Presenter Bios

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Amanda Beaudoin, DVM, PhD
Doctor Beaudoin is Director of One Health Antibiotic Stewardship at Minnesota Department of Health. Amanda works with stakeholders of the state’s One Health Antibiotic Stewardship Collaborative to advance antibiotic resistance and stewardship activities in human, animal and environmental health, and agriculture. She holds a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Cornell University, a PhD in veterinary epidemiology from the University of Minnesota, and board certification by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. Amanda has worked in equine and small animal clinical practice and conducted research on influenza in swine, poultry, and human populations. Amanda has worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where she most recently worked in the area of antimicrobial resistance, providing infection prevention and control support to healthcare facilities and assisting foreign governments with antibiotic resistance surveillance.

Jean Rainbow, MPH, RN
Jean Rainbow works for the Minnesota Department of Health in the Healthcare-Associated Infection and Antimicrobial Resistance Unit and serves as the state HAI coordinator. She is a registered nurse and has an MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota. She has worked at MDH for over 20 years in a variety of roles but, more importantly, she is Kaitlyn’s mom and Fiona’s grandma.

Jeffrey S. Gerber, MD, PhD
Doctor Gerber is an attending physician in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and a senior scholar within the Penn Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics. Doctor Gerber’s areas of expertise include adverse effects of antimicrobial use in children, and onset MRSA infections. He is a graduate of Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.

Maria Bye, MPH
Maria Bye is an epidemiologist at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and is coordinator for the state’s Clostridium difficile surveillance program. She received her B.S. in Biology and Communications from the University of Minnesota and her MPH from Emory University. Prior to coming to MDH, Maria worked in zoonotic disease laboratories at the University of Minnesota. She bridged the gap between benchtop science and public health by doing epidemiological work with the Special Bacteriology Reference Laboratory at the CDC. Maria then gained insight into the healthcare system by consulting, specializing in urgent care center strategy and operations.

Laura E. Norton, MD, MS
Doctor Norton is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and Immunology at the University of Minnesota Medical School. She is also the fellowship program director for the pediatric infectious diseases fellowship program at the University of Minnesota. She is the physician lead for the antimicrobial stewardship program at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children’s Hospital. She has experience leading collaborative quality improvement projects focused on judicious use of diagnostic testing and antimicrobial stewardship.

Jon Hallberg, MD
Dr. Jon Hallberg is an associate professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota Medical School, and medical director of the innovative University of Minnesota Health Mill City Clinic in Minneapolis. Since 2003, Jon has been the regular medical analyst on the regional “All Things Considered” on Minnesota Public Radio, appearing over 500 times, striving to make complex healthcare topics understandable to a large non-medical audience.
Roberta Meyers, MD, MPH
Dr. Meyers began her early days in geriatrics as a fellow at Boston University Medical Center making home visits to elderly residents of inner city Boston. She learned the value of combining the principles of comprehensive primary care with the specialty knowledge from geriatric medicine to provide care to medically complex older patients. Dr. Meyers has been at Hennepin County Medical Center for 25 years.

Brooke Schug, PharmD, B.C.P.S.
Doctor Schug is a clinical pharmacist at Abbott Northwestern Hospital on the Emergency Medicine team. Brooke is a member of the Abbott Northwestern Antibiotic Stewardship Committee and has completed the Making A Difference in Infectious Diseases (MAD-ID) antimicrobial stewardship training program. She has experience in developing an inpatient antimicrobial stewardship program at the tertiary teaching hospital California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco, California. Brooke also served as an antibiotic stewardship pharmacist at the level one trauma center Highland Hospital in Oakland, California. There, she was involved in compiling the inpatient antibiogram, as well as the inpatient empiric antibiotic guide for medical residents.

Catherine Lexau, PhD, MPH, RN
Catherine Lexau is Epidemiologist Principal in the Health-Care Associated infections Unit, at the Minnesota Department of Health. She has worked in infectious disease epidemiology and applied research for more than 20 years at the Department. She holds a doctoral degree in Epidemiology and Master’s degree in Occupational Health Nursing from the University of Minnesota.

