

Infection Prevention and Control:

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Dr. Stone is a Senior Advisor for Long-term Care Partnerships within CDC's Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. In this role she works closely with long-term care providers, state and local health departments and other stakeholders to implement infection prevention and control practices and increase quality and safety for residents and staff in long-term care settings. She is a Board-certified infectious disease physician with over 10 years of experience developing guidance, surveillance resources, and programs to track and prevent infections and antibiotic resistant pathogens in post-acute and long-term care settings. Dr. Stone and her colleagues have been leading the development of guidance, education and implementation resources for COVID prevention and response activities in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.



Michael Wasserman MD, CMD



Dr. Michael Wasserman is a geriatrician who has devoted his career to serving the needs of older adults. He has been a tireless advocate for vulnerable older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic, with multiple peer reviewed publications and television appearances.

He is Chair of the Public Policy Committee for the California Association of Long-Term Care Medicine and presently serves on the Infrastructure workgroup for the National Advisory Committee on Seniors and Disasters. He served as a member of the National Academy of Science's "A Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus" Committee and was a member of California's Community Vaccine Advisory Committee.

He is Editor-in-Chief of Springer's upcoming textbook, *Geriatric Medicine: A Person-Centered Evidence Based Approach*. He previously served as Chief Executive Officer overseeing the largest nursing home chain in California. Prior to that, he was the Executive Director, Care Continuum, for the QIN-QIO for California.

In 2001 he co-founded Senior Care of Colorado, which became the largest privately owned primary care geriatrics practice in the country, before selling it in 2010. In the 1990's he was President and Chief Medical Officer for GeriMed of America, a Geriatric Medical Management Company, and developed GeriMed's Clinical Glidepaths in conjunction with Drs. Flaherty and Morley of St. Louis University's School of Medicine Geriatric Division.

In 1989, in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*, Doctor Wasserman published "Fever, White Blood Cells and Differential Count in Diagnosing Bacterial Infection in the Elderly," the findings of which are now part of the McGeer Criteria, used widely in nursing homes to evaluate residents for infections.



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Angela Vassallo is a nationally recognized expert in Infection Prevention and Epidemiology. Her company, Angela Vassallo, LLC, works in healthcare, schools, corporate offices, nonprofits, and film/tv/media – including BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, Complex, Netflix, The Lincoln Project, 40 Acres and a Mule, and many others.

Angela is certified in Infection Prevention and Control (CIC) and is a Fellow of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (FAPIC). She has a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, a Master of Science (MS) in Healthcare Management from West Coast University in Los Angeles, and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Service from the American University in Washington, DC.

She is on the national Board of Directors of the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC). Her previous national leadership roles include being Past-Chair of the APIC Communications Committee. In this role, APIC increased their use of social media, created and launched a podcast, and produced numerous infographics. She was the first US Infection Preventionist to use social media to share Infection Prevention messaging and best practice guidance in 2015 during the Ebola pandemic. She is also Past-President of California APIC and Greater Los Angeles APIC.

Angela has worked just about everywhere. Skilled Nursing Facilities. Long-Term Care. Ambulatory Surgery Centers. Acute Care Hospitals. Public Health. Barneys (RIP). She enjoys mentoring future Infection Prevention leaders and helped design the first Infection Prevention Graduate program for Providence University in 2016. Angela was featured in Beckton Dickson's (BD) global antimicrobial resistance fighter campaign and was nominated Healthcare Manager of the Year by the Los Angeles Business Journal in 2014. She speaks French, Spanish, and Italian.

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Swati Gaur MD MBA is the Chief Medical Officer for Senior Care Office, and medical director for post-acute care at Northeast Georgia Health System. She is a medical director for Alliant Health Solutions, a CMS Quality Improvement Organization. She is a member of Georgia Strike and Support Team with Georgia Department of Public Health and University of Georgia. She serves on the executive committee on the board of the Society for Post-Acute Long-Term Care Medicine (PALTC).

Dr. Gaur is Clinical Assistant Professor at Augusta University. She is Board certified in Internal Medicine, Geriatrics and Hospice and Palliative Medicine. She has served as Chair of Infection Advisory Committee in the Society for PALTC and was instrumental in creating COVID-19 Task Force issuing guidance on infection prevention and resident centered care during COVID-19 pandemic. She has nationally and regionally presented on diverse topics related to infections in post-acute care setting.

She is member DEI work group with the Society of PALTC. She is cochair of public policy committee with Georgia chapter of the Society for PALTC. She serves on the Health Systems Innovation committee with the American Geriatrics Society. She has authored several articles related to infection issues- UTI, Immunization, COVID-19, advanced care planning, and culture change in PALTC. She is the Medical Director of the Year 2022-23.

