

# SWACM 2026 Annual Meeting Preliminary Program

September 9-11, 2026

Houston, Texas

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**Location:** The Westin Galleria Houston  
5060 W. Alabama St.  
Houston, Texas 77056  
(713) 960-8100

Reserve your room by **August 18, 2026** by visiting [www.swacm.org](http://www.swacm.org)

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Valet: \$34 daily, \$58 overnight

**Air Travel:** George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)  
All major airlines, hub for United Airlines  
  
William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)  
Hub for Southwest Airlines

**Meeting Registration:** [www.swacm.org](http://www.swacm.org)

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## Wednesday, September 9, 2026

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07:00AM – 07:45 AM | Complimentary breakfast and seminar

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08:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Morning Workshops

WS1: Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing  
Ayesha Khan, PhD, D(ABMM), University of California, Irvine  
Micah Bhatti, MD, PhD, MD Anderson Cancer Center

WS2: Mycology  
Shawn Lockhart, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | Complimentary lunch and seminar sponsored by



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01:00 PM – 04:30 PM | Afternoon Workshops

WS3: Parasitology

Cameron Brown, PhD, D(ABMM)

Baylor College of Medicine

WS4: Molecular Microbiology

Allison Eberly, PhD, D(ABMM), Washington University

Nicole Tarlton, PhD, D(ABMM), University of Chicago

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## Thursday, September 10, 2026

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07:00 AM – 07:45 AM | Complimentary breakfast and seminar sponsored by



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08:00 AM – 08:15 AM | Introduction

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08:15 AM – 09:15 AM | Molecular Testing for *Candida auris*

Michael Loeffelholz, PhD, D(ABMM)

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09:15 AM – 10:15 AM | How AST Breakpoints are Defined and Why They Matter

Virginia Pierce, MD

University of Michigan

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10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Coffee Break

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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Lues Clues: What Clinicians Actually Do with Lab Results

Ryan Roachat, MD

Texas Children's Hospital

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11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | Complimentary lunch and seminar sponsored by



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01:00 PM – 02:30 PM | Exhibits and Poster Judging

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02:30 PM – 03:30 PM | Closing the Loop: Integrating Microbiology and Antimicrobial Stewardship for Timely Clinical Decision-Making

Brittany Rodriguez, PharmD, BCIDP

Grant Stimes, PharmD, MPA, BCPS, BCIDP

Awilda River-Acosta, MLS(ASCP)

Texas Children's Hospital

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03:30 PM – 04:30 PM | Susceptibility Testing of Anaerobes  
Samantha Shannon, MLS(ASCP)  
Mayo Clinic

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04:30 PM – 06:00 PM | Exhibits and Wine and Cheese Reception

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### **Friday, September 11, 2026**

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07:00 AM – 07:45 AM | Complimentary breakfast and seminar

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08:00 AM – 09:00 AM | Syndromic Panels  
Belkys Sanchez Martinez, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Houston Methodist Hospital

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09:00 AM – 10:00 AM | *Bordetella* and Emerging Diseases  
Jim Dunn, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Texas Children's Hospital

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10:00 AM – 10:15 AM | Coffee Break


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10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | SWACM Business Meeting and Awards Presentation

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10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Unusual Gram Stains  
Steve Dallas, PhD, D(ABMM)  
University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio

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11:30 AM – 01:00 PM | Complimentary lunch and seminar sponsored by 

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01:00 PM – 02:30 PM | Exhibits and Posters

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02:30 PM – 03:30 PM | The Public Health Laboratory as a Clinical Partner:  
Functions, Capabilities, and Expectations  
Javonte Davis, MS  
Ricardo Quijano, MB(ASCP)  
Houston Health Department

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03:30 PM – 04:30 PM | Parasitology Cases  
Cameron Brown, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Baylor College of Medicine