



Speaker Bio

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Tom is Corporate Director Infection Prevention at Truman Medical Center, Kansas City, Missouri. Truman Medical Center (600 bed) has two acute care hospitals, a comprehensive adult mental health facility, long term care in addition to primary care clinics, and other outreach services. A full one-third of uncompensated healthcare provided in the community is provided by Truman Medical Center.

Tom relocated from Dallas where he had been the Director Infection Prevention & Control at Parkland Health & Hospital System. Parkland Health & Hospital System includes Parkland Memorial Hospital, Parkland Women's Health Centers, Dallas County Jail Services, and Parklands Community Oriented Primary Care Centers.

Tom obtained his BSN from Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids Iowa. In 1994 he obtained a graduate level certification in Managing Health Care Systems from the Florida International University College of Business, Miami, Florida. Tom first obtained CIC in 2006 and has maintained his ANCC Certification in Nursing Administration since October 1995.

Accomplishments in Infection Prevention include abstracts or storyboards on VAP, outbreak investigation and SSI, environmental cleaning and hand hygiene. He has extensive curriculum vitae spanning a greater than 30 year career as an RN including employment at large adult teaching hospitals, large pediatric teaching hospitals and small rural facilities. He is currently a Co-Chair for the APIC Nominating and Awards Committee.