

Newsletters

We issue monthly newsletters to DASON members to keep hospital clinical pharmacists and physicians involved in antimicrobial stewardship programs up-to-date about technical, timely, and important news regarding antimicrobial stewardship topics.

The Duke Antimicrobial Stewardship Outreach Network (DASON) Newsletters are listed below as examples of this valuable resource:

- October 2022: IDWeek 2022: Highlighted DCASIP Research and Abstracts
- September 2022: The Search for More Meaningful Metrics: A Look at Antibiotic Spectrum Scores
- August 2022: Pondering Procalcitonin
- July 2022: New and Revised Antibiotic Stewardship Requirements from The Joint Commission
- June 2022: β -lactam Induced Nephrotoxicity
- May 2022: Bezlotoxumab: Assessing its Current Role in C. Difficile Management
- April 2022: Pneumococcal Vaccine Update: New ACIP Recommendations
- March 2022: Fosfomycin for UTI Therapy- The Secret is Leaking Out
- February 2022: Use of Current Breakpoints by Clinical Laboratories- Mission Critical for Accurate Detection of Antimicrobial Resistance
- January 2022: Outpatient COVID-19 Therapies: Drugs in the Time of Omicron
- December 2021: Review of 2021 IDSA Guidance for the Treatment of Antimicrobial-resistant Gram-negative Infections: Version 2.0
- November 2021: Interprofessional Communication and Engagement in Stewardship
- October 2021: IDWeek 2021: Highlighted DCASIP Research and Abstracts
- September 2021: Top Antimicrobial Stewardship Intervention Publications in 2020
- August 2021: A Review on Diagnosis and an Update on Treatment of Urinary Tract Infections in Men
- July 2021: Intraoperative Irrigation: “Do additives add any benefit?”
- June 2021: Updates on the Treatment of C difficile Infection: Highlights from the New IDSA and ACG Guidelines
- May 2021: DASON Impact: Successful Antimicrobial Stewardship Interventions
- April 2021: SEP-1: Easing Antibiotic Selection
- March 2021: Blood Culture Contaminants: No Joke for Stewards
- February 2021: Neutralizing Antibodies for Outpatient Treatment of COVID-19
- January 2021: CDC Updates Gonococcal Guidelines
- December 2020: COVID-19 Vaccine Q&A
- November 2020: Oral Vancomycin for the Prevention of C. difficile Infection
- October 2020: IDWEEK 2020: Highlighted Abstracts and DCASIP Research Presentation Synopsis

- September 2020: Review of 2020 IDSA Treatment Guidance for Multidrug-Resistant Gram-negatives
- August 2020: Putting Penicillin Allergies to the Test
- July 2020: Part II: Dropping Empiric Vancomycin for Community-acquired Pneumonia
- June 2020: Using DRIP to Drop Unnecessary Broad-Spectrum Treatments for Pneumonia
- May 2020: Handshake Stewardship in the Era of COVID-19
- April 2020: New Vancomycin Dosing Guidelines - Should We Switch?
- March 2020: Antibiotic Stewardship During the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic
- February 2020: Rapid Diagnostic Testing for Bloodstream Infections
- January 2020: Cefiderocol: A first-in-class siderophore cephalosporin designed to combat resistance
- December 2019: Duration of Therapy for Gram-Negative Bloodstream Infections
- November 2019: Blood cultures before antibiotics-Sequence matters
- October 2019: Review of the 2019 IDSA/ATS Practice Guidelines for the Management of Community-acquired Pneumonia (CAP)
- September 2019: Antimicrobial Stewardship in Community Hospitals
- August 2019: Prolonged Perioperative Antibiotics: Not Worth the Risk
- July 2019: The Antibiotic Pipeline - Quick takes on novel agents
- June 2019: Community Acquired Pneumonia: 3 vs 5-day course of azithromycin in combination with a beta-lactam
- May 2019: Updates to the NHSN AU Option: New Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio (SAAR) + NHSN Reference Attachment
- April 2019: TYRX Pocket - The Perfect Pocket?
- March 2019: Are Oral Antibiotics Just as Good as Intravenous?
- February 2019: Antibiogram Updates 2019
- January 2019: It's That Time of Year: Flu Shots
- December 2018: Preoperative Staphylococcus aureus surveillance, decolonization, and the implications for SSI prevention and antibiotic prophylaxis
- November 2018: Antimicrobial Stewardship Training Resources and More!
- October 2018: The MERINO trial: Piperacillin-tazobactam loses out to meropenem in drug-resistant blood stream infections.
- September 2018: Diagnostic Stewardship Part II: Understanding indications for collecting blood cultures for hospitalized adult patients
- August 2018: Here We Go Again! FDA Updates Drug Safety Communication for Fluoroquinolones
- July 2018: New Aminoglycoside on the Block: What role should Plazomicin play in the management of infectious diseases?
- June 2018: To Treat or Not to Treat? How to Identify Contaminated Blood Cultures
- May 2018: What Resources are Required to Staff an Effective Antimicrobial Stewardship Program?
- April 2018: Urinary Tract Infection and Asymptomatic Bacteriuria: When to (and not to) Workup and Treat
- March 2018: C the Diff: What's New in the 2017 IDSA/SHEA Clinical Practice Guidelines for Clostridium difficile Infection
- February 2018: Static versus Cidal Antibiotics

