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Michele was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer prior to joining the Healthy Swimming Program and has worked on a number of outbreak investigations of waterborne and foodborne diseases at CDC. She received a BS degree in Nursing from The College of New Jersey, and an MPH from Emory University.

Michele's areas of expertise include the transmission of pathogens that cause recreational water illness, in particular *Cryptosporidium*, and development of appropriate prevention and control measures, and she collaborates with state and local health authorities and the private sector on RWI prevention efforts.

The overriding objective of CDC's Healthy Swimming Program is to minimize the risk of illnesses caused by the transmission of pathogens in pools, lakes, and other recreational water venues.

Area of Expertise

- Healthy swimming

