

KASIC NEWSLETTER

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*Pictured Top: Sullivan University College of Pharmacy
Pictured on Page Two: Dr. Julie Harting*



KASIC is Working for You!

The KASIC Approach

Interested in learning more about KASIC services? An initial KASIC video chat consultation is offered to discuss baseline program components, challenges, and goals. During the consultation, you will meet with antimicrobial stewardship experts and develop improvement plans with the aid of the KASIC program manager who is certified six-sigma black belt. Plans are broadly ranging in scope and provided resources can include guidelines or protocols, guidance on program structure, and larger projects. KASIC follows the plan through to completion, offering guidance, mentorship, and assistance throughout implementation with a focus on independent sustainability.

Commonly Utilized KASIC Resources

Whether you work at a 25 bed critical access hospital, a 50 bed long-term care facility, or a multi-facility health-system, KASIC has designed interventions that will meet your needs. Below is a list of commonly utilized KASIC services:

- Antimicrobial Stewardship Recommendation Tracking Tool
- Antimicrobial Stewardship Recommendation Analysis & Report
- Indication Based Renal Dosing Protocols
- Formulary monographs & other P&T documents
- NHSN Data Review and Recommendations for Improvement
- Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Administration Guidance
- Clinical guidance
- Protocol and Guideline Development for Facility

All KASIC services are free of charge.

Not getting Weekly Education Pearls Emails?

Check your institution's email firewall settings and allow info@kymdro.org as a safe sender. Additionally weekly pearls are posted to KASIC Twitter (@KASIC_MDRO), Facebook, and LinkedIn pages. Please like and follow!

12 Antimicrobial
Stewardship
Consultations

Guidelines or
Protocols Shared **21**

66 Antimicrobial
Stewardship
Questions Answered

Educational
Pearls **14**

9 hours **21** mins
Across 17 Educational Videos in
Antimicrobial Stewardship &
Clinical Microbiology

How Does Your Program Compare?

In early December, the Healthcare-Associated Infection/Antibiotic Resistance (HAI/AR) Prevention Program at the Kentucky Department for Public Health (KDPH) provided Kentucky facilities the results of the annual NHSN facility survey on antibiotic stewardship. The report provides an opportunity to verify and compare responses with peers in an effort to highlight opportunities to expand your antimicrobial stewardship program.

Does your practices deviate from peers? Are you interested in addressing those deviations? Want help? KASIC is here for you. [Sent KASIC a message to discuss your NHSN data](#) and opportunities for improvement.

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Norton Infectious Diseases Institute
Grand Rounds Educational Series

Every Wednesday from 12:00 – 12:30 PM
[Click here to Add Grand Rounds to your Calendar!](#)

February 1st, 2023:

KDPH Healthcare-Associated Infections Update:
Candida Auris with Michael Curran

February 8th, 2023:

Disinfection of Reusable Medical Devices with
Hudson Garrett, PhD, MPH

February 15th, 2023:

The ABCs of Beta-lactamases with Alan Junkins,
PhD

February 22nd, 2023

The Ins and Outs of ESBL Infection Management
with Clover Truong, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP

ASP SPOTLIGHT

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Title: Associate Professor, Department of
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Training: 2004 – 2008: University of Georgia
College of Pharmacy (PharmD)

2008 – 2009: PGY1 Columbus Regional Health
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2009 – 2010: PGY2 Infectious Disease
Residency via Sullivan University College of
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2010: Antimicrobial Stewardship Certification
by Making a Difference in Infectious Disease
(MAD-ID)

2019: Infectious Disease Pharmacotherapy
Board Certification (BCIDP)

Facility: University Hospital - Louisville

What got you interested in antimicrobial stewardship?

Infectious disease was my favorite topic in pharmacy school and on clinical rotations, so I naturally gravitated toward this specialty as a career path. In residency and my early career, my basic knowledge of infectious diseases expanded to understanding the logistics of implementing that knowledge. Antimicrobial stewardship, with its constant awareness of antibiotic use and search for solutions, was a daily challenge that I felt I could contribute to; either clinically with patient care management decisions, or on a system level assisting with or via education of student and resident pharmacists. Having knowledge is the first step and knowing how to use it is the essence of stewardship.



What has been one of your biggest success in antimicrobial stewardship?

I think antimicrobial stewardship is never a single person's success, it requires collaboration with multiple healthcare professionals; microbiology, providers, nursing, pharmacy. I think the biggest successes with the stewardship program at ULHealth occur when implementation is interprofessional.

What has been one of your biggest barriers? How did you overcome?

One barrier can be the perception that an antimicrobial stewardship initiative is a pharmacy-driven one, which can impact buy-in from other disciplines. Shifting the focus of antimicrobial stewardship from a pharmacy-driven process to one that impacts patient care and the health system can lead to a successful implementation.

What are you most excited about working with KASIC?

I am most excited about learning from each other. Antimicrobial stewardship evolves and changes with each institution's needs. We can help each other with problem-solving and sharing experiences.