



May 2026

Membership Meeting



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ATTENDANCE COUNTS!





Agenda As Follows:

OCHCA Public Health Updates

Chapter Business Meeting

- Approval of the April Member Minutes
- Regulatory Sharing
- Forward from Fumbles
- New Certifications
- National APIC Chapter Engagement
- Treasurer report
- Conference unveiling

Meeting Adjourned

Break

Educational Series: Unveiling the Unknowns of Vascular Access

- Seminar
- Skills practical



April Member Minutes



Association For Professionals In Infection Control Orange County Chapter 029

APIC Chapter 029 – Orange County is dedicated professional organization operating within the healthcare landscape of Orange County, California. Our fundamental purpose is to serve as a leader and indispensable resource in the specialized field of infection prevention, control and epidemiology within healthcare settings.

Member Meeting Minutes: 4/7/2026 @12:22p

**Meeting Location: St. Jude's Urgent Care Building
2251 Harbor Blvd, Fullerton, Ca 92835**

In person/Virtual Teams Meeting

Agenda Item	Presenter	Minutes	Time
1 Call to order	Emily Barnard	Emily called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Emily also reminded the members to scan the QR code to capture attendance. <u>Meeting agenda</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call meeting to order OCHCA Report Regulatory Sharing President Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Recognition Open Board positions APIC '26 Board Report Winter Mingle Event Promotion Round Table 	12:22-12:25
2 OCHCA Report	Dr. Zimmerman	<u>Respiratory Viruses:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flu: Declining but still elevated. Peak was later this season. Hospitalizations down from last year but still elevated. Predominantly Flu B now. RSV: Elevated but declining. Later season than usual; higher positivity than previous seasons. Hospitalizations elevated, similar to last year. Moderate activity statewide, high in Central Valley/Northern parts. CDPH extended monoclonal antibody recommendation for infants through April due to extended season. COVID-19: Little/no activity nationally, no winter wave in West Coast. 	12:25-12:45

		Northeast/Upper Midwest saw Jan/Feb bump.	
		<p>Measles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OC County: Only 2 case to date National: Stabilized after South Carolina peak, but still elevated activity. Global: Ongoing issue. High case counts (Aug-Jan) in India, Angola, Indonesia, Yemen, Pakistan, Mexico. Global cases in 2023 significantly higher than 2021 (359k vs 60k), still elevated in 2024. 	
3 Regulatory Sharing		<p>Joint Commission Survey Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mainly focused on facility environmental, infection control, and competency. Surprised by few pharmacy competency findings. <p>Sterilizable Probes (Ultrasound):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue: Probes contacting sterile sites (e.g., neurosurgery, pediatric heart, breast surgery, some GI) must be sterilizable, even with sterile covers. Often, non-sterilizable probes are being used. Key departments/procedures: Neurosurgery, pediatric heart surgery, breast surgery, spine surgery, some GI surgery. Finding Source: Joint Commission conference, and recent JC surveys. Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey OR/specific coordinators (spine, breast, etc.), not just OR director, to identify all relevant probe usage. Replace non-sterilizable probes with sterilizable ones. Implement proper reprocessing policies and procedures. Urgency: This is a serious, ongoing Joint Commission focus point. Act quickly if not already addressed. <p>Lab Survey Findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hazard Communication Plan: Must include ALL chemicals. Chemical Showers: Justify use, or risk assess if none exist (quantity, type of chemicals). Instrumentation/Staff Validation: Calibration for instruments; training/qualification for staff. 	12:30-12:35



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood Culture Contamination Rate: Review processes. • Lab Coats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Only worn while performing procedures, handling specimens, or actively drawing blood. ○ NEVER in hallways, cafeteria, gift shop (considered contaminated). ○ Remove if leaving designated work areas to prevent cross-contamination. • Blood Bank (New): Vitals/nursing components of blood administration no longer part of lab survey; moved to general hospital survey. • Pharmacy Surface Sampling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pharmacists typically not competent to read CFUs. Lab should perform or use third-party. ○ Considered high complexity test in CA; requires licensed lab. ○ Common finding: Pharmacy self-sampling without proper competency/licensing. ○ Recommend third-party (e.g., industrial hygiene firm) for monthly ISO 5/7, bi-weekly ISO 8 sampling. • Pharmacy General: Warmer temperatures for specimens, environmental pathogen control (not in ENT/clean room/office). • Other Findings: Jetted birth tubs not disinfected, un-processed dental burrs, sterilizer cycles out of parameters, non-surgical kitchen spoons used for clinical procedures (e.g., in physician trays). <p>Food/Eating in Healthcare Environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSHA/Joint Commission: "Healthcare built environment" rules for eating spaces are nuanced. • Risk Assessment: Essential if space is limited (e.g., no break room), especially in shared spaces or if weather prevents eating outside. • Key Controls: Hand hygiene, cleaning workspaces. • NEVER eat in the lab itself. • Contamination Concern: Avoid any mix with blood/urine/medical specimens. • Laundry Storage: Ensure lab coat/over-jacket laundry storage is not near eating areas to prevent cross-contamination. • Consider "Contaminated": Joint Commission emphasizes identifying and controlling contaminated items/areas. 	
4	All		

