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Elizabeth S. Dodds Ashley, PharmD, MHS, is a Professor of Medicine and Operations Director for the Duke Antimicrobial Stewardship Outreach Network (DASON) based at Duke University. She has been an active antimicrobial stewardship pharmacist for more than 25 years. Her work and research in stewardship span a variety of patient care settings, including large academic medical centers, community hospitals, and long-term care facilities. She has served as a member of the Antimicrobial Resistance Working Group at the Centers for Disease Control and an expert panel member of the Transatlantic Taskforce for Antimicrobial Resistance, among other appointments. She is a current liaison member and first pharmacist on the Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) representing SIDP. She is actively involved in several professional societies engaged in stewardship, including SHEA and SIDP, for which she recently served as President.

**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 the Infection Prevention Nurse Consultant with the North Carolina Division of Public Health Communicable Disease Branch. 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.

**Mallory McClester Brown, MD**

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 is certified in both Family Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. Her clinical focus is caring for adults 65 and older in the community and in long-term care. She is a clinician educator with a passion for teaching health care providers from all interprofessional backgrounds best practices in caring for older adults. She co-led several cohorts of 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 the North Carolina Association for Professionals in Infection Control (President 2005-06) and the 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.

**Lauren DiBiase, MS, CIC**

Lauren DiBiase serves as Associate Director of the Infection Prevention Department and is the Public Health Epidemiologist for UNC Health. She received her M.S. in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health and her B.S. in Biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously, she worked as a Research Associate at the University of North Carolina Center for Public Health Preparedness and as a City Research Scientist at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

**Brittany Levine, JD**

Brittany is a civil litigator with an emphasis on defending and advising clients in the healthcare 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.

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David Lipton is an Industrial Hygiene Consultant for the 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 the 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 at the North Carolina Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Division.

**Erica Pettigrew MD, JD, MPH**

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.

**Donna Rutala, BSN, JD.**

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, PhD, MPH**

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-reviewed articles, books, book chapters, brief reports) in the fields of disinfection and sterilization, including 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 Maine, 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 10 years working as an Infection Preventionist. She is a member of several professional organizations, such as The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology (SHEA), the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC), and the 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.