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September 22 & 23, 2025

At A Glance: Monday September 22

You are welcome to attend any workshop you'd like in each block!

7:00 – 8:00a		Registration and Free Coffee in Conference Center Lobby
Block 1 8 – 12:30p (break at 9)	Workshop A	2025 Intestinal Protozoa Update (Organisms, Clinical Relevance, Test Options) <i>Lynne Garcia, MS, CLS, BLM, F(AAM) – LSG & Associates</i> Sponsored by 
	Workshop B	Microbiology Specimen Management and Diagnostic Stewardship <i>Robert C. Jerris, PhD, D(ABMM) – Advanced Diagnostics, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta</i> <i>J. Michael Miller, PhD, D(ABMM) – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Retired)</i>
	Workshop C	Applying NGS in Infectious Diseases: From Theory to Real-World Use <i>Emily Snavey, PhD, D(ABMM) – University of Virginia Health System</i>
9 - 10:30p		Coffee, Snacks, Exhibits, Games Coffee Sponsored by 
12:30 - 2:30p		Lunch Buffet, Exhibits, Posters Game Winners Announced (must be present to win)
Block 2 2:30 – 5:00p	Workshop D	2025 Blood Parasite Update (Organisms, Clinical Relevance, Test Options) <i>Lynne Garcia, MS, CLS, BLM, F(AAM) – LSG & Associates</i> Sponsored by 
	Workshop E	What is New in Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing? <i>Romney Humphries, PhD, D(ABMM) – Vanderbilt University Medical Center</i>
5:00 – 6:00p		WINE AND CHEESE VENDOR RECEPTION (Free to all)
6:00 – 7:00p	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	Measles Immunological Amnesia and the Outsized Benefits of Vaccination <i>Michael Mina, MD, PhD – MIT Public Health and Resilience Lab</i> ASCP CMLE Continuing Ed Credits not available for keynote address

Keynote Address

Monday September 22, from 6-7pm

Measles Immunological Amnesia and the Outsized Benefits of Vaccination

Michael Mina, MD, PhD



Michael Mina, MD, PhD is a Physician-Scientist whose work spans epidemiology and immunology of infectious diseases and vaccines, and the development of new mathematics and new biotechnologies. He is also a laboratory medicine physician.

He was previously a professor at Harvard School of Public Health, where his lab focused on the development of new synthetic biology approaches to measure and evaluate the immunologic repertoire to infections and vaccines across populations. He was also an assistant professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School and Associate Medical Director of Clinical Molecular Virology at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. He helped push initiate the COVID-19 testing platform at the Brigham and he founded, developed and helped to lead the COVID-19 testing platform at the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard, which provided testing for much of the Northeast US.

He has led or helped to lead numerous major scientific discoveries. For instance, he led the work that first uncovered that measles erases previously acquired immunological memory, in a process called Measles Immune Amnesia. He also helped to make the discovery that linked infection with EBV to Multiple Sclerosis. Dr. Mina also led much of the early work that led to the availability of rapid COVID-19 tests in the home and has published extensively on the distinctions in test characteristics when tests are used for public health versus medicine.

Dr. Mina serves as an advisor to state, federal and international governments, as a scientific advisor to major corporations and as a fractional Chief Medical or Science Officer to numerous biotechnology companies. He is the recipient of numerous national and international awards including from the NIH Director and most recently being honored with the Medical Merit Award from the Crown Prince of Bahrain for his support of that country during the pandemic.

Dr. Mina is also the co-director of the MIT Public Health and Resilience Lab – a center that is forging a path towards a sustainable public health ecosystem that is focused at the intersection of the private and public sectors.











About this Keynote session: Measles, once eliminated in the United States is now at risk of a resurgence owing to low vaccine uptake – in part owing to a perception that measles is just a benign childhood viral infection. However, many of the risks associated with measles rest in the impacts that the virus has on the immune system, both short and long term. This talk will describe the insidious long-term impact of measles infectious on erasing previously acquired immunological memory, in a process called Measles Immune Amnesia, and will show that before vaccines, measles immune amnesia was associated with as much as half of all childhood infectious diseases deaths – making the elimination of measles through measles vaccines one of the most important public health initiatives ever undertaken.

