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08:30 DELEGATE REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chair: Alyson Gardiner, Senior IPCN, University Hospitals of Birmingham

09:15 Welcome and opening address

To environmental sample or not to sample? - That is the question

09:20 Martyn Wilkinson, Biomedical Statistician, Hospital Infection Research Laboratory

09:45 Can you be clean, green and lean? An environmentally sustainable approach to choosing decontamination methods

Clare Nash, Head of Clinical Procurement Management, Sandwell and West Birmingham NHS Trust

10:10 Design for Life - Future of Decontamination

Michael Hopkinson, Head of Supply Resilience and Sustainability, Department of Health and Social Care

10:35 Q&A

10:50 REFRESHMENTS AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chair: Harmony Owhotake, Senior Infection Prevention and Control Practitioner, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust

Care in the Air

11:20 SGT Matthew Jacques, Infection, Prevention and Control Nurse, Royal Air Force

11:50 Decontamination within Pharmacy Aseptic Services – is it possible to be compliant and sustainable at the same time?"

Louisa Knowles, Advanced Pharmacist for Technical Services, University Hospitals Birmingham

12:15 The Future of Decontamination

Dr Phil Norville, Research Fellow, Brighton & Sussex Medical School

If it works, why aren't we doing it?

12:40 Professor Martin Kiernan, Adjunct Honorary Research Fellow, Avondale University

13:05 Q&A

13:20 LUNCH AND EXHIBITION VIEWING

Chair: Emma Spooner, Matron Infection Prevention, The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

The New Frontiers of Decontamination

14:20 John Prendergast, Principal Decontamination Engineer & AE(D), NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership/Estate Services

Ultraviolet water trap technology, peracetic acid and air sampling

14:45 Dr Mark Garvey, Consultant Clinical Scientist, Director of the Hospital Infection Research Laboratory, Clinical Director of Infection Prevention & Control UHB

15:10 Q&A

15:25 Final address from chair

15:30 CLOSE OF CONFERENCE

This programme has been awarded 6 CPD points by the Royal College of Pathologists