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CLEANING & DISINFECTION SYMPOSIUM Emerging Threats and How to Address

SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE

13:15 – 16:25 PACIFIC TIME

This Symposium will be live-streamed.

1. Introductions and Welcome – Jim Gauthier, Diversey Inc.

2. Dry Surface Biofilms - Dr. Michelle Alfa

Most infection control professionals know of wet biofilms and issues around sink drains, but dry biofilms are just as prevalent and problematic in healthcare settings. This session will highlight the problem and recommend solutions for managing dry biofilms.

3. *Candida auris* – Dr. Victor Leung

Candida auris is an emerging fungal pathogen that is rapidly spreading around the globe. This session will review the current status of this organism in Canada and how to mitigate the threat posed by this pathogen.

4. Auditing EVS: Measure what Matters – Natalie Bruce

Auditing the cleaning/disinfection process can recognize outstanding performance and identify procedural, systemic and other concerns. This session will review general audit techniques, but tie in how to use the results to affect behavioural changes and how to message the audits in a positive manner.

5. Horizontal Infection Prevention - Jim Gauthier

So many times we worry about the new acronym: SARS-CoV-2, CPO, ESBL, etc. There are always going to be new microorganisms, and a consistent approach to hand hygiene, cleaning and disinfection, PPE use, screening, high touch surfaces and our susceptible host will be discussed.

6. Ask Me Anything - Q&A with Presenters

Understanding that we often need time to process what we have just learned, this session will be an open time for questions, either relating to the presentations, or just issues on your mind.

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