5	President's Report / New Business	Emily Barnard	<p>Certifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition: Scan QR code for certification pins (CVC, etc.). Multiple scans for multiple certs. <p>Orange County Chapter Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter Excellence Award: Recognized for innovation, technology, inclusivity. (One of two medium chapters). • Chapter Leader Award: President received individual award. • Conference Cost Reduction: Addressed disparity for long-term vs. acute care. <p>National APIC Conference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-Shirts: Scan QR code for a free chapter T-shirt to wear at National APIC. • Networking: Group chat/meet-ups planned for attendees. • T-Shirt Design: AI-generated, beach/Nashville theme with guitar. • Metrex Sponsorship: \$2500 award for one member (Ekaete Usoh) to attend, recognizing commitment and publications. • Board Representation: Strong board presence attending. • Dinner/Meet-ups: Attendees encouraged to connect for group activities. <p>Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postponed until tomorrow to allow more review time. 	12:35-12:45
6	Treasurer	Gina Martinek	<p>Financial Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 Expenses: \$2567 total. • CAC Dues: Funds reallocated from CAC dues fees to cover photographer cost. • Other Expenses: Self-explanatory (travel for conference). • Credit Card Application: Applied, awaiting finalization. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Benefits: Secured funds (protection against theft), generates rewards/cash back, e.g., \$600 for \$5000 spend in first 3-5 months. ○ Usage: Pay off immediately, no interest accrual. ○ Constraint: Must still follow budget. 	12:45-12:50



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7	President Elect	Claudia Skinner	No report	
8	Membership at Large Year 1	Vera Alfred	<p>Upcoming Education (May-Nov):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May: CLABSII Prevention • June: Dark (APIC Conference) • July: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (APIC members) • August: Communicable Diseases/Reportables (San Francis lab director; e.g., encephalitis). • September: HVAC Systems and Room Pressures • October: OC APIC Conference-Wahoo! • November: Waste Management Simplified • Speaker Offer: Sponsor speaker (IP from Northwestern via Metrex contract) 	12:50-12:55
9	Membership at Large Year 2	Stacie Fujimoto	<p>23rd Annual Conference (Oct 9th):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location: Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) – aimed at connecting IP professionals with nursing, public health, and bio students. • Planning Committee: First meeting April 29th, 11-12 • New Initiative: Seeking CMUs for providers (collaborating with physicians). • Confirmed Speaker: Rebecca Carpanzio (Bartels) (APIC National Executive Director) – research in IP. • Potential Speaker: President of AVA (sponsored by HB Fuller) – preventing hospital-onset bacteremia, recent guidelines. • Incentive: Planning Committee members get 50% off conference registration (limited spots). 	12:50-1:00
	Social Media	Todd Bloom	No report	
	Secretary	Michele Hom	No report	
	Vendor Report	Lindsay Kincaid	No report	
7	Round Table / Adjournment	All	No discussion	
8	Vendor Product Presentation:		Metrex	1:10-1:20

Board & Committee		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Attendance				Mar CACC									
President	Emily Barnard	Y					D						
President-Elect	Claudia Skinner	Y					R						
Treasurer	Gina Martinek	Y					K						
Secretary	Michele Hom	Y					National						
Member at Large Yr. 2	Stacie Fujimoto	Y					A						
Member at Large Yr. 1	Vera Alfred	Y					P						
Webmaster Director	Todd Bloom	Y					I						
Vendor Liaison (OPT)	Lindsay Kincaid	Ab					C						
Committee Member	Lilian Ablir	Y											
OC DPH Liaison	MJ "Mimi" Le	Ab											

