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Norton Infectious Diseases Institute Grand Rounds Educational Series

Every Wednesday
from 12:00 – 12:30 PM EST

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April 5th, 2023:

Update on AAMI standards: endoscopes and
ultrasound probes with Hudson Garrett PhD,
MSN, MPH

April 12th, 2023:

Project Firstline: Topics in Infection Prevention
with Missy Travis, MSN

April 19th, 2023:

Laboratory Detection of Mycobacterial
Infections with Alan Junkins, PhD

April 26th, 2023

Non-tuberculous Mycobacteria (NTM) with
Elena Swingler, PharmD, BCIDP

Are you concerned about antibiotic use in your long-term care facility? Look no further than the KASIC Long-term Care Needs Assessment!

According to recent studies, up to 75% of antibiotics prescribed in nursing homes are unnecessary. This overuse can lead to the development of drug-resistant bacteria, *C. difficile* infections, and drug toxicity. By implementing Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs, we can promote the appropriate use of antibiotics and mitigate these negative outcomes.

KASIC is committed to helping long-term care facilities improve their Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs. That's why we developed the Long-term Care Needs Assessment. By taking this assessment, you can identify areas where your facility can improve its stewardship practices and develop strategies for promoting appropriate antibiotic use. Additionally your responses will help KASIC develop broadly applicable tools for all long term care facilities.

Don't wait to take action on this critical issue. Click the blue circle to take the KASIC Long-term Care Needs Assessment and start benchmarking your Antimicrobial Stewardship Program today. Together, we can ensure that our long-term care facilities are using antibiotics safely and effectively, and that we are protecting the health of our residents and staff.

[Click here
to take the
Assessment](#)

Ongoing KASIC Advisory Board Projects to Support You!

Carbapenem Utilization Benchmarking

Carbapenem usage (days of therapy) has been compiled for 21 hospitals in Kentucky. Interested to see how you compare? Contact KASIC today benchmark your usage to other hospitals across the state and create a plan to protect carbapenems in your institution.

IV to PO Protocol

IV to PO switch practices are fundamental practices of antimicrobial stewardship program to promote enteral administration when appropriate. KASIC has compiled nine IV to PO protocols from a variety of institutions across the state. Looking for ideas to create your own? Or perhaps your own protocol could be expanded or streamlined? Contact KASIC today!