



## **Ruth M. Carrico**

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Dr. Carrico is the Executive Director for the Norton Healthcare Infectious disease Institute and co-founder of the International Respiratory Infections Society.

Prior to joining Norton Healthcare, she was a Professor and Family Nurse Practitioner in the Division of Infectious Diseases, and Clinical Director of the Global Health Center Vaccine and International Travel at the University of Louisville, School of Medicine in Kentucky. She remains a professor with the University of Louisville in a *gratis* role.

Ruth Carrico is a Professor and Family Nurse Practitioner with the University of Louisville School Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases. Dr. Carrico is the founding Associate Director of the School of Medicine Global Health Center.

Dr. Carrico has received training specific for healthcare epidemiology at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in conjunction with the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in Atlanta and the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA).

Dr. Carrico has authored or co-authored numerous peer reviewed manuscripts and served as editor for the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (APIC) 2005, 2009 and the 2010 electronic version of the APIC Text of Infection Control and Epidemiology, the primary textbook for infection preventionists used worldwide. Dr. Carrico has also served on the APIC National Board of Directors. As part of her work as an infection preventionist, Dr. Carrico has worked with acute care hospitals, long term care facilities, outpatient surgery centers and clinics, physician and dental offices.

At present, Dr. Carrico is responsible for the clinical and research operations at the University of Louisville's Global Health Center that includes the Healthcare-Associated Infection Epidemiology and Clinical Research components, Vaccine & International Health and Travel clinics, and the Refugee Health & Immunization program. Her research has been funded by the CDC, HRSA, and DHS.

In 2008, Dr. Carrico was appointed to the National Bio surveillance Subcommittee (NBS) Advisory Committee to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and in 2010 became a SHEA Fellow.

In 2011, Dr. Carrico was appointed by Secretary Sebelius, to the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) for an extended three-year term. In 2012, she was presented with the Carole DeMille Achievement Award by APIC, an honor for an Infection Preventionist.

In 2013, Dr. Carrico was appointed to the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases as the Board's Nurse Planner and in 2014 became a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Executive Nurse Fellow alumna. Dr. Carrico served as the 2016 president of the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology, Inc. (CBIC), the organization responsible for board certification for infection preventionists worldwide.

In 2016, Dr. Carrico co-founded the Infection Prevention Institute a virtual training site focusing on infection prevention education for all partners concerned with preventing infection in any setting. Dr. Carrico serves as Editor-in-Chief for the University of Louisville's Journal of Refugee and Global Health (RGH), a diamond open access peer-reviewed, which launched in 2017. In 2019, Dr. Carrico assumed the role of President of the Kentucky Nurses Association and the Board of Directors.