

THE SOCIETY FOR HEALTHCARE EPIDEMIOLOGY OF AMERICA

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SHEA was established to advance the study and application of hospital epidemiology—both traditional infectious disease epidemiology and non-infectious disease epidemiology as they relate to patient care, health care worker safety, quality improvement and outcomes research in and out of the hospital setting.

SHEA's primary goal is to educate members and improve their ability to be infection control and quality assurance practitioners. This is accomplished through our journal, Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology; a series of position papers by experts in the field; annual scientific meetings; training courses in hospital epidemiology; industry surveys; and a state grassroots legislative network.

SHEA has more than 1200 members from 29 countries that are active in SHEA and in infection control in their own countries.

We welcome all qualified individuals working or interested in health-care epidemiology.

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Smart membership benefits:

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