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Judie Bringham is an outpatient infection preventionist and instrument reprocessing specialist for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Hospitals. She received her BSN from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her MSN from Duke. She has served a three-year appointment to the Association for Professionals in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology's (APIC) annual conference committee specifically representing ambulatory care needs. She has also served as faculty for APIC's "Infection Prevention for Ambulatory Surgery Centers" course and taught throughout America. In addition to being board certified in infection control, she is certified by the State of North Carolina as a provider of her state's regulatory infection prevention training for physician practices and dental offices. She is currently co-editing APIC's new Outpatient Infection Prevention text and workbook.

Evelyn Cook, R.N., C.I.C.

Evelyn Cook is the Associate Director of SPICE. Formerly a Nurse Clinician and Nurse Liaison with the Duke Infection Control Outreach Network (DICON) at Duke University Medical Center, Evelyn has served as a consultant in many NC facilities. Evelyn has served as a SPICE consultant and participates in training, education, and consultation to hospitals, long-term care facilities, and other medical facilities to prevent and control healthcare-associated infections. She has assisted long-term care facilities in writing and developing infection prevention risk assessments, infection prevention plans and policies specific to the long-term care setting. Ms. Cook, who is also a Registered Nurse and has National Board Certification in Infection Control, is active in several professional organizations including North Carolina Association for Professionals in Infection Control (President 2005-06), National Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. She was named Practitioner of the Year in 2002 by the North Carolina Association of Professionals in Infection Control.

Frank Daniels, BAA, CFER, CER, AGTS, is a Virginia Commonwealth University Health faculty member who currently serves as the High Level Disinfection Program Manager. Frank founded the HLD program in 2014 with an innovative and industry leading approach of centralization within the health system. His primary responsibilities include oversight of all VCU Health HLD locations. In 2018, Frank earned the title of "Best Practice" in which he surpassed in 2019 earning the title, "Perfect Practice." He received his bachelor's degree in Business Administration and is currently enrolled in VCU's Masters in Science for Healthcare Administration program with a graduation date of spring 2021.

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Dr. Bill Rutala is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine, and serves as the Director and co-founder of the Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology at the UNC School of Medicine. In 2017, after 38 years, Dr. Rutala retired from his position as Director of Hospital Epidemiology, Occupational Health and Safety Program at the University of North Carolina Hospitals. He has more than 600 publications (peer-review articles, books, book chapters, brief reports) in the fields of disinfection and sterilization to include several guidelines (e.g., CDC Guideline for Disinfection and Sterilization in Healthcare Facilities), and the epidemiology and prevention of healthcare-associated infections. Dr. Rutala earned his Bachelor of Science degree in science from Rutgers University, his master's degree in microbiology from the University of Tennessee, and both his master's in public health and

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David J. Weber has been on the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since 1985 where he is currently a Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics in the School of Medicine, and a Professor of Epidemiology in the School of Public Health. Dr. Weber serves as the Associate Chief Medical Officer for UNC Hospitals. He also serves as the Medical Director of the Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology; and the Department of Hospital Epidemiology (Infection Prevention). He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Infectious Disease, Critical Care Medicine, and Preventive Medicine. He serves as an Associate Editor of Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology. His research interests include healthcare-associated infections, new and emerging pathogens (norovirus, SARS-coV, CA-MRSA, pfiesteria), infections in child care centers, and antibiotic resistant pathogens.