

2024 WCLN REGIONAL MEETING



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9/11/24 – Eau Claire | 9/12/24 – Neenah | 9/17/24 – 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 2023-2024 WSLH surveillance program. We will share and discuss the process of enteric surveillance from an epidemiological perspective to show the value of the clinical laboratory’s participation in enteric surveillance. We will discuss what happens after a clinical laboratory identifies a suspect select agent including exposure assessment, root cause analysis, and the importance of repeat risk assessment. We will also share what we do at the WSLH to support your laboratory when we confirm the identification of a select agent. We will have a fun Kahoot quiz with public health trivia. We will hear about GC susceptibility surveillance testing. We will discuss what to do in the event of a LIMS downtime and how to prepare for such. Finally, the day wouldn’t be complete without a couple of interesting case studies to test your diagnostic skills.

Agenda:

- 7:30 (Check-in & Refreshments)
- 8:00 **“A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away”**
(Welcome Remarks & Introductions)
- 8:15 **“Surveillance Droids: What News from the Galaxy”**
(Surveillance Update)
- 9:15 **“The Enterics Strike Back”**
(Enterics Surveillance)
- 10:15 **“Riddles of the Rebellion”**
(Case Study)
- 10:45 **“Sentinels of the Lab: Ensuring Safety Across the Galaxy”** (Suspect BT & Exposure Assessment)
- 12:45 **“Undergoing the Jedi Trials”**
(Kahoot Activity)
- 1:30 **“Balance in the Force – GC Susceptibilities**
(GC Susceptibility Surveillance Testing)
- 2:15 **“Mystery at the Jedi Temple”**
(Case Study)
- 2:35 **“The Downtime Menace”**
(Dealing with Extended Downtime)
- 3:20 **“May the Force Be with You”**
(Conclusions and Wrap Up)

Speakers:

WSLH:

Allen Bateman, PhD, D(ABMM)
Alana Sterkel, PhD, D(ABMM), SM(ASCP)
Erin Bowles, BS, MLS(ASCP)
Nicholas Mack, BS

Guest:

Anna Marciniak, BS, MLS(ASCP), CIC, LTC-CIP
Beth Ellinger, MS, MPH, CIC
David Payne, PhD
Erik Munson, PhD, D(ABMM)
Lisa Buchinger, MBA, MLS(ASCP)
Lynn Roberts, DVM, MPH
Rebecca LeMay, MSN, RN
Renee Pelch, MS, MLS(ASCP)





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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.

Registration:

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

Pre-registration is required. A reminder of registration will be sent via email prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Register online at:

https://uwmadison.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ctKS76owSmkKI0C

Registration Deadline:

September 4, 2024

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Questions? Give us a call or send an email!

Meeting Locations:

2024 Wisconsin Clinical Laboratory Network (WCLN) Regional Meetings:

September 11, 2024, Holiday Inn Eau Claire South

4751 Owen Ayres Court, Eau Claire, WI 54701

September 12, 2024, DoubleTree by Hilton Neenah

123 E Wisconsin Ave, Neenah, WI 54956

September 17, 2024, Holiday Inn Madison at The American Center

5109 W. Terrace Dr., Madison, WI 53718