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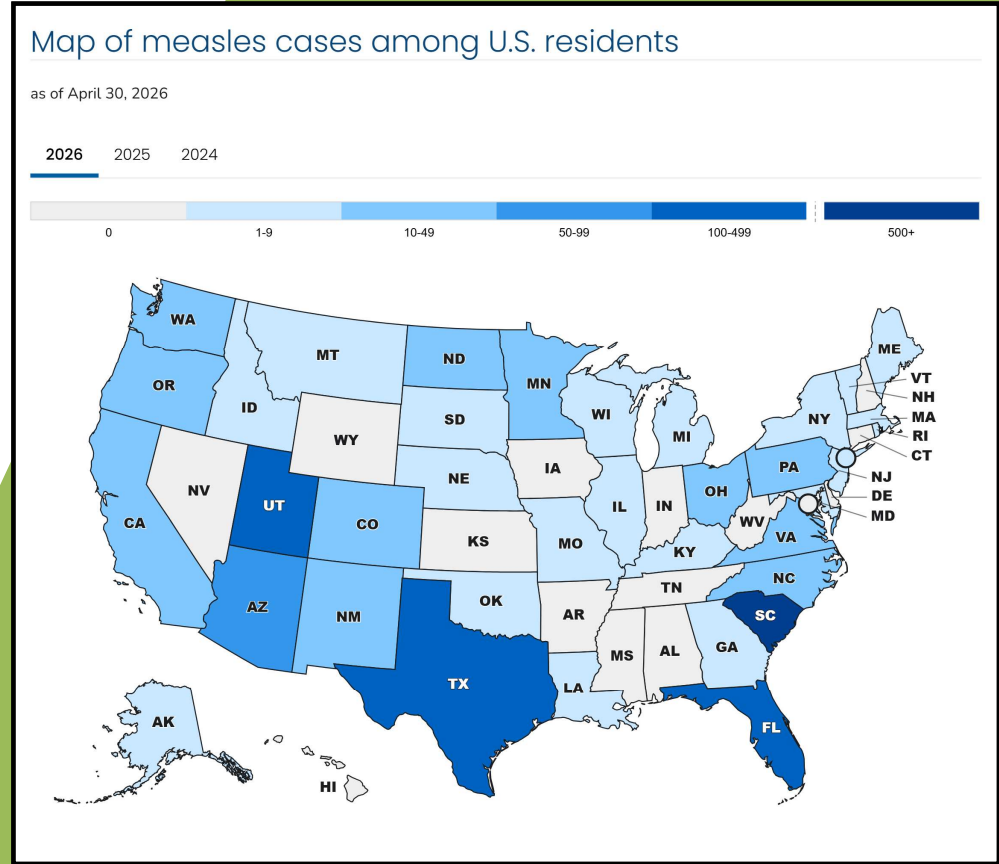
OC-APIC Updates

Anissa Davis, MD, MPH
Deputy Health Officer
Communicable Disease Control Division

May 5th , 2026

measles

- 1,814 cases in the US (as of 4/30/26); 2,288 and 3 deaths in 2025
 - 21% under 5yo; 51% 5-19yo; 105 hospitalized; 92% unvaccinated or unk status
- most cases since 1992
- 45 cases in CA (as of 4/27/26)
- 10,275 Cases and 10 deaths in Mexico (as of 4/30/26)
- Over 5,000 cases in Guatemala
- Globally in every continent
- 3 in OC
 - International travel
 - Traveled to a theme park
- Also cases from other counties that visited OC while infectious
- Vaccination is key
- Documentation status of staff
- Limiting exposures in healthcare facilities



What Providers & Facilities Can do

- **Document staff immune status NOW**
 - This will help avoid work exclusions
 - Give people time to find their documentation or to get titers drawn
- **Prepare for potential increased staffing needs to respond**
 - A single case linked to your facility can require significant effort and coordination with local officials for rapid notification and to ensure safety and health of staff and visitors.
- **Adjust clinical workflows and patient triage to minimize potential measles exposures**
 - Consider prescreening protocols
 - For patients with cough, conjunctivitis, fever or rash, recent visit to areas with outbreaks
 - Measles vaccination status
 - Consider:
 - Waiting outside
 - Isolation protocols
 - PPE protection

REVIEW CDPH QUICKSHEET AT
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OC mdro data exchange updates

