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Please join us for our **March NEAACC/NEASM Joint Event:**

The Point of Care Testing Revolution in Microbiology



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Point of Care Testing (POCT) has been gaining ground in the past two decades, but its use exploded in recent years due to the need for mass testing on site during the COVID-19 pandemic. The trend of increasing utilization is driven by the need for shorter time to diagnosis and treatment, and technological innovation. Global use of molecular and immunochemical POCT is influenced by local factors such as high prevalence of certain infections, economy, geography, and health care programs/campaigns. Self-testing also became common and is on the rise. At the end of this activity, participants will be able to:

- 1) Describe the current utilization and technological trends in rapid microbiology testing.
- 2) List the pros and cons of molecular and immunochemical point of care testing (POCT) vs. traditional laboratory testing in virology and bacteriology.
- 3) Assess cost/benefit and the impact of using POCT in infectious disease diagnostics through specific examples.



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Event Format: In-Person

Cost: \$30 (Dinner included)

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