## **List of Abbreviations**

- **ACA** = Affordable Care Act
- **ACH** = Acute Care Hospital
- AHEC = South Carolina Area Health Education Consortium
- **AHRQ** = Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- **APIC** = Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology
- **AR** = Antimicrobial Resistance
- ARRA = American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- **AS** = Antibiotic Stewardship
- ASC = Ambulatory Surgery Center
- AU = Antibiotic Use
- **BPHL** = DPH Bureau of Public Health Laboratories
- **BSI** = Blood Stream Infection
- C. diff = Clostridium difficile Infection
- **CAH** = Critical Access Hospital
- **CAUTI** = Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections
- **CBGB** = Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (both chest and donor site incisions)
- **CBGC** = Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (with chest incision only)
- **CCME** = Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence
- **CDC** = Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **CDES** = Communicable Disease Epidemiology Section
- **CDI** = Clostridium difficile Infection
- **CLABSI** = Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection
- **CMS** = Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- **COLO** = Colon surgery
- **CRE** = Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae

**CSTE** = Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists

- **DC** = Hemodialysis Center
- **DPH** = South Carolina Department of Public Health
- **ELC** = Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity
- **ELR** = Electronic Laboratory Reporting
- **ERA** = Ebola Readiness Assessment
- ESRD = End-Stage Renal Disease
- **FOA** = Funding Opportunity Announcement
- **FOIA** = Freedom of Information Act
- FTE = Full-Time Equivalent
- HAI = Healthcare-Associated Infection
- **HCUP** = Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
- HHS = United States Department of Health and Human Services
- **HICPAC** = Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee
- HIDA = Hospital Infections Disclosure Act
- **HIE** = Health Information Exchanges
- **HPRO** = Hip prosthesis
- **HSSC** = Health Sciences South Carolina
- **HYST** = Hysterectomy IC = Infection Control
- ICAP = Infection Control Assessment and Promotion
- **ICAR** = Infection Control Assessment and Response Program
- **ICU** = Intensive Care Unit
- **ID** = Infectious Disease
- **IP** = Infection Preventionist
- **IRF** = Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility
- **IVAC** = Infection-related Ventilator-Associated Complications
- **KPRO** = Knee prosthesis

- LTAC = Long-Term Acute Care Facility
- **LTCF** = Long-Term Care Facility
- **MBI** = Mucosal Barrier Injury
- MDRO = Multi-Drug Resistant Organism
- **MRSA** = Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus
- **NHSN** = National Healthcare Safety Network
- NQF = National Quality Forum
- **PCR** = Polymerase Chain Reaction
- **PVAP** = Possible Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
- **PFGE** = Pulse-Field Gel Electrophoresis
- **PHL** = Public Health Laboratory
- **RFA** = S.C. Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office
- RHIO = Regional Health Information Organizations
- SC = South Carolina
- **SCHA** = South Carolina Hospital Association
- **SCHAIP** = South Carolina Healthcare Alliance for Infection Prevention
- **SCHCA** = South Carolina Health Care Association
- **SCION** = South Carolina's Infectious Disease and Outbreak Network
- **SCIP** = Surgical Care Improvement Project
- **SCSRC** = South Carolina Society for Respiratory Care
- SHEA = Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America
- **SIR** = Standardized Infection Ratio
- **SSI** = Surgical Site Infection
- **TAP** = Targeted Assessment for Prevention
- **VAE** = Ventilator-Associated Event
- VAP = Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia