# Tools to Enhance Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity

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# **DESCRIPTION**

The risk of a laboratory acquired infection is a reality for diagnostic, public health, research and teaching facilities because of the potential for exposure to infectious agents. There are several tools to mitigate the risk including risk assessments, safety practices, training, competencies and audits. The goal of this session is to provide the tools to build and enhance biosafety and biosecurity practices. This workshop will describe and review the components of the biosafety and biosecurity program and provide templates and examples for use in the laboratories.

#### **OBJECTIVES**

At the end of the session, the participant will be able to:

- Assess their current biosafety and biosecurity program
- Describe the risk assessment process
- Explain the importance of incorporating biosafety competencies into the biosafety program and laboratory practices
- Adapt a risk assessment template for use in their laboratory
- · Discuss the selection of safety practices applicable to their work place

# **AUDIENCE**

Public health laboratory directors, administrative staff of PHLs and those working in clinical, academic or veterinary laboratory facilities as well as anyone interested in enhancing biosafety and biosecurity practices.



# **REGISTRATION**

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# **MODERATOR**

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### **SPEAKERS**

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# **AGENDA**

8:00am	Performing Risk Assessments • Pentella  The Role and Use of a Risk Assessment Risk Assessment of Clinical Laboratories
8:35	Selection of Safety Practices • Cannons Biosafety Levels Engineering Controls Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Laboratory Practices
9:10	Biosecurity in the Laboratory • Sullivan
9:35	Q&A
9:45	Break
10:00	Safety Orientation and Training • Sullivan
10:25	Biosafety Competencies • Pentella
10:50	Audits, Monitoring and Safety Committee • Cannons
11:15	Q&A
11:30	Adjourn

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