Mimi Le, MPH
Senior Epidemiologist
Communicable Disease Control Division

May 5th, 2026



county-wide web-based MDRO data exchange

- Share of patients colonized with multi-drug-resistant organisms (MDRO) of concern
- Developed in response to increased identifications of emerging MDRO's
- A statewide data exchange not available
- Features
 - Patient look-up
 - Transfer notifications for participating healthcare facilities
 - Creating Interfacility Transfer Forms

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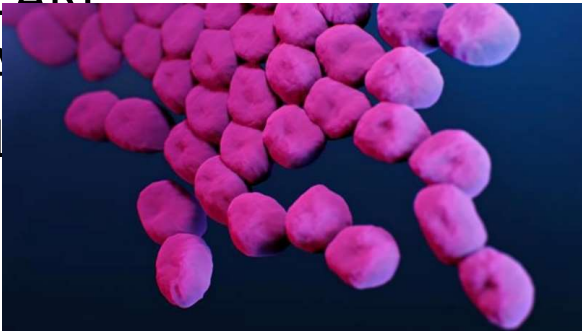
High priority mdros in the oc mdro data exchange



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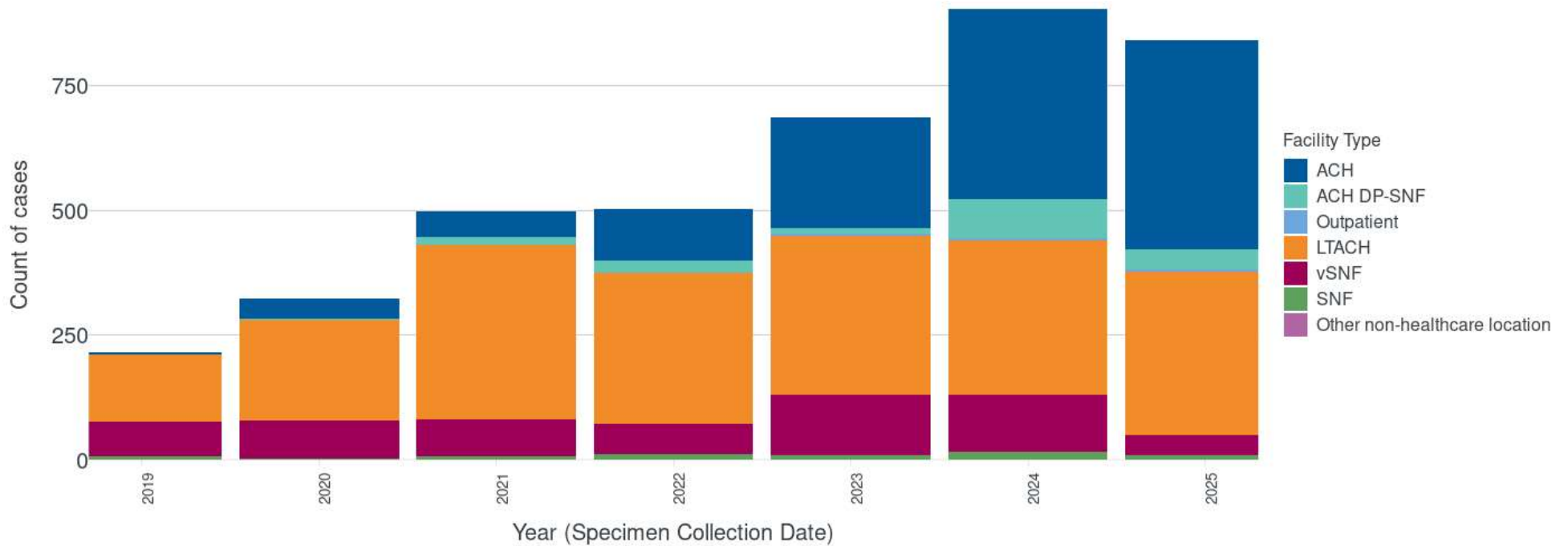
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Reported OC C. auris Cases by Year & Facility Type (n=3971)

