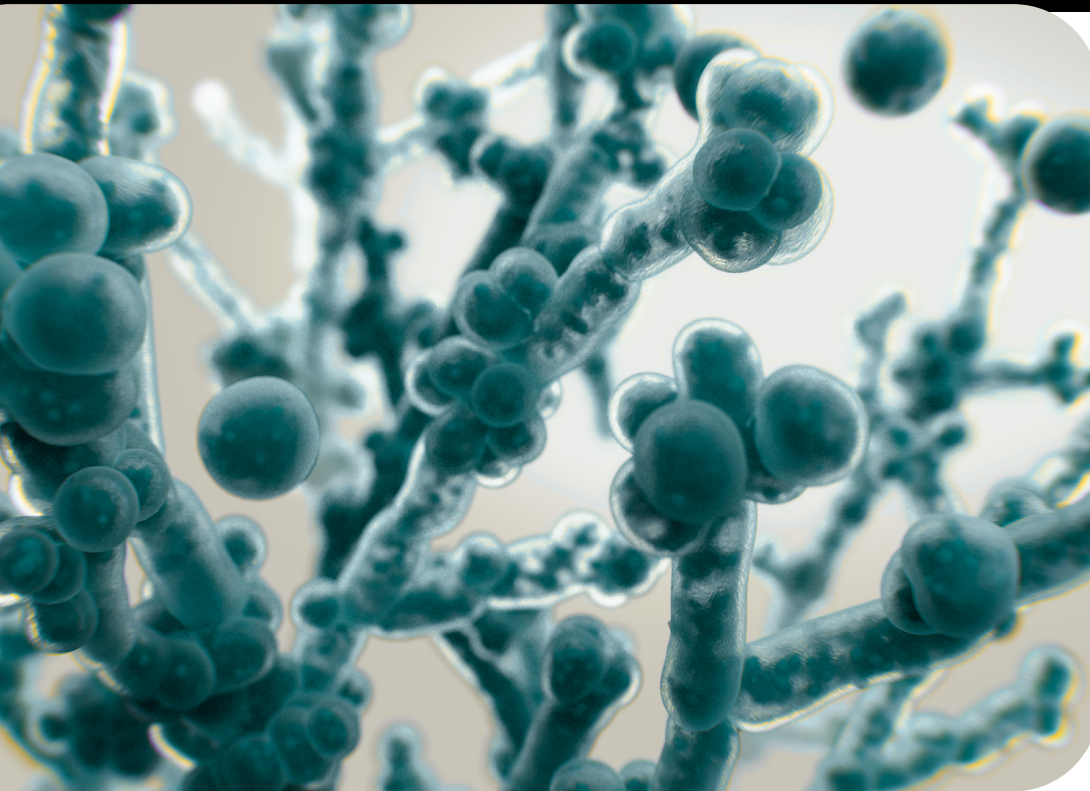


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Registration is now open for the **2026 Nebraska Infectious Diseases Conference!**

Join us **Friday, August 28, 2026 in Bellevue, NE** for an in-person event co-hosted by ASAP and the Nebraska Infectious Diseases Society (NIDS).

It's the perfect place to learn, network, and stay ahead in the field. Don't miss out on the insights and discussions happening right here in Nebraska!

The agenda offers three parallel tracks (NIDS, antibiotic stewardship, and long-term care) to tailor your experience based on professional role/practice setting.

[**Click Here to Register!**](#)

NEW

CDC has released updated **Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Programs**, building on the original 2016 guidance to reflect new evidence and changes in U.S. healthcare delivery.

The Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Programs



The updated guidance includes:

Appendix A: Measurement and Evaluation of Antibiotic Use: approaches, benefits, challenges, and practical examples;

Appendix B: Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Assessment Tool: evaluate current efforts, identify gaps, and track progress; and

Setting-specific guides with tailored strategies for outpatient settings such as telemedicine, dental care, and dialysis facilities.

[Link: Core Elements of Outpatient AS Programs](#)

Did you know - CLSI M100 access is available at no charge!

The Clinical Lab Standards Institute (CLSI) M100 is the annual reference that establishes antimicrobial susceptibility testing standards and clinical breakpoints used by microbiology laboratories.

CLSI MICROFREE

CLSI MicroFree enables free access to the most trusted and updated information on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing (AST), a critical need for laboratories and providers dealing with drug-resistant pathogens and infections.

Guest Access

This platform – providing free, read-only access to critical AST standards – is provided as a public health service.

For the full suite of AST documents and resources, [visit clsi.org](https://clsi.org)

Email:

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- ☒ Hospital/Clinical
- ☐ Manufacturing
- ☐ Research
- ☐ Government

It includes susceptibility breakpoints, intrinsic resistance tables, expert rules, and guidance for detecting important resistance mechanisms.

Annual updates may change how organisms are categorized as susceptible, intermediate, or resistant, influencing antibiograms, resistance trends, and prescribing decisions.

Antibiotic stewards should reference the current CLSI M100 and partner with their microbiology laboratory to ensure breakpoint updates are understood and incorporated into stewardship activities.

[Click Here to Access!](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Our partners at CHARM through Ferris State University are hosting their 6th Annual Outpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship Innovations Symposium (OASIS)



Agenda

- What's New With CHARM, Including Real World Case Examples
- Outpatient Stewardship Interventions
- Urinary Tract Infection & Community-Acquired Pneumonia Update
- Hot Topics in Outpatient ID
- Virtual attendance available!
- Continuing Pharmacy Education provided
- Cost: \$25 pharmacists

[Click Here to Register!](#)



The Nebraska Infectious Diseases Society will be hosting their next **Ask the Expert Webinar**

Date: July 28th , from 12 - 1 PM

Title: Shorter is Often Better – Optimizing Antibiotic Durations for Common Outpatient Infections

Dr. Mackenzie Keintz will be giving a practical and informative talk on optimizing antibiotic durations for common outpatient infections. CME credit is available.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



MIDWEST ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP COLLABORATIVE

The Midwest Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative (MASC) is a regional forum that brings together clinicians, leaders, industry representatives, and other partners to advance antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship. Its mission is to improve patient care through education and the promotion of best practices. MASC hosts quarterly virtual meetings to facilitate the exchange of ideas and share practical approaches across healthcare settings.

The next MASC meeting will take place on **Thursday, August 13th, from 1200-1300**, and will feature the theme ***Sleepless in Stewardship: The Issues We Can't Ignore***. This moderated session will begin with brief presentations to introduce key topics, then expand into a broader, interactive discussion. Attendees will be invited to share current and emerging challenges from their own institutions and care settings. The goal is for participants to leave informed, engaged, and equipped with insights that can meaningfully influence practice. **This is a session you won't want to miss!**

[Click here to join the Zoom meeting](#)

Presentation Title	Presenter(s)	Kick-off Topic
Sleepless in Stewardship: The Issues We Can't Ignore	Julie Ann Justo, PharmD, MS Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Lebanon, NH	AI and Stewardship
	Jason Gallagher, PharmD Temple University Philadelphia, PA	De-escalate Your Expectations

For questions or to receive future invitations to your email,
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