



BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY

2026 ISM Spring Meeting and Vendor Exhibition

May 12-13, 2026

Medinah Shriners Center

550 Shriners Drive, Addison, IL 60101

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

8:00 AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

11:45 AM

Lunch

8:25 AM

Opening Remarks

Cecilia Thompson, PhD, D(ABMM)

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

12:45 PM

Visit the Exhibits

8:30 AM

Topic: Anaerobic bacteriology

Audrey Schuetz MD, MPH, D(ABMM)

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN

1:30PM

Topic: Antimicrobial resistance in animals and humans

Stephen Cole, VMD, DACVM

University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine

9:30 AM

Vendor Showcase #1

Vendor TBD

2:30 PM

Topic: Gram-positive resistance mechanisms, general AST

Courtney Dial, PhD, D(ABMM)

Carle Methodist Hospital, Peoria Tazewell Pathology Group

9:45 AM

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Topic: *M. avium/intracellulare* complex cases

Joshua Mayoral, MD

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL

3:30 PM

Closing Remarks

Cecilia Thompson, PhD, D(ABMM)

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

11:30 AM

Vendor Showcase #2

Vendor TBD

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

AST Workshop with Food and Drink

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Topic: Clinical decision support for daily test orders

Ronald Jackups, MD, PhD

Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine

1:30PM

Topic: RSV epidemiology, sequencing and surveillance

Hannah Barbian, PhD

Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

9:30 AM

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Topic: RSV vaccine efficacy and clinical impact

Nabgha Farhat, MD

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

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ASM Distinguished Lecturer

Topic: Can We Reverse the Rise of Antibiotic Resistance?

Sam Brown, PhD

Georgia Institute of Technology

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