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Steven J. Schweon RN, MPH, MSN, CIC, CPHQ, FSHEA, FAPIC is a seasoned, board certified infection preventionist. He is the corporate infection preventionist for Healthcare Services Group, Inc. (HCSG). He first became interested with infectious diseases while serving as an Army medic in South Korea, where he supervised a microbiology department that specialized in sexually transmitted diseases. He later worked on the high technology isolation ward at Ft. Detrick, Maryland, home of "The Hot Zone." Prior to becoming an infection preventionist, he had 14 years of experience, and achieved certification, in critical care and behavioral health nursing. Steve was also a long-term care "orderly" prior to attending nursing school.

Steve has been an infection preventionist since 1995, achieving continual certification since 1997. His experiences include acute care (neonate, pediatric, adult), long-term care, behavioral health, rehabilitation, and ambulatory care. Specialty interests include hand hygiene, environmental hygiene, vaccine preventable diseases, emergency management of infectious diseases, surveillance, outbreaks, antibiotic stewardship, dialysis and the special needs of the patient in the long-term care and behavioral health settings.

Steve has served on the "American Journal of Infection Control and Epidemiology" and "RN" editorial boards. He has authored / co-authored articles in peer reviewed publications, lectured / presented posters at national conferences, and presented national webinars. He has served on APIC, SHEA and AMDA national committees. He has authored chapters in APIC's "Infection Preventionist Guide to Long-Term Care," both editions. Additionally, Steve has served as a faculty member for the AHRQ Safety Program for Long-Term Care: HAI/CAUTI. He is also an APIC EPI acute care/LTC faculty member.

On a personal level, both of his parents have developed healthcare associated infections (HAIs) while hospitalized. His father developed, years later, a second HAI, and died of a dialysis-associated *Staphylococcus aureus* bacteremia. Steve clearly appreciates the gravity of HAIs, both personally and professionally. Steve utilizes his forward thinking and analytical skills to evaluate, recommend, and implement practical interventions directed towards safe, performance driven, and cost effective patient/resident care. He is viewed as a credible resource for colleagues and patients/residents, in addition to family members.