

Tennessee Department of Health: Infection Control in Long Term Care Facilities

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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.



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Philip D. Sloane is the Elizabeth and Oscar Goodwin Distinguished Professor of Family Medicine University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). Dr. Sloane, a geriatrician and health services researcher, has conducted numerous studies, including clinical trials, in long-term care settings. A recipient of the Pioneer Award from the Alzheimer's Association and of an Academic Leadership Award from the National Institute on Aging, he has served as a nursing home medical director, as national advisor on dementia care for a nursing home chain, as a provider and consultant on quality to a PACE program, and on the Board of Directors of the American Geriatrics Society. Dr. Sloane co-directs the Collaborative Studies of Long-Term Care (CS-LTC), a program of research that, since 1996, has conducted over 40 funded studies in long-term care settings. His research has included a variety of studies that have lent insight into medical practice in nursing homes and assisted living, and have led to development of the training programs Bathing without a Battle and Mouth Care Without a Battle, which have been widely adopted by nursing homes nationally. His current research involves studies of infection management and antibiotic stewardship in long-term care, development of educational materials to help family caregivers of persons with dementia manage medical symptoms, and use of light as therapy for sleep disorders in older persons.