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**2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Sheraton Nashua  
11 Tara Blvd.  
Nashua, New Hampshire 03062  
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**GUEST SPEAKERS**

**KEYNOTE SESSION**

**Kimberly Hanson, MD, MHS**  
ARUP, University of Utah

**Kevin Alby, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
Brown University Health

**Greg Berry, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
New-York Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center

**Cheston Cunha, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA**  
Brown University Health

**Sara Geffert, MD, MS, D(ABMM), M(ASCP)**  
Brown University Health

**Romney Humphries, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

**Nicole Loeven, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
Dartmouth Health

**Isabella Martin, MD D(ABMM)**  
Dartmouth Health

**Kimberlee Musser, PhD**  
Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health

**Marisa Nielson, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
Boston Medical Center, Boston University

**Rebecca O'Toole, PharmD**  
Brown University Health

**David Peaper, MD, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
Yale New Haven, VA Connecticut

**Ryan Relich, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>SM<sup>CM</sup>**  
Mayo Clinic

**Kyle Rodino, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania

**Kileen Shier, PhD, MBA, D(ABMM)**

**Lars Westblade, PhD, D(ABMM)**  
NewYork- Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center

## DAY 1

### Monday, September 21st

7:00am– 8:00am	Registration   Coffee
8:00am- Noon	Workshops
Workshop A	<b>Morphology, Microscopy, and Moulds: A Practical Guide to Identification</b> <i>Lars Westblade, PhD, D(ABMM)</i> <i>NewYork- Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center</i>
Workshop B	<b>The Circle of Life for a Lab Test, Implementation to Retirement and Everything in Between</b> <i>Isabella Martin, MD D(ABMM) and Nicole Loeven, PhD, D(ABMM)</i> <i>Dartmouth Health</i>
9:00am-10:30am	Coffee Break
Noon- 2:30pm	Lunch   Exhibits   Posters
2:30pm- 5:00pm	Workshops
Workshop C	<b>“AST Me Anything!” Addressing YOUR Questions on AST</b> <i>Romney Humphries, PhD, D(ABMM), Vanderbilt University Medical Center</i>
Workshop D	<b>A Practical Guide to Molecular Microbiology Assays in the Clinical Laboratory</b> <i>David Peaper, MD, PhD, D(ABMM)</i> <i>Yale New Haven, VA Connecticut Hospital</i>
5:00pm- 6:00pm	Wine and Cheese Hour
6:00pm- 7:00pm	<b>KEYNOTE SESSION: Sponsored by ARUP Laboratories (No CMLE Offered)</b> <b>Metagenomic Next-Generation Sequencing for Infectious Diseases: A Clinical Reality Check</b> <i>Kimberly Hanson, MD, MHS, ARUP, University of Utah</i>

## DAY 2

### Tuesday, September 22nd

7:00am– 8:00am	Registration   Coffee
8:00am- 8:30am	Session Block 1 (No CMLE Offered)
Session 1A	<b>Presented by deepull: Blood, Bugs, and Resistance- Direct from Blood Pathogen and AMR Detection</b> <i>Kimberle Chapin, MD, D(ABMM), FACP, deepull</i>
Session 1B	<b>Presented by Hologic: Trust More than Your Gut- Panther Fusion GI Assays</b> <i>Melissa Maxwell-Stropes, PhD, Hologic</i>
8:40am- 9:10am	Session Block 2 (No CMLE Offered)
Session 2A	<b>Presented by Diasorin: Evaluation of the Analytical and Clinical Performance of the LIAISON MeMed BV Assay at a Tertiary Cancer Center</b> <i>Melvilí Cintrón, PhD, D(ABMM), Memorial Sloan Kettering</i>

## DAY 2 (CONTINUED)

Session 2B	<b>Presented by Bruker: Advancing Clinical Microbiology: Bruker’s Latest Diagnostic Innovations</b> <i>Kenneth Oliveira, Bruker Scientific, LLC</i>
9:10am- 10:45am	Coffee and Light Breakfast   Exhibits
10:45am- 11:00am	NACMID Business Meeting
11:15am- 12:15pm	Session Block 3
Session 3A	<b>Medically Important Yeasts</b> <i>Lars Westblade, PhD, D(ABMM)</i> <i>NewYork- Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center</i>
Session 3B	<b>What Your Reference Lab Wants You to Know</b> <i>Kileen Shier, PhD, MBA, D(ABMM)</i>
Session 3C	<b>When Time Counts- Addressing Diagnostic Gaps with Rapid Diagnostics to Improve Patient Care</b> <i>Greg Berry, PhD, D(ABMM)</i> <i>New-York Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center</i>
12:30pm- 1:30pm	Lunch   Exhibits
1:40pm- 2:40pm	Session Block 4
Session 4A	<b>Vector-Borne Disease Diagnostics in New England: Current and Future</b> <i>Kyle Rodino, PhD, D(ABMM)</i> <i>Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania</i>
Session 4B	<b>Beyond the Usual Suspects: Novel and Emerging Viruses in a Changing World</b> <i>Ryan Relich, PhD, D(ABMM), MLS(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>SM<sup>CM</sup></i> <i>Mayo Clinic</i>
Session 4C	<b>Antibiotic Pearls and Pitfalls: Bugs, Drugs, and Stewardship</b> <i>Cheston Cunha, MD, FACP, FIDSA, FSHEA</i> <i>Rhode Island Hospital and Miriam Hospital, Brown University</i>
2:50pm- 3:50pm	Session Block 5
Session 5A	<b>A Decade of Clinical NGS in the Mycobacteriology Lab: Test Development to Clinical and Public Health Impact</b> <i>Kimberlee Musser, PhD</i> <i>Wadsworth Center, New York State Department of Health</i>
Session 5B	<b>Medical Device Recalls: A Practical Approach and Call for Help</b> <i>David Peaper, MD, PhD, D(ABMM), Yale New Haven, VA Connecticut</i>
Session 5C	<b>Stop Changing Things: How to Navigate Challenging CLSI Updates</b> <i>Kevin Alby, PhD, D(ABMM), Brown University Health</i>
4:00pm- 5:00pm	<b>Reasons Behind the Requests: Patient Cases with Specific ABX Needs</b> <i>Sara Geffert, MD, MS, D(ABMM), M(ASCP), Brown University Health</i> <i>Marisa Nielson, PhD, D(ABMM), Boston Medical Center, BU</i> <i>Rebecca O’Toole, PharmD, Brown University Health</i>

## REGISTRATION AND HOTEL INFORMATION

Early Bird Registration Deadline: August 15<sup>th</sup>  
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Hotel Room Block (\$169/night)  
Booking Deadline August 31<sup>st</sup>

Registration, Session Descriptions, and Hotel Reservation Link  
[nacmid.org/2026-conference](http://nacmid.org/2026-conference)

Keynote Session + Wine & Cheese Hour are free. Non-conference attendees must register online.

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