- January 2018: Periarticular Injection Practices in DICON/DASON Hospitals
- December 2017: Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategies for Managing the Intravenous (IV) Fluid Shortage
- November 2017: The Role of the Staff Nurse in Inpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship: A Critical Stewardship Champion at the Bedside
- October 2017: The role of ceftolozane/tazobactam (Zerbaxa), ceftazidime/avibactam (Avycaz), and meropenem/vaborbactam (Vabomere) in treating infections caused by MDR GNB
- September 2017: Updates in Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae Testing
- August 2017: Review of the New CDC Guidelines for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infections
- July 2017: Management of Staphylococcus aureus bacteremia in community hospitals
- June 2017: Management of Beta-Lactam Allergies: Risk of Crossreactivity
- May 2017: Diagnostic Stewardship: An alternative approach to reduce HAIs and improve clinical care
- April 2017: Stewardship Tips and Tricks: Field Guide for Successfully Communicating Stewardship Recommendations
- March 2017: Review of the 2017 Surgical Infection Society Guidelines on the Management of Intra-Abdominal Infection
- February 2017 Anaerobic Infections and Double Anaerobic Coverage
- January 2017: Treatment of Candidiasis & Antifungal Stewardship Opportunities
- December 2016: Antibiotic Use in Small Community Hospitals
- November 2016: Is Five the New Seven? Updated Treatment Durations for Common Infections
- October 2016: The Value of Hospital-Based Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs
- September 2016: Antibiotic Use in Acute Bronchitis and Acute Exacerbations of Chronic Bronchitis
- August 2016: Review of the 2016 IDSA/ATS Practice Guidelines for the Management of Adults with Hospital-acquired (HAP) and Ventilator-associated Pneumonia (VAP)
- July 2016: Vancomycin and piperacillin- tazobactam: Bad for your patients' kidneys?
- June 2016: The dangers of fluoroquinolone use: FDA weighs in
- May 2016: Spotlight on stewardship: The new IDSA/SHEA Antibiotic Stewardship Guidelines
- April 2016: Navigating the CDC's Antibiotic Resistance Patient Safety Atlas
- March 2016: "You cannot manage what you cannot measure": understanding nuances in antimicrobial use metrics
- February 2016: Keeping track of antimicrobial usage: The Antibiotic Stewardship Assessment Portal (ASAP)
- January 2016: A field guide: covering MRSA when treating SSTI and pneumonia
- December 2015: DASON responds to The Joint Commission's Proposed Antimicrobial Stewardship Standard
- November 2015: Challenges with therapy for Clostridium difficile infection: metronidazole vs. vancomycin
- October 2015: The STOP-IT trial: a randomized controlled trial on antibiotic duration for intra-abdominal infections
- September 2015: CDC Releases Core Elements Guidance for Stewardship in Nursing Homes
- August 2015: Does DASON have any guidance on the new severe sepsis core measure?
- July 2015: Antimicrobial Medication Use Evaluations (MUE) for community hospitals

- June 2015: Diagnostic Testing for Clostridium difficile Infection
- May 2015: Drug Shortages: Focus on Piperacillin/Tazobactam (Zosyn)
- April 2015: Promoting Antibiotic Stewardship with Beta-lactam Allergy 'De-labeling'
- March 2015: What is the role of ceftolozane tazobactam (Zerbaxa) in the hospital?
- February 2015: Resources for Prevention of Clostridium difficile Infection
- January 2015: Antibiotic use in Hospitals in the United States
- December 2014: Review of the SHEA Guidelines for Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Leaders
- November 2014: Executive Order for Combatting Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria and the Role of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs
- October 2014: Single-versus multiple-dose antimicrobial surgical prophylaxis
- September 2014: Review of the IDSA Practice Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (SSTI)
- August 2014: New MRSA drugs: tedizolid, dalbavancin, and oritavancin
- July 2014: Reduce Clostridium difficile Risk with Antimicrobial Stewardship
- June 2014: Pharmacokinetic Dosing Strategies and Antimicrobial Stewardship
- May 2014: The Role of Antibiotics in Sepsis Protocols
- April 2014: Rapid Diagnostic Tests and Antimicrobial Stewardship
- March 2014: New and Emerging Strategies for Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs: Give Prescribers a "Nudge"
- February 2014: New Ceph on the Block: What role should ceftaroline play in the management of infectious disease?
- January 2014: Antibiotic Susceptibility Test Reporting and Antimicrobial Stewardship
- December 2013: The role of topical antibiotics (antibiotic irrigants, antibiotic powders, and antibiotic-containing collagen sponges) in surgical site infection prevention
- November 2013: Our perspective on CDC's "Antibiotic Resistance Threats in the United States, 2013"
- October 2013: Avoiding Ertapenem for Colorectal Surgery Perioperative Prophylaxis
- September 2013: Integrating Antimicrobial Stewardship into Existing Administrative Structures at Community Hospitals
- August 2013: Optimizing Antimicrobial Pharmacodynamics: Extended- or Prolonged-Infusion β -Lactam Administration
- July 2013: Post-Antibiotic Prescription Review [PAR]: What is It? Why Do It? Is It Beneficial?