

Emily Berns, MPH, RN

Emily Berns is an Infection Preventionist with the Communicable Disease Branch within the North Carolina Division of Public Health, assisting with the COVID-19 response and Group A Strep surveillance. She received her MPH from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and her BSN from the University of Miami. She worked as an acute care nurse before entering the field of public health.

Taylor Breeyear, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC

Taylor is an Infection Preventionist with the Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens Patient Safety (SHARPPS) Program with the North Carolina Division of Public Health (NC DPH). She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Appalachian State University and worked as a critical care nurse before obtaining a Master of Public Health degree from UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Taylor worked as an Infection Preventionist at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and obtained her certification in Infection Control in 2021. She joined the North Carolina Division of Public Health this past July.

Mallory McClester Brown, M.D.

Dr. McClester Brown is an Associate Professor at the UNC School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine where she serves as the Vice Chair of Education. Dr. McClester Brown graduated with honors from University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2010 and completed her residency and fellowship at UNC-CH. Dr. McClester Brown is certified in both Family Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. Her predominant clinical focus is caring for adults sixty-five and older in the community and in long term care. She is a clinician educator, having completed the UNC Family Medicine Faculty Development fellowship, the Harvard Macy Institute for Educators in health professions, and the National Institute of Program Director Development. She has led the AHRQ COVID-19 in Nursing Homes Echo Project and has been involved in teaching and leading the NC SPICE program for antibiotic stewardship in nursing homes.

Evelyn Cook, RN., CIC

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 an infection prevention and control consultant in many NC facilities. 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.

Brittany Levine, J.D.

Brittany is a civil litigator, with an emphasis on defending and advising clients in the health care and transportation industries. She also assists clients with navigating premises liability and business disputes. Brittany is recognized in the 2024 edition of [*Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch® in America*](#) in the areas of Health Care Law and Transportation Law. She serves as a member of Young Moore's Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Brittany earned her BA in political science from American University and her law degree magna cum laude from Campbell Law School. During law school, she served as a moot court competitor, contracts teaching scholar, research assistant for ethics and criminal law, and judicial extern at the North Carolina Supreme Court for Justice Paul Newby. After competing in five moot court competitions and winning a regional title, she was selected for membership in The Order of Barristers, the national society recognizing outstanding performance in the art of advocacy.

David Lipton, M.S.

David Lipton is an Industrial Hygiene Consultant for NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology Branch. He received his MS in Industrial Hygiene and Safety at University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine in 1986 and has been a Certified Industrial Hygienist since 1990. He has served as a Health Compliance Officer, North Carolina Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Division.

Erica Pettigrew M.D., J.D., M.P.H.

Dr. Erica Pettigrew is an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at UNC-CH. She is the Medical Director of the Orange County Health Department and the Medical Director of Occupational Health at UNC Health Care. She graduated from UNC-CH School of Medicine and completed her residency at Oregon Health Science University Hospital. Dr. Pettigrew is board certified in Family Medicine as well as Public Health and General Preventive Medicine.

Philip D. Sloane, M.D., M.P.H.

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 forty funded studies in long-term care settings. 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.

Lisa Stancill, MPH

Lisa Stancill is an Epidemiologist and works as a data analyst in the Infection Prevention department at The University of North Carolina Hospitals. She is responsible for providing an analytical, data-driven perspective to Infection Prevention operations and automating processes for data collection and reporting. She graduated from the University of Maryland where she earned her Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology with a second major in sociology. Her healthcare career has focused on promoting the use of high-quality data to make the hospital a safer place for patients.

Donna Rutala, B.S.N., J.D.

Donna Rutala is a litigation attorney with the firm of Young Moore and Henderson, P.A. in Raleigh, North Carolina. For 30 years she has defended health care providers when they are sued. She received her B.S. in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her J.D. from North Carolina Central University School of Law. She has a unique combination of experience, having previously worked as an infection control professional and as a claims manager at the UNC Health Care System.

William A. Rutala, Ph.D., M.P.H.

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 six hundred 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 doctorate in microbiology from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. He is certified in Infection control and a retired Colonel in the USAR.

Angela Warren, RN, BSN, MS, CIC

Angela Warren has a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Southern Main, as well as her master's degree in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology from the University of Providence. Most of her nursing career has been spent working in the Emergency Department with the last seven years working as an Infection Preventionist. She is a member of several professional organizations such as The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology (SHEA), Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) and North Carolina Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology. She is currently serving as an NC APIC Zone Coordinator. A Registered Nurse with National Board Certification in Infection Control, Angela works with SPICE as an Infection Prevention Consultant where she works to develop educational tools, presents educational sessions, and consults with diverse types of facilities regarding their Infection Control Programs.