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### Meeting Locations:

2023 Wisconsin Clinical Laboratory Network (WCLN) Regional Meetings:  
**September 13, 2023, The Grand Meridian**  
2621 N. Oneida St., Appleton, WI 54911  
**September 14, 2023, Holiday Inn Eau Claire South**  
4751 Owen Ayres Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701  
**September 19, 2023, Holiday Inn Madison at The American Center**  
5109 W. Terrace Dr., Madison, WI 53718

### Registration is required by September 6, 2023.

(A registration reminder will be sent via email prior to the meeting date.)

### Register online at:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7440549/2023-WCLN-Regional-Meetings>



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**2023 Regional  
Meetings**

**9/13/23 Appleton  
9/14/23 Eau Claire  
9/19/23 Madison**

## Program:

These three one-day regional meetings presented by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene (WSLH) offer clinical and public health laboratorians, infection preventionists, and state and local public health representatives the chance to strengthen their relationships through networking and discussions on relevant laboratory issues.

Join us as we discuss pathogens and events that are impacting the laboratory and our communities. We will provide a review of what we found and learned from our 2022-2023 WSLH surveillance program. We will share how the rapid integration of sequencing technologies in public health laboratories is benefiting public health. We will share new recommended strategies for testing and combating Hepatitis infections. You will be updated on our battle against antibiotic resistance in WI. You will learn more about the pathogens that have kept us busy this past year and which ones we are watching as the possible next threat to public health. We will discuss how the taxonomic name change of *Ochrobactrum* to *Brucella* impacts rule-out testing for possible bio-threat agents. We will provide some interesting case-studies and will wrap up the day with a panel discussion and provide some tools to help laboratories implement accepted revisions to breakpoints.

## Target Audience:

This meeting is intended **for all diagnostic laboratory scientists, and is focused on laboratory topics.**

As the laboratory often partners internally with infection prevention, and externally with state and local public health, we hope laboratories will extend an invitation to your facility **infection preventionists** to join us.

The WSLH extends an invitation to **both state and local public health partners** to join us as we strengthen relationships and enhance communications amongst the laboratory, infection prevention, and public health communities.

## Speakers:

### WSLH:

Allen Bateman, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Erin Bowles, BS, MT(ASCP)  
Megan Lasure, MPH  
Alana Sterkel, PhD, D(ABMM), SM(ASCP)<sup>CM</sup>

### Guest Speakers:

Caroline Mohr, MPH  
LabTAG members

## Agenda:

### WCLN 2023 Regional Meeting

#### ***"The WCLN Joins Harry Potter at Hogwarts"***

- 7:30 (Check-in & Refreshments)  
8:00 ***"Welcome to Hogwarts"...***  
(Welcome Remarks & Introductions)  
8:10 ***"The Sorting Hat Makes Sense of the Data"...***  
(Surveillance Updates)  
8:50 ***"Lesson in Transfiguration"...***  
(Rapid Adoption of Sequencing in Public Health Labs)  
9:25 ***"The Auror's Watch"...***  
(Emergent Pathogens and Pathogens to Watch)  
10:15 ***"A Quidditch Match – WCLN versus Hepatitis"...***  
(Recommended Strategies for Defeating Hepatitis)  
11:00 ***"Battling the Dementors"...***  
(Battling Antibiotic Resistance)  
12:45 ***"Solving the Clues for the Triwizard Tournament"...***  
(Case Studies)  
1:30 ***"Lessons in Defense Against the Dark Arts"...***  
(Updates to *Brucella* and Review of Rule-out Testing)  
2:20 ***"Preparing for the Ministry of Magic Regulations"...***  
(Implementing Accepted CLSI Revised Breakpoints)  
3:20 ***"Favorite Spells"...***  
(What I'll Take Back to My Lab)



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## Special Needs:

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), individuals requiring special accommodations must notify the program coordinator no later than two weeks prior to the meeting date selected.

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**Regional meetings are offered at no charge, with lunch, and morning and afternoon refreshment breaks provided.**

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