Dr. Saint will focus on five key points during this lecture. First, he will discuss the importance of infection prevention, in general, and catheter-associated urinary tract infection (CAUTI) and hand hygiene, in particular. Second, he will provide an overview of how to prevent infection with a focus on recent data, and describe both technical and socio-adaptive aspects to reducing healthcare-associated infection. He will include international hand hygiene data as well. Third, he will define “intersectional innovations” and distinguish intersectional innovations from “directional innovations”. Fourth, he will provide an overview of the intersectional innovations that could impact infection prevention efforts such as human factors engineering, sociology, and use of the various senses. Finally, he will discuss future directions in infection prevention, including the possible role of mindfulness.

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