

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual First Coast Infectious Disease/Clinical Microbiology Symposium**  
**February 27-28, 2026**

**Friday, February 27, 2026**

**3:00 pm**                      **Registration and Exhibits**

**3:50 pm**                      **Welcome**

**Yvette S. McCarter, PhD**  
UF Health Jacksonville  
Jacksonville, FL

**Session 1**

**Moderator: D. Jane Hata, PhD**, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL

**4:00-4:50 pm**                **Mini Workshop – When Things go Sideways**

Dealing with Product Recalls in the Laboratory

**David R. Peaper, MD, PhD**  
Yale New Haven Hospital  
New Haven, CT

**4:50-5:40 pm**                **Mini Workshop – When Things go Sideways**

Shortages and Physical Disasters

**Laura Filkins, PhD**  
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center  
Dallas, TX

**5:45 pm**                      **Reception and Exhibits**

**6:30 pm**                      **Dinner and Exhibits**

**Moderator: Frances Valencia-Shelton, PhD**, Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL

**7:30-8:20 pm**                Emerging Trends, Challenges & Future of Clinical  
Microbiology

**Marc Couturier, PhD**  
MaineHealth  
Scarborough, ME

**8:20 pm**                      Closing Remarks

**Frances Valencia-Shelton, PhD**  
Baptist Medical Center  
Jacksonville, FL

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**7:15 am**                      **Registration/Exhibits and Continental Breakfast**

**7:50 am**                      Welcome

**D. Jane Hata, PhD**  
Mayo Clinic  
Jacksonville, FL

**Session 2**

**Moderator: Helai Arsala, MBA**, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, FL

**8:00-8:50 am**                Point of Care testing for Sexually Transmitted Infections

**Robert Sautter, PhD**  
RL Sautter Consulting, LLC  
Lancaster, SC

**Moderator: Diane Halstead, PhD**, Global Infectious Disease Consultants, LLC, Jacksonville, FL

**8:50-9:40 am**                Clinically Relevant Serological and Molecular Hepatitis  
Testing

**Joseph D. Yao, MD**  
Mayo Clinic  
Rochester, MN

**9:45-11:00 am**              **Break and Exhibits**

**Moderator: Marsha Pace, MBA-HCM**, Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL

**11:00-11:50 am**              Seven Secret Strategies to Put the F.U.N. Back in Your  
Laboratory Safety Program

**Daniel Scungio, BS**  
Sentara Healthcare  
Norfolk, VA

**11:50 am-1:00 pm**        **Lunch and Exhibits**

**Session 3**

**Moderator: Noel Gomez, MMSc**, UF Health Jacksonville, Jacksonville, FL

**1:00-2:00 pm**                **Battle of the Brains- FCID/CM Symposium Edition**

**Kyle Rodino, PhD**  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, PA

**Moderator: Aaron Odegard, MS**, Baptist Medical Center, Jacksonville, FL

**2:00-2:50 pm**                **Leadership Mentoring**

**Tywauna Wilson, MBA**  
Trendy Elite Coaching and Consulting  
Cincinnati, OH

**2:50-3:10 pm**                **Stretch Break**

**Moderator: Stephen Jenkins, PhD**, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY

**3:10-4:00 pm**                **“Weirdobacters” Cases of Unusual Organisms**

**Lars Westblade, PhD**  
Weill Cornell Medical College  
New York, NY

**4:00 pm**                      **Closing Remarks and Door Prizes**

**Frances Valencia-Shelton, PhD**  
Baptist Medical Center  
Jacksonville, FL