

43rd Annual CIDS Conference Learning Objectives

- Understand recent U.S. vaccine policy changes and their impact on travel and global health
- Recognize infection risks and prevention strategies related to modern immunomodulators
- Apply best practices in infection prevention, PPE use, and HAI reduction
- Evaluate evolving approaches to HIV prevention and treatment
- Identify key strategies and challenges in antibiotic stewardship
- Understand statewide approaches to cCMV screening and RSV prevention in newborns
- Apply the latest updates in infectious disease guidelines, including CAP, UTI, TB, and vaccines.

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Directions to LaBella Vista

The directions below are recommended.

From I-84 West or East, and CT-8 North toward Torrington, or CT-8 South to Waterbury

Take Exit 36 toward Huntington Ave/Colonial Ave. Turn right onto Huntington Ave. Go for 0.3 mi. Continue on Homer St. for 0.4 mi. Continue on Chase Ave. for 0.9 mi. Continue on N. Main St. for 0.1 mi. Turn left onto Farmwood Rd. Go for 0.7 mi.

La Bella Vista
380 Farmwood Rd., Waterbury, CT 06704



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Thursday, May 28, 2026

7:00am-4:00pm

La Bella Vista, Waterbury CT

43rd Annual Conference - Connecticut Infectious Disease Society

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Course Directors

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CIDS President
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Jessica Abrantes-Figueiredo, MD

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Speakers

Jeff Aeschlimann, PharmD

Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice, University
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Michael Aniskiewicz, MHA, CIC, M(ASCP)

Yale New Haven Hospital

Abegail Pangan, RN, MSN, CIC, FAPIC

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Onyema Ogbuagu, MD

Professor of Medicine (Infectious Diseases, Aids) and
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Jeanette Prignano, PharmD, BCPS

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Register online at ctidsociety.org

CIDS Members (who have paid 2026 dues).....\$50.00

Physicians.....\$150.00

Nurses, PAs, MPH, Allied Health Professionals \$55.00

CT State DPH Employees

Residents/Fellows/Sudents

Complimentary,
Registration required

Keynote Speaker



Lin H. Chen MD, FACP, FASTMH, FISTM

Associate Professor of Medicine,
Harvard Medical School Travel
Medicine Consultant, Mount
Auburn Hospital
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Manisha Juthani, MD

Commissioner of the Connecticut Department
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least one week prior to the start of the conference to receive a
refund. Any request for refunds received after this date or by
telephone will not be honored.*

If you have any questions, please contact CIDS at cids@csms.org
or (203) 865-0587 ext 111.

Agenda

- 7:00am Registration/Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors
- 7:50am Welcome and Update Report on CIDS - Antonie Auguste, MD, President
- 8:00am Keynote Speaker – ***Vaccine Policy, Guidance for International Travel, and Impact on Global Health*** – Lin H. Chen, MD
- 8:45am ***Infectious Disease Considerations in a Brave New World of Immunomodulation***
- Jeff Aeschlimann, PharmD
- 9:30am ***Infection Prevention*** – Michael Aniskiewicz, MHA, CIC, M(ASCP), Abegail Pangan RN, MSN, CIC, FAPIC
- 10:15am Break
- 10:30am ***One Is Greater Than Two, and Two Equals Three: Evolving Paradigms in HIV Prevention and Treatment*** – Onyema Ogbuagu, MD
- 11:15am ***Antibiotic Stewardship Initiatives in Connecticut*** – Jeanette Prignano, PharmD, BCPS
- 12:00pm Lunch – visit posters, exhibitors
- 1:15pm CT DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani, MD
- 2:00pm ***Protecting Connecticut's Newborns: Statewide cCMV Screening and RSV Monoclonal Implementation and Outcomes***- Ashley Howard, DO & Debra Ellis, MSN, RN
- 2:45pm Break
- 3:00pm ***Rapid Updates In Infectious Diseases Guidelines***
- Shree Sundaresh, MD, Usama Irshad, MD, Logan Flaxman, MD
- 3:45pm Presentation of Poster Awards
- 4:00pm Closing Remarks