The Keynote Address and Wine & Cheese are free, but you must register online if not attending the conference

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At A Glance: Tuesday September 23

7:00 – 8:00a		Registration and Free Coffee in Conference Center Lobby
Block 1 8:00 – 9:00a	Session A	Blood Cultures Backwards and Forward <i>Matthew A. Pettengill, PhD, D(ABMM) – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital</i>
	Session B	Evidence-Based Laboratory Medicine Practice Guidelines <i>Donna Wolk, MHA, PhD, D(ABMM) – Geisinger</i>
	Session C	Challenges in the Diagnosis of Fungal Infections <i>Esther Babady, PhD, D(ABMM), FIDSA, FAAM – Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</i>
9:00 - 10:30a		Coffee, Snacks, Exhibits, Games
Block 2 10:30 – 11:30a	Session D	Utility of Digital Images Captured After 4 hours of Incubation on a Microbiology Laboratory Automation System in Guiding the Work-Up of Subcultures from Positive Blood Cultures <i>Melvilí Cintrón, PhD, D(ABMM) – Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</i> Sponsored by  <small>Innovating together</small>
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Block 3 Vendor Focused Talks 11:30 - 12:30p <small>ASCP CMLE Continuing Ed Credits not available for BLOCK 3 sessions</small>	Session G	CHROMagar So Bright – You Gotta Wear Shades: Paving the Way to Brilliant Detection and Differentiation <i>Nathan Ledeboer, PhD, D(ABMM), F(AAM) – Froedtert Health, Medical College of Wisconsin</i> <i>Norman Sharples, MS - CHROMagar</i> Presented by  <small>The Chromogenic Media Pioneer</small>
	Session H	Beyond the Genome: Discussing the Limitations of Genotypic Methods for Strain Discrimination <i>Phil Jessmon, PhD - Bruker</i> <i>Melissa Guenther, MPH, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} - New Hampshire Department of Health</i> Presented by 
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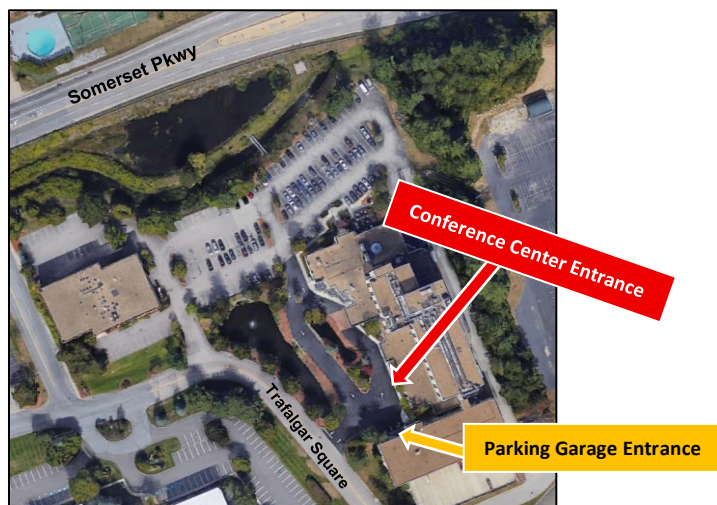
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Hotel Rooms



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Full Workshop and Session Descriptions and Objectives

