

**Alicia Bray, JD, BA**

Alicia is a native of Danville, Virginia, Alicia graduated magna cum laude from Averett University in 2004 with a degree in English and a minor in Psychology. She earned her J.D., cum laude, from Elon University School of Law in 2011.

With more than 14 years of experience in North Carolina's healthcare industry, she focuses her practice on advising and defending long-term care facilities, nursing homes, and healthcare providers in risk management and litigation.

**Taylor Breeyear, MPH, BSN, RN, CIC**

Taylor is the Lead Public Health Infection Preventionist with the North Carolina Division of Public Health, Communicable Disease Branch. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Appalachian State University. She worked as a critical care nurse before obtaining a Master of Public Health degree from the

UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Taylor worked as an infection preventionist at a large academic medical center, is Certified in Infection Control (CIC), and joined the Division of Public Health in 2023.

**Evelyn Cook, RN, CIC**

Evelyn is a retired Registered Nurse with over 30 years of experience in infection prevention and epidemiology. She has maintained her board certification in Infection Control (CIC) since 1991. During her career, Evelyn served as the

Associate Director of SPICE for 11 years and as the Director of Infection Prevention programs in both academic and community hospitals. Her expertise extended to clinical nurse consultant and liaison roles for the Duke Infection Control Outreach Network (DICON). As the SPICE Associate Director, she served as the primary author and lecturer for SPICE courses, developed educational programs and resources, and consulted with healthcare providers across the healthcare spectrum and with the federal and NC governments. Evelyn has supported long-term care facilities in building robust infection prevention programs, providing tailored tools such as risk assessments and policies. She has also held leadership roles in professional societies and presented widely on infection prevention at local, state, and national levels. Evelyn has authored and co-authored articles and abstracts related to infection prevention and epidemiology. Most recently, she co-authored the Long-Term Care Chapter in the National Association for Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC) text.

**Marty Cooney, DrPH, MPH, ME, BSN, RN, CIC**

Dr. Cooney is the SPICE Associate Director. His previous position was the Director of Infection Control at UNC Rex Healthcare for 14 years. Prior to his work at UNC Rex, Dr. Cooney was the Director of Infection Control and Employee Health at HMA/Novant Healthcare. His clinical nursing experience prior to infection control included roles as an interventional radiology nurse, ER and OR nurse, medical-surgical nurse, and bed control.

Dr. Cooney received his Doctor of Public Health from UNC Chapel Hill in 2023. He completed his Master of Public Health at the University of New England in 2018, and Master of Entrepreneurship in 2011. Dr. Cooney also received a Bachelor of Science Nursing in 2007 and is also a CIC. He has delivered several presentations at professional conferences and published in infection prevention journals.

**Elizabeth (Libby) Dodds Ashley, PharmD, MHS, FCCP, FIDP, BCIDP**

Dr. Dodds Ashley 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.

**Matt Estes, MPH, MLS (ASCP)**

Matt currently serves as a Senior Business Intelligence Analyst at UNC Health. He received his MPH in Epidemiology from the Colorado School of Public Health and his B.S. in Medical Technology from Virginia Commonwealth University. Previously, he worked as an Epidemiologist at the Tennessee and Texas state health departments, and as a medical technologist for Sentara Healthcare.

**Ashley Jackson, BSMT, MPH, CIC**

Ashley has a bachelor's degree in clinical laboratory science/medical technology and started her career as a Medical Technologist in a Clinical Microbiology and Immunology laboratory. Additionally, Ashley holds a master's degree in public health. Ashley has also obtained two postgraduate certificates in Global Health and Public Health Leadership through UNC-Chapel Hill. She has worked in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology since 2011 and is board-certified in Infection Control and Epidemiology by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC). Ashley has performed infection control assessments in various healthcare settings, including outpatient offices, health departments, dialysis facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, and behavioral/mental health facilities. She has also authored numerous educational materials and tools for healthcare facilities and delivered numerous educational sessions.

**Elaine Marshall, RN, BSN, MHA, CEN**

Elaine has been in the nursing profession for over 30 years. Nursing has afforded her the ability to work in a variety of nursing disciplines, from Emergency Medicine, Primary Care, Education, and now Occupational and Employee Health. During her time as a nurse, she has invested in her professional organizations, serving as the Government Affairs Representative for the NC Emergency Nurses Association and the NC Emergency Nursing Association State President for North Carolina. She has served in many leadership roles over the course of her career, but is grateful that her time is now spent leading the departments that care for her peers at UNC Health.

**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.

**William A. Rutala, PhD, MPH**

Dr. Rutala is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina's School of Medicine. He 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 700 publications (peer-reviewed articles, books, book chapters, brief reports) in the fields of disinfection and sterilization, including several guidelines (e.g., the 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 in microbiology from Rutgers University, his master's degree in microbiology from the University of Tennessee, and both his master's in public health and his 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.

**Donna Rutala, BSN, JD**

Donna 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 JD 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.