

AB BIODISK North America, Inc. warmly welcomes laboratory directors, microbiology supervisors, clinicians and clinical pharmacists to an interactive seminar focusing on:

CHALLENGES POSED BY NOSOCOMIAL PATHOGENS OF THE 21ST CENTURY

Thursday, October 11, 2007
South San Francisco Conference Center
255 South Airport Boulevard
South San Francisco, CA 94080

Increasing multi-drug resistance among nosocomial pathogens prevalent today coupled with an increasing population of immuno-compromised patients pose significant clinical challenges. Microbiology laboratories must service clinicians with the ability to test different organism groups, optimize resistance detection and provide MIC values to target therapy in the critically ill. The need to streamline AST algorithms while maintaining versatility is crucial so that accurate and timely results can be used to save hospitals costs while improving the quality of life. Interaction between the microbiologist, clinical pharmacist, infectious disease specialist and clinician as well as hospital administrators are mandatory to help PROMOTE THE RATIONAL USE OF ANTIBIOTICS.

PROGRAM

Coffee, registration and introduction	08.30 – 09.00
1. Challenges posed by <i>C. difficile</i> and other anaerobes: MIC testing to impact therapy? Diane Citron, B.Sc., M (ASCP), R.M. Alden Research Laboratory, Santa Monica, CA	09.00 – 09.40
2. Management of <i>Candida</i> infections: on-site antifungal susceptibility testing needs Joseph Campos, PhD, Children's National Hospital Med Center, Washington DC	09.50 – 10.30
3. Susceptibility testing needs and MIC methods for "orphan organisms" Diane Citron, B.Sc., M (ASCP), R.M. Alden Research Laboratory, Santa Monica, CA	10.40 – 11.20
Lunch	11.30 – 12.00
4. MRSA, GISA/hGISA, VRSA: detection methods, MIC testing and treatment options Joseph Campos, PhD, Children's National Hospital Med Center, Washington DC	12.00 – 12.40
5. Etest[®] for resistance detection and MIC testing of different organism groups Christian Borjesson, MBA, AB BIODISK North America, Inc.	12.50 – 01.20
6. Questions and answers: panel discussion Joseph Campos, Diane Citron and Christian Borjesson	01.30 – 02.00

AB BIODISK is an approved provider of continuing education programs in the clinical laboratory sciences by the ASCLS P.A.C.E[®] program. This seminar is approved for 4.0 contact hours. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served.

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REGISTRATION

Please fax the registration form to AB BIODISK North America at (732) 652-0001 by September 28, 2007, as seating is limited. Your participation confirmation and more information will be sent after the September 28th deadline. Please contact Anna Ziobro at (732) 457-0408 x204 or anna.ziobro@abbiodiskna.com if you have any questions. The program may be modified depending on availability of other speakers.

Name: _____ Position: _____

MD Ph D Pharm D M Sc B Sc Other _____ (Check all that apply)

Institution: _____

Address: _____

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YOUR INFORMATION

To help us and speakers cover areas of potential interest for your institution, we kindly ask that you fill in the information requested below:

Lab type: Hospital CRO Industry University Private Number of beds: _____

Select applications for which Etest is used at your institution. If otherwise, please indicate the method used.

Anaerobes _____ Enterococci & VRE _____

Cystic fibrosis _____ Yeast _____

Pneumococci _____ GISA/VRSA _____

Streptococci _____ ESBL _____

Gram neg. non fermenters _____ Critical isolates _____

Confirmatory/Back-up testing _____

Special areas you would like covered in the seminar:

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