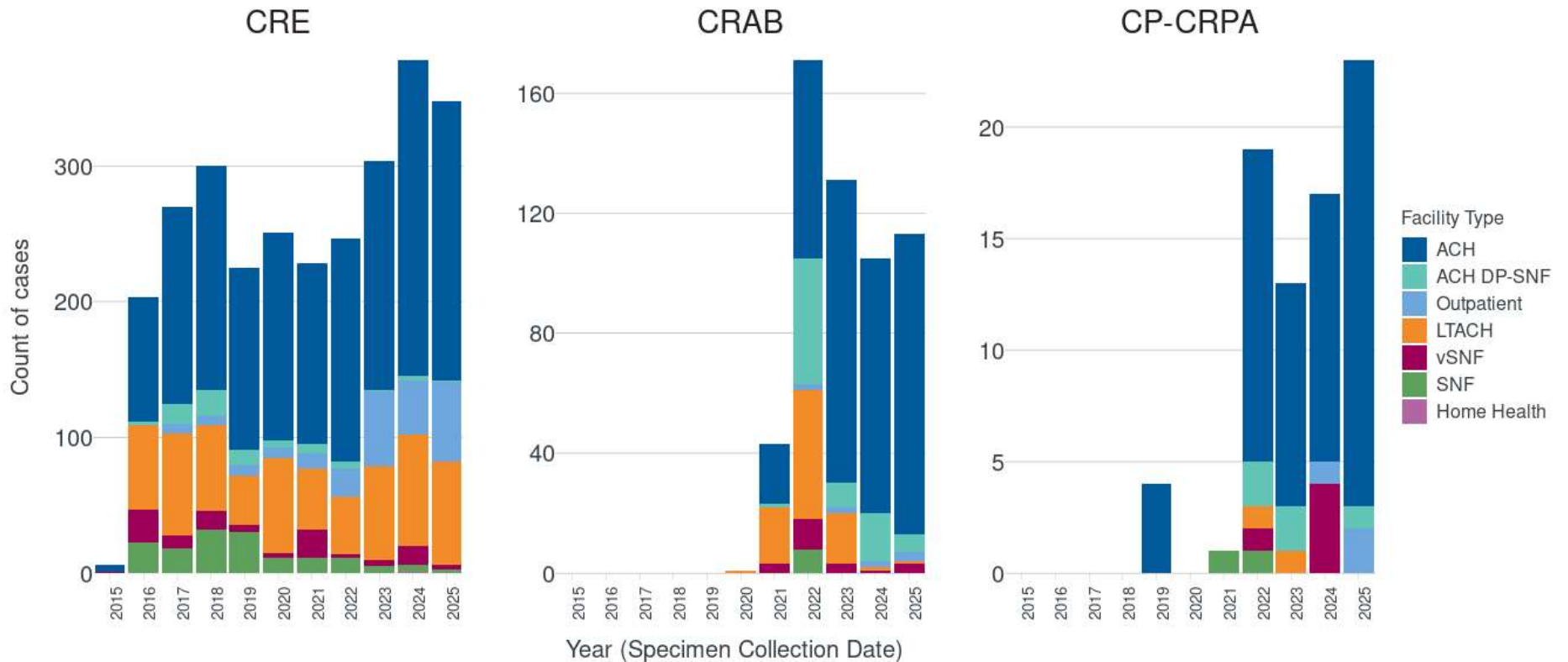
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Data is derived from Manual Reporting or Electronic Lab Reporting

Reported OC CRO Cases by Year & Facility Type (n=3538)

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Infection prevention actions for mdros

STOP CONTACT PRECAUTIONS STOP
EVERYONE MUST:

-  Clean their hands, including before entering and when leaving the room.

PROVIDERS AND STAFF MUST ALSO:

-  Put on gloves before room entry. Discard gloves before room exit.
-  Put on gown before room entry. Discard gown before room exit.
Do not wear the same gown and gloves for the care of more than one person.
-  Use dedicated or disposable equipment. Clean and disinfect reusable equipment before use on another person.

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Assessing mdro status from a new admission without a data exchange



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OC health CARE AGENCY INFECTION CONTROL TRANSFER FORM
This is a document used for information only. It is not a medical record. It is not to be used for billing or other purposes. It is not to be used for legal purposes.

Place any patient labels here.

Patient/Resident (Last Name, First Name): _____
Date of Birth: / / **MIN:** _____ **Transfer Date:** / /

Demographic:
Sending Facility Name: _____
Receiving Facility Name: _____
Receiving Facility Contact Name: _____ **Receiving Facility Contact Phone:** _____

Currently on transmission-based precautions? Yes, Reason: _____ No transmission-based precautions
 If Yes, check: Contact Droplet Airborne

Does the person have a history of a multidrug-resistant organism (MDRO) or other potentially transmissible infectious organism?

