Late Breaker: The CHCO Microbiology Laboratory is transitioning away from nasopharyngeal (NP) aspirates and washes for PCR-based detection of respiratory pathogens to NP flocked swabs for patients at all locations. Sensitivity of detecting pathogens in NP swabs vs. aspirates will be comparable if the swab specimens are collected appropriately. Good collection practices are depicted in a “NP Swab Microbiology Clinical Brief” available from Microbiology at 720-777-6703. CHCO-based personnel can also review the CHCO NP swab collection policy or watch a NP swab video on the CHCO Respiratory Care webpage (Education tab).