

# KASIC NEWSLETTER

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## Join U.S. and Kentucky Antibiotic Awareness Week

CDC and the Governor of KY recognize November 18-24 as Antibiotic Awareness Week to raise awareness about risks of antimicrobial use and the threat of resistance

### Ways to participate:

- **Click to follow KASIC on X and LinkedIn**  
KASIC will be sharing materials throughout antibiotic awareness week
- **Use and share toolkits and materials**  
[U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week 2023 Partner Toolkit](#) and [Be Antibiotics Aware Partner Toolkit](#)
- **Join the conversation on social media**  
Live chat with CDC ([@CDC\\_AR](#)) and other professional organizations throughout the week
- **Watch webinars**  
Check out upcoming webinars for improving antimicrobial use: [Urgent Care Association webinar](#), [CDC webinar](#), [Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists webinar](#)
- **Go Purple!**  
Wear purple and bring purple to your online presence to show support

[Click here for more info from the CDC!](#)

## Updated IDSA complicated urinary tract infection guidelines are coming soon!

At IDWeek 2023, the Infectious Diseases Society of America shared their drafted updates to the complicated urinary tract infection guideline (cUTI). Though these recommendations may still be subject to change based on comments on the drafts, here are a few of the big changes that are expected:

- **A narrower definition of who is considered complicated.** This will be based on clinical status and presence of pyelonephritis, urinary catheters or bacteremia. Male sex is planned to be removed from the definition of cUTI.
- **Durations will be shorter.** 7 days will be recommended over longer durations.
- **Oral therapy is preferred.** Oral antibiotics will be preferred over IV, even in the setting of bacteremia.

Be on the lookout for the updated guidelines and check out what's new in the management of cUTIs!



## KASIC Cases

Each week, a fictional case describing a common antimicrobial stewardship opportunity is posted on X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn. Participants are encouraged to answer the poll first and then review the best answer along with an explanation.

**Ready to test your antimicrobial stewardship knowledge? Try out the latest case:**

A 67 year old male presents to clinic with a cough, fever and body aches x 3 days. He tests influenza+. His vitals are stable and he is being sent home to recover. What is the best outpatient treatment?

- A. Amox/clav
- B. Oseltamivir
- C. Amox/clav + oseltamivir
- D. Supportive care only

[Click here for the BEST answer](#)

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## Latest Clinical Education Pearls: Click to Read!

[The Typical Atypicals](#)

[Kids with GAS](#)

[Monitoring off Antibiotics: Acute Uncomplicated Diverticulitis](#)

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## Norton Infectious Diseases Institute Grand Rounds Educational Series

[Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection \(CAUTI\)](#)

[Antimicrobial Stewardship for the Infection Preventionist](#)

[Communicating HAI Data: What's your Hospital Story?](#)

## KASIC Year One Summary is Here

*We've been busy!*

Read the report for a comprehensive overview of our stewardship efforts across the Commonwealth of Kentucky and find out what's next for year two

[Click here for summary](#)