Organism	History of infection/colonization	Recent exposure or pending results
MRSA/VRE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Candida auris	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRAB/CRPA (Acinetobacter or Pseudomonas resistant to carbapenem antibiotic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CRE (E. coli, Klebsiella or Enterobacter resistant to carbapenem antibiotic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ESBL (E. coli or Klebsiella producing extended spectrum beta-lactamase)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. difficile	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (e.g., S. aureus, disseminated shingles, norovirus, flu, TB, etc.): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information if known: _____ No history of infection/colonization No recent exposure or pending results

Check any that currently apply:

Symptoms	Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough/uncontrolled respiratory secretions	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Incontinence of urine	<input type="checkbox"/> Vomiting
<input type="checkbox"/> Incontinence of stool	<input type="checkbox"/> Draining/open wounds
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other uncontained body fluid/drainage
	<input type="checkbox"/> Contacting rash (e.g., vesicular)
	<input type="checkbox"/> None applicable

Please send documentation related to medical history, e.g culture and antimicrobial susceptibility test results with applicable dates.

Person completing form/Title: _____
 Contact phone: _____
 Date: _____

Interfacility communication gaps



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C. auris
colonization
screening is repeated.

Interfacility communication gaps (cont.)



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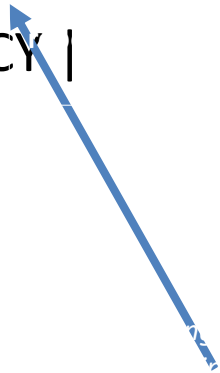
not known
transmission
based precautions &

Data for this exchange is fed through existing reporting pipelines



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Patients

Search for Patient by Name, DOB

SEARCH

ADVANCED

To begin your search enter a patient first name, last name and or date of birth.

For more options, select advanced.

Early results

- Launched in December 2024 with onboarding beginning early 2025
- Over 20 facilities have been onboarded including acute care hospitals, SNFs, and LTACHs
- Over 2,000 facility patient searches returned results since launch date
 - Each search that returns results has the potential to prevent unnecessary exposure

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**How can facilities
obtain access?**

- Email **HAI_EPI@ochca.com** for the **DUA** or **FAQ one-pager**
- DUA process
- User registration
- 1 hour training for your facility users

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WHAT ARE SOME BARRIERS?

- Staff capacity
- Buy-in from needed entities
- Any others?

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Thank you!



Regulatory Sharing

HOSPITAL SURVEY READINESS!

BE PREPARED!!
STAY COMPLIANT!
ENSURE QUALITY CARE!

PATIENT SAFETY | **INFECTION CONTROL** | **DOCUMENTATION REVIEW** | **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

POLICIES & PROCEDURES | **ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDS** | **STAFF TRAINING**

MOCK AUDITS

ALWAYS READY FOR SURVEY!

THE TIME IS NOW!

The infographic is a vertical poster with a light blue background. At the top, a woman in a blue suit holds a magnifying glass over a checklist. To her right are three upward-pointing arrows in red, green, and blue. Below this is a red banner with 'BE PREPARED!!', a blue banner with 'STAY COMPLIANT!', and a green banner with 'ENSURE QUALITY CARE!'. The middle section features four icons: a blue shield with a white cross, a green shield with gears, a clipboard with a magnifying glass, and a red emergency light. Below these are the labels 'PATIENT SAFETY', 'INFECTION CONTROL', 'DOCUMENTATION REVIEW', and 'EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS'. The bottom section shows three scenes of hospital staff: doctors at a table, a nurse at a hand sanitizer station, and a nurse at a table. Below these are the labels 'POLICIES & PROCEDURES', 'ENVIRONMENTAL ROUNDS', and 'STAFF TRAINING'. At the very bottom, there is a clipboard with a checklist labeled 'MOCK AUDITS', a large orange banner with 'ALWAYS READY FOR SURVEY!', and a clock showing approximately 1:50 with the text 'THE TIME IS NOW!' below it.



Forward from Fumbles





CBIC Certification Pins

Recently Certified?

Let us know and receive a pin!

