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*Protecting Antibiotics to Protect the Commonwealth*

# KASIC NEWSLETTER



## Introducing KASIC

Funded by the CDC and Kentucky Department for Public Health, the Kentucky Antimicrobial Stewardship Innovation Consortium (KASIC) was established in summer 2022 as a **free** program to address the use of antimicrobials across the Commonwealth in order to optimize clinical outcomes while minimizing adverse consequences of antimicrobial use.

## KASIC Advisory Board

Comprised of 25 members of the area's foremost experts in antimicrobial stewardship, the KASIC advisory board provides a stabilizing influence to the KASIC network so antimicrobial stewardship concepts, guidelines, and directives are established and maintained with a pragmatic vision.

## KASIC Network

The KASIC network is comprised of antimicrobial stewardship leads at all adult hospitals and long term care facilities in the Commonwealth. The KASIC network will provide a place to share ideas, education, and address antimicrobial stewardship issues in Kentucky.

## Meet the KASIC Leads



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- ✓ 95 Hospitals
- ✓ 281 Long Term Care Facilities
- ✓ 40,021 total beds

## What can KASIC do for your facility?

Are you just starting or expanding antimicrobial stewardship services? Do you have an established program and need additional support? New ASP standards and regulations questions? We want to assist!

KASIC is proud to offer the following items to KASIC network participants. Contact us today for a full menu of services. KASIC network membership is free!

Interested in more information?

Contact us at [info@kymdro.org](mailto:info@kymdro.org)

ASP Basics: How to Start a Program

On-demand Education: all experience levels

Protocols and Guidelines

Program and Patient Consultations

And so, so much more!

## KASIC Office Hours

In an era of information anxiety and overload it can be overwhelming to know where to turn. KASIC office hours make infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship expertise available to everyone in the Commonwealth.

If you have ever felt that you need extra guidance, mentorship, or just have an interesting topic and no one to chat with, office hours are for you!

**Office hours are hosted virtually every Thursday afternoon from 12:00 – 1:00 pm EST** and are open to anyone interested in antimicrobial stewardship regardless of background or designation.

[Link](#) to join office hours



The Norton Infectious Diseases Institute is proud to announce that it has been selected to work towards being designated as a Centre of Excellence under the [Global Antimicrobial Stewardship Accreditation Scheme](#).

The competitive Centre of Excellence grant is awarded jointly by Pfizer and the British Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC), to organizations that focus on establishing or improving sustainable and holistic hospital antimicrobial stewardship programs in resource-limited health facilities and in support of underserved populations.

Training materials provided by the grant will be used to help improve antimicrobial utilization and thereby health outcomes in Kentucky's Appalachian region.

## NHC Medical Journal

Call for Submissions

The Norton Healthcare Medical Journal is a new, open-access, multidisciplinary, international journal accepting a wide variety of scholarly articles including original research, case reports, review articles and more. Articles from all medical and allied health professions are welcome including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and public health.

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