

THE 2012 FUNGAL INFECTION OUTBREAK: ANATOMY of the OUTBREAK INVESTIGATION

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Dr. Kainer was the first to recognize cases of fungal meningitis related to spinal injections using contaminated steroid medication and led the recent fungal meningitis outbreak investigation at the Tennessee Department of Health. Her timely recognition and effective action triggered an almost immediate recall of contaminated product and the national investigation of what turned out to be a large, multi-state outbreak. Her action saved lives by identifying the problem, removing the source and assuring appropriate therapy for those who had, until then, undiagnosed disease. Throughout the events related to this outbreak, she has played a leadership role on the national level in elucidating the epidemiology and impact of the fungal meningitis epidemic. Dr. Kainer will provide the compelling first-hand story of the origins and course of this major national epidemic, its impact and the lessons learned.

Dr. Kainer obtained her medical degree and masters of public health in Melbourne, Australia. She is an adult infectious diseases physician and healthcare epidemiologist and joined the Tennessee Department of Health in 2003. Dr. Kainer is the chair of the healthcare associated infections [HAI] subcommittee of the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists [CSTE] and co-chairs the CSTE HAI data standards committee and co-chairs the antimicrobial resistance reporting working group. Dr. Kainer serves as the CSTE liaison to the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee [HICPAC], the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) steering committee, the NHSN change control board and the Emerging Infections Program (EIP) Active Bacterial Core (ABC) Surveillance Steering Committee. She serves on the public policy and governmental affairs committee of the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA). Dr. Kainer was named Tennessean of the Year by the Nashville based Tennessean newspaper and in 2013 was honored by the White House as a Champion of Change for Public Health and Prevention.



The Northeast Branch, American Society for Microbiology cordially invites you to our fourth 2013 dinner-lecture. This is an opportunity to “keep-pace” with current issues in microbiology and to network with other professionals in the field. This continuing medical laboratory education activity is recognized by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists as meeting the criteria for 1 CMLE credit.

Social Hour 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:30 pm

Lecture 7:30 pm

*Location: Embassy Suites Boston/Waltham
550 Winter Street, Waltham, MA 02451
(781) 890-6767*

Dinner: Artisanal Rolls with Sweet Butter, Baby Field Greens Salad, Choice of Classic Chicken Piccata, Dijon Crusted Salmon or Vegetable Vegan Short Stack, Shortcake with Seasonal Fresh Berries & Whipped Cream. Freshly Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee and Traditional or Herbal Teas.

*Fee: \$35 per person-members of NEB-ASM
\$40 per person - nonmembers
\$20 Students*

Registration/cancellation deadline: October 31, 2013. Confirmations will NOT be sent. Questions may be directed to Irene George at (508) 785-0126 or Pat Kludt at 617-983-6832.

Make check payable to: NORTHEAST BRANCH-ASM

Mail to: Irene George, NEB-ASM
PO Box 158.
Dover, MA 02030

OR register online at:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=g8sdygab&oeidk=a07e89b77t9462e64f8>



Directions

*Embassy Suites Boston/Waltham
550 Winter St., Waltham, MA 02451*

From Route 93 (Boston) - Take Route 93 South to I-90 (MA Turnpike) west. Follow to Route 128/95 North. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B (Winter St.). At the end of the exit ramp, turn right at the light. Then, at the top of the hill, bear right over the highway. Get into the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Route 93 (New Hampshire) - Take Route 93 South to Route 128/95 South. Take Route 128/95 South to exit 27B (Winter Street). Bear right off the ramp. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Mass. Turnpike - Take Mass. Turnpike to Route 128/95 North. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B (Winter St.). At the end of the exit ramp, take a right at the light. Then, at the top of the hill, bear right to go over the highway. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Route 3 - Take Route 3 to Route 128/95 South to Exit 27B (Winter St.) Bear right off the ramp. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From I-90 East - Take I-90 To Route 128/95 North. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B(Winter St.). At the end of the exit ramp, take a right at the light. At the top of the hill, bear right to go over the highway. Get in the lane for First Avenue. The hotel entrance is on First Avenue at the corner of First Avenue and Winter Street.

From Route 2 - Take Route 2 to Route 128/95 South. Take Route 128/95 to exit 27B (Winter St.) Bear right off the ramp. Follow to First Avenue. The hotel is in front of you.

Parking... There is ample free on-site parking.

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Name : _____

Facility: _____

Address : _____ Phone: _____

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Please indicate your choice of dinner: ___Chicken Piccata, ___Salmon, ___Vegetarian

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