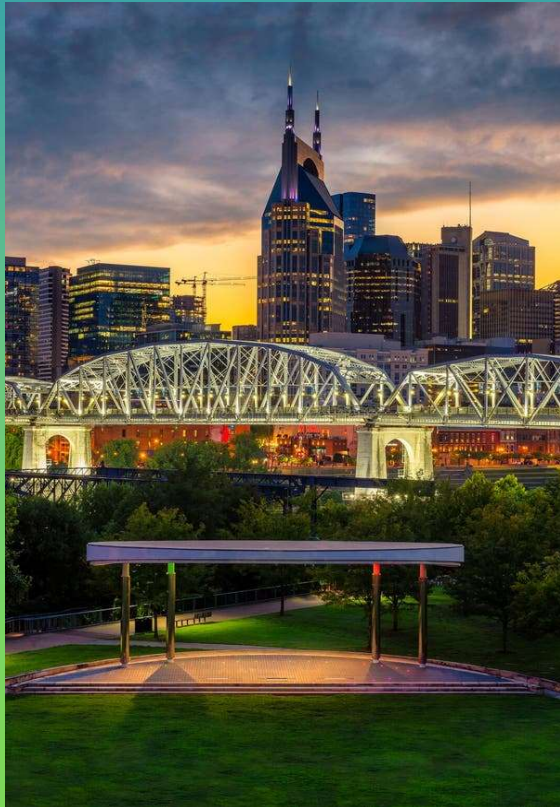


CBIC Certification





2026 Chapter Awards



April 1, 2026

Dear Emily:

Congratulations to the APIC Orange County Chapter on your selection as the 2026 APIC Chapter Excellence Award recipient in the Medium Chapter category. You will be recognized during APIC's 2026 Annual Conference (June 15-17) at the 2026 Chapter Leader Day on Sunday, June 14th as well as in the opening general session on Monday, June 15th.

The Chapter Excellence Award recognizes chapters that have aligned their members and resources to support APIC's mission and strategic plan. The award includes a decorative banner your chapter can use to highlight this achievement during chapter meetings, events, or conferences. Based on the award application, your chapter will be listed as:

APIC Orange County Chapter

The Chapter Excellence Award also includes a \$500 gift certificate redeemable for APIC products and services that will be emailed to you in the coming weeks.

Again, congratulations on your award. We appreciate your dedication to the profession, to your chapter, and to APIC.

Sincerely,

Andrew Donovan, BSN, RN, CIC

Chair, 2026 APIC Member Engagement Committee



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March 31, 2026

Emily Barnard, MPH, AL-CIP, CIC, HACP-CMS, CDIPC, CER
Orange County APIC Chapter 029

Dear Emily:

Congratulations on being selected for the 2026 APIC Chapter Leader Award. You are being honored for your leadership, achievements in developing your member community, and efforts to advance infection prevention. You will be recognized during APIC's 2026 Annual Conference (June 15-17) at the 2026 Chapter Leader Day on Sunday, June 14 as well during the opening general session on Monday, June 15.

This award includes a plaque. Based on the award application, you will be listed as:

Emily Barnard, MPH, AL-CIP, CIC, HACP-CMS, CDIPC, CER

Again, congratulations on your award. We appreciate your dedication to the profession, to your chapter, and to APIC.

Sincerely,

Andrew Donovan, BSN, RN, CIC
Chair, 2026 APIC Member Engagement Committee

cc: Mary Ann DeMaet

Membership Engagement APIC 2026



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JUNE 15-17  NASHVILLE

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OC APIC Claim Your Shirt!!

Scan the QR code to **secure your chapter pride shirt**, and stay engaged: members and vendors welcome.

We look forward to connecting and building our IP community together.





Treasurer Report

Income so far from member dues and vendor sponsorships \$3823.74

Would like to be able to associate which vendor made which payment. Will get with Emily

Switching payment platform from Paypal to Zeffy

Will create new payment link for any Vendor sponsorship.

