



Antibiotic Awareness Week Podcast: Enhancing Antibiotic Stewardship Programs in Acute and Long-term Care Settings

In this episode of the Maine HAI-AR Connection Federal CDC partners and State Infectious Disease Pharmacy experts will discuss key areas to elevate ASP programs and engage frontline staff & providers.



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Melinda Neuhauser, PharmD, MPH, is Pharmacist and Acute Care Lead for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office of Antibiotic Stewardship in the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion. Melinda graduated from University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, completed infectious diseases residency training at Detroit Receiving Hospital and fellowship training at University of Illinois at Chicago. Prior to joining the CDC, Melinda worked as the National Clinical Pharmacy Program Manager in Infectious Diseases for the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Pharmacy Benefits Management Services and Co-Chair of the VA National Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force.

Sarah Kabbani, MD, MSc is an adult infectious disease physician and medical officer in the Office of Antibiotic Stewardship, Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Kabbani completed her internal medicine residency at Wayne State University in Michigan. After working as an academic hospitalist for two years at Beaumont Health System, she joined Emory University in 2011 for her post-doctoral infectious disease fellowship. During her fellowship she completed a Master of Science in Clinical Research at Emory working with population surveillance data and was awarded an NIH T32 training grant in vaccinology. In 2016, she joined the Office of Antibiotic Stewardship as a medical officer, where her areas of concentration include older adult and long-term care antibiotic stewardship.



Kyle Massey, PharmD, BCIDP received Doctor of Pharmacy degree at the Thomas Jefferson University College of Pharmacy in Philadelphia, PA and completed residency at the University of Pennsylvania, specializing in infectious diseases. Joined Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in 2019 as an Infectious Diseases Specialist and is appointed as Co-Director for the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program. Involved in multiple research and quality improvement projects focused on multi-drug resistant organisms and antimicrobial utilization. Since the start of the pandemic, has been working with local and state organizations on emerging therapeutics for COVID-19, translating emerging literature into therapeutic pathways. Actively involved in COVID-19 Vaccine advocacy, education, and communication in the community.

Minkey Wungwattana, PharmD, BCIDP Born and raised Chicago, IL, Minkey received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Purdue University in 2011. He completed his PGY-1 and infectious diseases PGY-2 pharmacy residencies at Indiana University Health in Indianapolis, IN. In 2013, he joined Maine Medical Center as MMC's infectious diseases pharmacist specialist and co-director of the antimicrobial stewardship program at the hospital. Since 2013, Dr. Wungwattana has helped to grow the ID pharmacy and stewardship team at MMC and MaineHealth and brought two rapid diagnostic platforms to help treat bloodstream infections at MMC. In September of 2021, he transitioned his clinical practice from the inpatient acute care setting to the ambulatory community setting. He also serves as the director for MMC's PGY-2 ID pharmacy residency program and MaineHealth's antimicrobial stewardship program. Dr. Wungwattana looks forward to the opportunity to delivery antimicrobial stewardship services to the community across the state of Maine.



Neil Thurlow received his Pharm.D, cum laude, from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in 2008 and his MBA, summa cum laude, from Southern New Hampshire University in 2016. Neil worked as a pharmacist at CVS Health until 2010, when he returned to his home state of Maine to join the MVH Pharmacies team. At MVH Pharmacies, Neil takes on a variety of roles that integrate nursing and pharmaceutical care. Specifically, Neil coordinates MVH Pharmacies' NavigatoRx© program, which aids in reducing skilled hospital readmissions during transitions of care. Neil consults with nursing facilities to ensure compliance with controlled substance policy and procedures. Currently, he is working on USP <800> to ensure safe handling of hazardous medications both within the pharmacy and the nursing home setting. Neil also spends time on the bench working as a direct care pharmacist