Emma Leof, MPH
Emma Leof is a Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Fellow in the Healthcare-Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance unit at the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). She holds a Master’s in Public Health degree in Epidemiology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. As a CSTE Fellow, Emma’s work has focused on supporting outpatient healthcare facilities antibiotic stewardship and prescribing practices. Emma has obtained experience in survey research and analysis as a research assistant at Mayo Clinic and a student worker in the MDH Zoonotic Diseases Unit.

Nancy R. Miller, MBA, CPF
Nancy Miller is a program manager and practice facilitator at Stratis Health. She currently supports the outpatient antibiotic stewardship program in Minnesota as part of the Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network/Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) under contract with CMS. Nancy is also responsible for program leadership and consulting in other quality improvement and patient safety initiatives, including statewide efforts to reduce healthcare-associated infections, and for patient care coordination initiatives to improve transitions across the care continuum and reduce readmissions.

Kimberly Prigge, APRN, CNP
Kimberly Prigge is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Certified Nurse Practitioner with Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Jodie Dvorkin, MD, MPH
Jodie Dvorkin is an Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) Project Manager/Health Care Consultant working on guideline development. Prior to joining ICSI, Dr. Dvorkin worked at the American Medical Association-convened Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement, where she focused on measure development and strategic initiatives. Before that, she helped establish a colon cancer screening program at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County. Dr. Dvorkin holds a bachelor’s degree from Harvard University. She received her medical degree from Emory University and a master of public health from the University of Illinois. Dr. Dvorkin completed an internal medicine and pediatrics residency at the University of Chicago and a preventive medicine residency at John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County.

Senka Hadzic, MPH
Senka Hadzic is an Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement (ICSI) Clinical Systems Improvement Facilitator. In this role, she facilitates the revision of health care guidelines, and provides measurement and data analysis education and support for various other projects. Senka holds a master’s degree in Public Health from the University of Minnesota and bachelors of arts and science degrees in statistics and economics, respectively, from the University of Minnesota.

Jessica Holt, PharmD, BCPS-AQ ID
Doctor Holt earned her PharmD from the University of Minnesota and completed her pharmacy practice and infectious diseases residencies at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. As an ID pharmacy coordinator at Abbott Northwestern Hospital.
Hospital in Minneapolis, Jessica led the development and implementation of a pharmacist-driven antibiotic stewardship program, which received a 2011 Best Practice Award from the American Society of Health System Pharmacists. Since then, inpatient antibiotic stewardship services have expanded to 4 regional hospitals and outpatient initiatives have been implemented in the ED, urgent care, and clinic settings within the same health system. Jessica also serves as the Program Director for the PGY2 Infectious Diseases Pharmacy Residency.

**Peter Currie, MD, FACEP, FAAEM**

Doctor Currie is Emergency Physician and Director of Quality at Emergency Physicians PA. He attended U of MN Medical School, and completed his Emergency Medicine residency at Hennepin County Medical Center.

**Daniel D. Skaar, D.D.S, M.S., MBA, B.S. (Pharmacy)**

Doctor Skaar is Associate Professor and Director, Division of Periodontology; Interim Chair, Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences, University of Minnesota School of Dentistry; Diplomate, American Board of Periodontology. Dr. Skaar’s research interests and publications focus on clinical medical and pharmacology issues affecting oral health care and microbiome relationships with oral and systemic health. He has directed and presented numerous continuing education programs on a variety of pharmacology topics.

**Becca Peglow, MD**

My name is Becca Peglow and I’m an infectious disease doctor for HealthPartners.

I trained in internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin and completed my infectious disease training at Rush University/John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago, IL, and did an extra year of fellowship training in epistemology focusing on Antibiotic Stewardship. I also love cats!

**Ian Young, MD**

I attended college at Creighton University and medical school at UNMC in Omaha, Nebraska. I went to residency at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. I primarily work as an Urgent Care and Emergency Medicine physician at Winona Health in Minnesota. I live in Rochester with my wife and five-month-old son.

**Brett Whyte, MD, FACEP**

I went to medical school at the University of Wisconsin and completed a family medicine residency at the University of Wisconsin-St Luke’s. I practice Family medicine in Oregon for three years and then moved to Minnesota where I’ve practiced Emergency Medicine for the past 19 years. I served as the chief of the Emergency Services Service line for 10 years and have been the chief of staff at Winona Health for the past two. In addition to some administrative work I split my time in the Emergency department and urgent care at Winona Health.