EXPENSES	Description	Budget	1/1-3/31	4/1-6/30
Fees for Service - Microsoft	Fees for contractors, legal, accounting and auditing professionals	\$ 600.00	72.00	48.00
Office expenses - Mail Merger	conference		65.25	21.75
Office supplies/Technology		\$ 400.00	-	-
Technology (AV Equipment)			-	-
Chapter business expenses	Travel, registration, etc		-	-
Conference	Travel and lodging (Emily and Vera)	\$ 5,230.00	909.60	1,430.00
Annual OC APIC Conference		\$12,000.00	-	-
PWSA Conference			-	-
Install/Holiday Luncheon	prevention exempt organizations	\$ 1,000.00	-	-
	Reallocated CACC expenses (\$2000) to Education Fund - Discussed in Feb 2026 Board meeting		-	-
Education reimbursement (scholarship)		\$ 5,100.00	-	-
Insurance			-	-
APIC Bonding Renewal	transfers, stop payments	\$ 600.00	551.95	-
CACC Dues/Renewal fees		\$ 1,012.50	838.00	-
CACC Foundations Seed Money		\$ 100.00	-	-
	Linda Dickey donated her \$100 back to chapter. Reallocated to Education Scholarship		-	-
Monthly Education		\$ 400.00	-	-
Bank charges			-	-
Sunshine Fund	Lindsay - Child birth \$50	\$ 100.00	-	50.00
	CBIC pins (6 ~\$60) = \$120 Small speaker gifts (<\$15) = \$135 Shirts for ALL OC APIC members attending National APIC in Nashville (12 shirts ~\$150) = \$150		-	-
Member Engagement		\$ 405.00	-	-
Plaques		\$ 250.00	130.38	-
Board Gifts		\$ 500.00	73.27	-
BRN Number			-	-
	Monthly Meeting Lunches pulled from Vendor Sponsorships		-	269.35
Other			-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES		27,697.50	2,640.45	1,819.10
NET INCOME / (LOSS)		(1,347.50)	108.29	(744.10)



Education Planning

Month	Topic Presentation Title
May	CLABSI Prevention
June	DARK
July	Diversity, Equity, Inclusion - APIC
August	Communicable Diseases - Lab Overview
September	HVAC Systems and Room Pressures
October	Conference
November	Waste Management Simplified
December	Holiday Party



SAVE THE DATE

OC APIC Presents

23rd Annual Conference

Friday October 9th, 2026
California State University Fullerton,
Titan Student Union Pavillion A



**GROWING ROOTS,
STRENGTHENING
CONNECTION**



OC APIC CONFERENCE 2026

Growing Roots Strengthening Connection

Friday October 9th 2026 8am-4pm



California State
University Fullerton
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Learn, connect, grow.
Invest in your
professional
advancement

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Titan Student Union Pavillion A
California State University Fullerton

Save the Date

Growing Roots, Strengthening Connection





Round Table

Open Positions

Colleague Corner

ASKING
FOR HELP IS
OK

MDRO Practice Support
Questionnaire



Ask the Membership Column

Support a Colleague,
Scan the QR Code

MDRO Practice Support Questionnaire:

Does your organization:

- Isolate for MRSA infection
- Isolate for MRSA colonization (nares)
- Universal daily CHG bathing/treatment for all patients
- Targeted CHG treatment: "high risk" patients (i.e. ICU, central line, urinary catheter, MDRO pts)

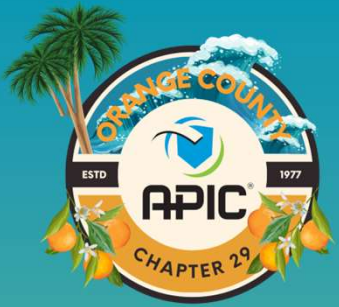
MDRO Isolation Inquiry:

Does your organization:

- Isolate for ESBL (active/colonization)
- Isolate for VRE (active/colonization)

What evidence did you use (evidence-based practices, hospital risk assessment, etc?)

Please share rational with info@ocapic.org



Membership Meeting Adjourned



May 5, 2026
Meeting Attendance



The graphic has an orange background with a QR code in the center. It features the APIC Chapter 29 logo on an orange slice in the top right and several orange slices at the bottom. Faint orange slice icons are scattered in the background.



ADAM OKADA,
CRCST, CSPDT,
CIS, CER, CHL

CLINICAL EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

Adam Okada has 19 years of experience in Sterile Processing and is passionate about helping improve the quality of patient care by giving SPD professionals and their infection prevention partners greater access to education and information. He has worked in just about every position in the Sterile Processing Department including Case Cart Builder, SPD Tech I, II, and III, Lead Tech, Tracking System Analyst, Supervisor of both SPD and HLD, Manager, and now as an Educator.

Adam is currently a Clinical Education Specialist at Healthmark, a Getinge company, where he works on Healthmark webinars and hybrid events, educational videos, as well as the Ask the Educator Podcast with Kevin Anderson.