Monday September 22, 2025		
Monday Block 1 8:00a – 12:30p (break at 9)	Workshop A	<p>2025 Intestinal Protozoa Update (Organisms, Clinical Relevance, Test Options) <i>Lynne Garcia, MS, CLS, BLM, F(AAM) – LSG & Associates</i> Sponsored by </p> <p>The program will provide updated information on ordering, specimen collection (including the Universal Fixatives), processing, testing, and reporting (including key report comments). Organism pathogenicity and clinical relevance will also be included, as will The PROS and CONS of routine vs molecular panel testing (including FDA clearance). Information will review optical scanning options and diagnostic potential. Specific algorithms will be discussed related to routine diagnostic work including the panel approach. The importance of result report comments will be discussed related to the diagnostic approach used. The importance of diagnostic work options, understanding of organism pathogenicity, cost of test options (labor intensive microscopy vs molecular options) and changing approaches to diagnosis will be discussed. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the pathogenicity of GI tract protozoa (including the microsporidia (now classified with the fungi) • Discuss the PROS and CONS of molecular vs routine diagnostic methods (including parasite panels and FDA clearance) • Review relevant organism microscopic morphologies and pros/cons of scanning options for diagnosis • Understand the PROS and CONS between panel and routine microscopic diagnostic result reporting • Review algorithms related to changes in parasitology identification/reporting of relevant pathogens.
	Workshop B	<p>Microbiology Specimen Management and Diagnostic Stewardship <i>Robert C. Jerris, PhD, D(ABMM) – Advanced Diagnostics, Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta</i> <i>J. Michael Miller, PhD, D(ABMM) – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Retired)</i></p> <p>This workshop will provide a foundation and support for the microbiology laboratory to strengthen its specimen management policy and offer insight into the laboratory's role in diagnostic stewardship. In addition to general policy outlines, topics will include both the clinical and diagnostic approaches for optimizing specimen results for blood, CSF and other body fluids, respiratory, gastrointestinal, genital, bone, joint, eye, urine, and wound specimens. Attendees will be engaged in evaluating their current processes and discussing how changes might be made when necessary. Specimen acceptance and rejection criteria will be emphasized, as will methods of communicating laboratory needs to physicians and staff who select and collect specimens. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline the policies of specimen management that will optimize diagnostic laboratory results in Microbiology • Describe the role of the microbiology laboratory in diagnostic stewardship • Review the processes of specimen selection, collection, transport, and storage that promote accurate results • Define acceptance and rejection criteria for microbiology specimens
	Workshop C	<p>Applying NGS in Infectious Diseases: From Theory to Real-World Use <i>Emily Snively, PhD, D(ABMM) – University of Virginia Health System</i></p> <p>This workshop offers a guided introduction to next-generation sequencing (NGS) and its expanding role in clinical microbiology. The session begins with a foundational overview of sequencing technologies—including whole genome, amplicon-based, and metagenomic approaches—before transitioning to case-based applications from both clinical and public health settings. Attendees will explore how NGS is being used for pathogen identification, outbreak investigation, and the resolution of diagnostically challenging cases, with examples drawn from the implementation and use of NGS at an academic health system. The session will also touch on key considerations when sending out versus bringing NGS testing in-house, and current efforts to define best practices through interlaboratory comparison. Whether you're looking to better understand NGS reports or evaluate how this technology fits into your lab's future, this session will offer practical insights grounded in real-world use. <i>Level: Basic</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain key concepts in next-generation sequencing, including differences among whole genome, amplicon-based, and metagenomic approaches. • Identify laboratory and clinical situations where NGS offers actionable diagnostic or epidemiologic insights. • Evaluate case-based examples to determine how NGS data can influence clinical decision-making or outbreak response. • Summarize emerging efforts to standardize infectious disease NGS workflows and assess interlaboratory variation.
Monday Block 2 2:30 – 5:00p	Workshop D	<p>2025 Blood Parasite Update (Organisms, Clinical Relevance, Test Options) <i>Lynne Garcia, MS, CLS, BLM, F(AAM) – LSG & Associates</i> Sponsored by </p> <p>The program will provide comprehensive information on diagnostic medical parasitology for human parasitic infections (Blood Parasites). Extensive information on life cycles, pathogenesis, clinical disease, diagnosis and organism morphology, reporting and report comments, epidemiology, and control will be covered. Risk management issues regarding STAT tests and potential errors will also be discussed. Blood parasites now endemic within the U.S. will also be covered. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss STAT nature of requests and why this is necessary; the importance of report comments. • Explain potential parasitemia/diagnostic problems with patients from endemic vs non-endemic areas • Discuss clinical relevance of rapid malaria tests • Review morphologic differences of the five species of human malaria • Discuss issues related to blood parasites now endemic within the United States.


