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## Take 5 – Fast read for the busy IP!

### Tech Tip: Your Smartphone is Also a Scanner!

While we're not traveling to local APIC chapters, providing education to our peers, the Diversey senior clinical advisors work remotely in their home offices. A new colleague asked if we'd be provided scanners (neither one of us print much these days). She didn't realize her phone could scan documents and convert them into PDF for quick & easy emailing.

Scanning & converting a hard copy of a document is super convenient. You may come across a printed document or form that you need to complete by hand. When I was chapter treasurer, I could capture an image of the checks I issued, along with a completed, handwritten reimbursement form—without even leaving my desk! From my phone, I'd email myself the PDF, and then save it to the chapter's Google Drive. Presto!



Creating PDFs from phone images is also useful in meetings where enough hard copies weren't made for all attendees!

You can scan multiple pages into one PDF document, too! Instructions are similar across Android and Apple smartphones. Click the links below to learn how to scan using your phone!

[Apple](#) / [Android](#)

### Literature Review:



In late June, *SHEA/IDSA/APIC Practice Recommendation: Strategies to prevent methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus transmission and infection in acute-care hospitals: 2022 Update* was published. Major changes from the 2014 version are succinctly listed in a comprehensive table, which helps save on time but *not* necessarily headaches or confusion. Read the compendium with your critical IP hat on, as many of the recommendations & essential practices listed are not supported by high quality evidence, while “additional approaches” actually have moderate to high quality evidence. A great example of an additional (not “essential”) approach is universally decolonizing adult critical care patients to reduce colonization pressure.

As you likely know by now, I use social media as a professional tool, and I find Infectious Disease physicians & healthcare epidemiologists' responses to these publications help balance & expand my understanding. I came across a very thoughtful critique of the updated recommendations by Dr Dan Diekema on Twitter, available here: [https://twitter.com/dan\\_diekema/status/1676053979183173633](https://twitter.com/dan_diekema/status/1676053979183173633). Dr Diekema questions why we continue to focus on MRSA and not all MDROs, like CRE and *Candida auris*. Or perhaps we should broaden our focus to include *all Staph aureus* bloodstream infections, as an MSSA infection can be just as harmful.

The compendium is an open-access article. Click [here to read it in its entirety](#).

### APIC National Highlights

I sincerely hope you had the opportunity to attend the national APIC conference in late June this year, but I know the majority of infection preventionists do not receive facility funding to do so. Consider this a friendly reminder that Diversey provides 18 \$1000 scholarships annually for IPs just like you to attend. Be on the lookout to apply for a scholarship in 2024 to attend the conference in San Antonio! (Applications typically open in April.)



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If your local APIC chapter shares national conference highlights, including presentation summaries & relevant regulatory updates, be sure to take advantage. If your chapter isn't bringing the national conference back to its chapter, consider asking your chapter leaders to broadcast the first day's keynote session & sharing it via Zoom. I heard many colleagues herald Dr. Bertice Berry as the best keynote speaker they have ever heard. And while seeing a recording may not be as moving as a live event, I believe her inspirational message will stand the test of time.

Admittedly, my favorite event was the Diversey scholarship recipient celebration. In 2019, I was a Diversey scholarship recipient and without the funding, I would not have been able to attend. At our awards dinner, we listened intently to 18 stories of heroism & successful patient safety initiatives. We had IPs from Alaska to Florida, all with projects that have undoubtedly saved countless lives.

