGY WORKSHOP

Offered Saturday, February 23, 2008

Workshop fee included in your conference registration fee.

Dr. Dennis Wegner will show you how to apply the latest techniques, which can be used in hospitals of all sizes (including intermediate and smaller sized community hospitals), to provide high quality, patient orientated microbiology at minimum cost. In fact, you will see how quality microbiology practices will increase prospective payment reimbursements and greatly help improve the hospital's “bottom line”.

Participants will receive a copy of the CLSI / NCCLS-formatted Procedure Manual.

At the conclusion of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- (a) Describe the importance of the Gram stain to evaluate mixed flora from wound and sputum cultures and to possibly optimize prospective payment reimbursements for bacterial pneumonia.
- (b) Identify blood culture techniques and communication protocols that increase sensitivity and optimize prospective payment for septicemia.
- (c) Discuss how broad spectrum microbiology antibiotic therapy active intervention can improve the hospital's “bottom line” by reducing stays, improve patient care, and can increase technologist job satisfaction.
- (d) Discuss the insensitivity of the throat specimen streptococcal rapid antigen testing.
- (e) Improve culture sensitivity and reduce confusion regarding urine cultures from long-term urinary catheter patients.
- (f) Understand adverse pregnancy outcomes due to bacterial vaginosis (BV) and quantitatively score (BV) Gram stains.
- (g) Cost effectively diagnose Giardia in-house.

Other topics to be covered include:

- MRSA's – Where do they come from and how to get rid of them with inexpensive oral therapy alternatives to Vancomycin and Linezolid (WMMD's – Weapons of Mass MRSA Destruction)
- Efficient cost and labor effective approaches for doing microbiology lab broad spectrum intervention
- Improving Gram stain quality and clinical interpretation
- Urinary tract infections and “go with the flow” urine culture and screening protocols
- “Germs of Endearment” culture / microscopy for other STD's
- “Pneumonia – it's more than an annoying cough”. Gram stain directed management of patients with bacterial lung infections
- Wounds, catheters, and anaerobic cultures
- “Stool school - the straight scoop on poop”