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Tuesday Block 2 10:30 – 11:30a	Session D	<p>Utility of Digital Images Captured After 4 hours of Incubation on a Microbiology Laboratory Automation System in Guiding the Work-Up of Subcultures from Positive Blood Cultures <i>Melvili Cintrón, PhD, D(ABMM) – Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center</i> Sponsored by  Innovating together</p> <p>Rapid availability of organism identification (ID) and antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) results is crucial for the proper management of patients with bloodstream infections. However, a limiting factor is the overnight incubation required for isolating bacteria in solid media from positive blood cultures (BC). Microbiology Laboratory Automation (MLA) provides the ability to capture digital images that allow for early review of cultures without disturbing the incubation conditions. This in turn can facilitate early ID and AST. In this talk, the utility of a 4 h image for blood culture work up will be discussed. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce Microbiology Laboratory Automation (MLA) • Understand MLA's benefits and limitations, implementation considerations, and impact of automating laboratory processes • Discuss the utility of early reading times using MLA and impact on blood culture workup
	Session E	<p>Emerging and Re-emerging Pathogens: An Update for Clinical Laboratorians <i>Ben T. Bradley, MD, PhD – ARUP Laboratories</i> Sponsored by </p> <p>In this lecture we will explore some recently emerging (mpox and influenza A(H5)) and re-emerging (measles and pertussis) pathogens that may be encountered in the clinical laboratory. Special emphasis will be placed on how these outbreaks originated and the role lab testing can play in helping control spread. A practical discussion will focus on challenges in assay validation for newly emerging or re-emerging pathogens and what steps your laboratory can take to be prepared for the next outbreak.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the environmental and societal causes that have led to the emergence and re-emergence of infectious agents • Describe challenges encountered by laboratories looking to develop assays for emerging and re-emerging pathogens • Explore how clinical, commercial, and public health laboratories can work in unison to improve patient access to infectious disease testing
	Session F	<p>Vaginal Cultures or NAAT for Vaginitis/ Vaginosis: What's the Verdict? <i>Phyu Thwe, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)^{CM} – Montefiore Medical Center</i></p> <p>Vaginitis is one of the leading causes of gynecological-related infection among women of all ages, resulting in a healthcare burden. The diagnostic methods for vaginitis/vaginosis have evolved over the past decade. Despite the widespread availability of highly sensitive and specific nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs), which have replaced microscopy-based diagnosis of bacterial vaginosis (i.e., Amsel score and Nugent scoring), the clinical utility of vaginal cultures remains unclear. Here, we will discuss the benefits and disadvantages of NAAT vs. vaginal cultures, with consideration on stewarding appropriate test utilization for vaginitis/vaginosis diagnosis. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the pathology and conventional diagnostic approaches for vaginitis/ vaginosis • Appreciate the evolution of testing methods for vaginitis diagnosis • Understand the clinical utility of genital cultures vs. molecular techniques for diagnosing bacterial/ Candida vaginitis/ vaginosis
Tuesday Block 3 Vendor Focused Talks 11:30a - 12:30p Continuing Ed Credits (CMLE) not offered for BLOCK 3 but we will offer special attendance rewards.	Session G	<p>CHROMagar So Bright – You Gotta Wear Shades: Paving the Way to Brilliant Detection and Differentiation <i>Nathan Ledebor, PhD, D(ABMM), F(AAM) – Froedtert Health, Medical College of Wisconsin</i> <i>Norman Sharples, MS - CHROMagar</i> Presented by </p> <p>Join us for an illuminating session on cutting-edge chromogenic media solutions for the detection and differentiation of clinically relevant pathogens, from CRE to CRAB, and to learn about the changes in hospital epidemiology prompting the need for screening.</p>
	Session H	<p>Beyond the Genome: Discussing the Limitations of Genotypic Methods for Strain Discrimination <i>Phil Jessmon, PhD - Bruker</i> <i>Melissa Guenther, MPH, MLS(ASCP)^{CM} - New Hampshire Department of Health</i> Presented by </p> <p>In this session, Phil Jessmon (IRBT Specialist) and Melissa Guenther (Program Manager, NH Department of Health) will explore the practical limitations of genotypic approaches—such as Whole Genome Sequencing—in modern laboratory settings. The talk will highlight the concept of advocating for the strategic use of phenotypic tools like the IR Biotyper® alongside genomic approaches. Through a real-world case study involving <i>Listeria monocytogenes</i>, the presenters will compare the relevance of genotypic versus phenotypic data in a public health setting and demonstrate how alternative methods can offer more actionable insights in certain contexts.</p>
	Session I	<p>Ceftobiprole: A New Instrument in the Toolbox <i>David P. Nicolau, PharmD, FCCP, FIDSA – Innoviva Specialty Therapeutics</i> Presented by </p> <p>This session will discuss the epidemiology and evolution of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>, overview of conventional therapeutic approaches and introduction of ceftobiprole to the antimicrobial armamentarium.</p>

