

Gerontological Society of America (GSA)  
Industry-Sponsored VIRTUAL Symposium

**C. difficile Infection in the Older Adult**  
November 11, 2021 • 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM EST

Program Description

*C. difficile* is a public health threat that is often under recognized and under diagnosed in patients around the world. In older adults aged 65+ years, *C. difficile* infections take the lives of 1 in 11 patients within a month of diagnosis. Commonly thought of as a disease associated with hospital settings, community-associated *C. difficile* infections are on the rise. It is important to understand the prevalence and persistence of *C. difficile* and how *C. difficile* disproportionately affects adult patients. During this virtual symposium, a panel of experts will discuss the risks and clinical considerations regarding the management of *C. difficile*, as well as answer your questions about this disease.

Faculty

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Agenda

- 8:30 AM – 8:35 AM **Opening Remarks**  
*E. Dubberke, MD, MSPH; R. Carrico, PhD, DNP, FSHEA, FNAP, FAAN; F. Delica, BSHSE, BSN, RN, MSN-FNP(s), D.Min (Hon); S. Gravenstein, MD, MPH*
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- 8:35 AM – 8:50 AM **C. difficile Infection in an Aging Population**  
*E. Dubberke, MD, MSPH*
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- 8:50 AM – 9:10 AM **Panel Discussion**  
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- 9:10 AM – 9:25 AM **Audience Q&A**  
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- 9:25 AM – 9:30 AM **Closing Remarks**  
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