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2:30 - 2:45p		<p>NACMID Business Meeting – All are welcome! <i>Andrew Berens, MBA, MLS(ASCP)^{CM}SM^{CM} – NACMID President</i></p> <p>Discuss organization finances, updates, and elections.</p>
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Block 4</p> <p>2:50 – 3:50p</p>	Session J	<p>“Parasite AI Has Entered the Chat”: Parasitology Finally Leads the Field in Clinical Microbiology <i>Marc Roger Couturier, PhD, D(ABMM) – NorDx Laboratory, MaineHealth</i></p> <p>Diagnostic parasitology has long suffered from stagnation of the methodology available to the average clinical laboratory. Largely, the microscope still serves as the primary detection modality with antigen and molecular testing only filling a small gap in the testing repertoire. Artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms have shown value in various disciplines of pathology, with diagnostic parasitology actually leading the field within microbiology. This session will explore three such advents of AI in clinical parasitology that are in use or in development. Such applications include the trichrome stain, modified acid-fast stain, and the wet mount examination, each for stool preparations. These advances have improved workflows as well as sensitivity and accuracy for diagnosing gastrointestinal parasites. Other areas of AI use in parasitology will be briefly discussed. <i>Level: Advanced</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the use of traditional parasitology testing for gastrointestinal parasites • Recognize the value and role of AI for trichrome stain interpretation and screening • Recognize the diagnostic yield and role of wet-mount screening with AI • Understand other emerging applications of AI in parasitology
	Session K	<p>Speeding to Solutions for Sepsis: Fast Phenotypic Susceptibility in the Era of Rapid Molecular Identification <i>Alexa Ekchian, MS, PA-C – bioMérieux</i> Sponsored by</p>  <p>This session will aim to discuss and understand the role of rapid molecular diagnostics for bloodstream infections and consider the importance of fast antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) in the septic patient. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the role of rapid molecular diagnostics for bloodstream infections • Consider the importance of fast antimicrobial susceptibility testing (AST) in the septic patient • Explore fast AST technologies • Discuss considerations for the implementation of fast AST
	Session L	<p>Lab Life After a New LIS and EMR: Epic Successes and Lessons Learned <i>Eric Ransom, PhD, D(ABMM) – University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine</i></p> <p>Are you switching to a new LIS or EMR? Maybe you recently transitioned or are an experienced Epic user curious how another health system improved their Epic system? This session will provide insight into switching an LIS and EMR across a large academic health system. The session will also highlight successful optimization efforts to better the life of the patient, provider, and lab. <i>Level: Intermediate</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the process of implementing a new LIS/ EMR • Describe the challenges at go-live and the resolutions • Recall the improvement initiatives involving lab workflow, provider ordering, and quality monitoring
<p>Tuesday</p> <p>Block 5</p> <p>4:00 - 5:00p</p>	Session M	<p>Panel Discussion: Reference Labs - Friend or Foe? Perspectives on Expansion into Hospital-Based Testing <i>Eric Ransom, PhD, D(ABMM) – University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center</i> <i>Matthew A. Pettengill, PhD, D(ABMM) – Thomas Jefferson University Hospital</i> <i>Beverly L. Orr, MT(ASCP) – Tufts Medical Center</i> Moderated by: <i>Christopher Doern, PhD, D(ABMM) – VCU Health System</i></p> <p>As hospital Microbiology labs are increasingly acquired by reference laboratories, this panel will explore the clinical, operational, and workforce implications of this shift. Experts will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of consolidation/ acquisition, including impacts on turnaround times, diagnostic stewardship, outbreak response, and onsite expertise. Attendees will gain insights into how these changes are shaping the future of Clinical Microbiology. <i>Level: Basic</i></p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describe the key operational and clinical factors driving the acquisition of hospital microbiology labs by reference labs • Evaluate the potential benefits and drawbacks of reference lab acquisition on diagnostic accuracy, turnaround times and patient care outcomes • Discuss the impact of lab acquisition on workforce structure, onsite expertise, and training opportunities for microbiologists

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NACMID serves all of **New England and New York** and membership is open to anyone interested in Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease. Annually, all states come together for a two-day program featuring General Sessions of various topics.

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