



2026 NEBRASKA INFECTIOUS DISEASES CONFERENCE

August 28, 2026 - Beardmore Event Center, Bellevue, Nebraska

Time	Session
7:30-8:30	Registration/Breakfast
8:00-8:25	Business meeting for Nebraska Infectious Diseases Society members
8:00-8:25	Trainee IDSA Breakfast
8:35	Welcome, <i>Kari Neemann, MD, NIDS President</i>
8:45	Infectious Diseases Society of America Keynote: Infectious Disease: Challenges and Opportunities - <i>Wendy Armstrong, MD</i>
9:30	Nebraska AS and Healthcare-Associated Infections Program Update – <i>Salman Ashraf, MBBS</i>
10:00	Break, Exhibitors
10:30	Breakout Session #1 <u>NIDS Track</u> : Lessons Learned from Measles Outbreaks in the Post-elimination Era – <i>Sydney Stein, DVM, MPH</i> <u>AS Track</u> : Ambulatory Antimicrobial Stewardship: Targets, Tools, and Metrics – <i>Mackenzie Keintz, MD</i> <u>LTC Track</u> : Using Data to Drive Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs in Nursing Homes through Existing Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Processes – <i>Pam Bailey, DO, MPH</i>
11:15	Lunch, Exhibitors, Poster Session
12:45	Breakout Session #2 <u>NIDS Track</u> : <i>Emydomyces testavorans</i> : An Emerging Fungal Pathogen of Chelonians– <i>Emma Zhang, DVM</i> <u>AS Track</u> : Diagnostic Stewardship Considerations in Pediatric Populations – <i>Andrea Green Hines, MD, FAAP, FPIDS, FIDSA</i> <u>LTC Track</u> : Managing Multi Drug-Resistant Organisms in Long-Term Care – <i>Sarah Sansom, DO, MS, FIDSA</i>
1:30	Breakout Session #3 <u>NIDS Track</u> : Down the Drain: Waterborne Pathogens in Healthcare Facilities– <i>Juan Teran Plasencia, MD</i> <u>AS Track</u> : Treatment of Urinary Tract Infections: Optimizing Antimicrobial Therapy and Assessing New Antibiotics for UTIs– <i>Jennifer Anthone, PharmD, BCIDP, BCPS</i> <u>LTC Track</u> : Lessons Learned from Legionella Investigations – <i>Lacey Pavlovsky, RN, MSN, CIC, LTC-CIP, AL-CIP, FAPIC</i>
2:15	Break, Exhibitors
2:45	Breakout Session #4 <u>NIDS Track</u> : Updates and Review of Tickborne Diseases in Nebraska – <i>Jeff Hamik, MS</i> <u>AS Track</u> : Common Antibiotic Stewardship Curbside Consults Breaking the Cycle: A Practical Approach to Recurrent UTI– <i>Erica Stohs, MD, MPH</i> No Vein, No Gain? Think Again. Transitioning to Oral Antibiotics – <i>Sara Azimi, PharmD, BCIDP</i> Interpretation and Use of Newer Diagnostic Tests– <i>Jonathan Ryder, MD</i> <u>LTC Track</u> : Lessons Learned from Group A Streptococcus Investigations – <i>Claire Ortlieb, MPH</i>
3:30	Breakout Session #5 <u>NIDS Track</u> : Oral Abstract Presentation & Awards (Best Submissions for Clinical Case and Research) <u>AS Track</u> : Common Sense Infection Evaluation in a Hospitalized Patient – <i>Trevor Van Schooneveld, MD, FSHEA, FIDSA, FACP</i> <u>LTC Track</u> : Panel: Infection Control and Antibiotic Stewardship Improvement Opportunities – <i>Larisa Mulrone and Salman Ashraf, MBBS</i>
4:15	Adjourn

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Educational Objectives:

- Apply up-to-date infectious diseases and antimicrobial stewardship guidelines to the prevention, diagnosis, and management of common and emerging infections across settings.
- Integrate diagnostic stewardship principles and available microbiology/advanced diagnostics to optimize antimicrobial therapy in adult and pediatric patient populations.
- Implement practical, context-appropriate stewardship and infection prevention interventions through enhanced interprofessional teamwork, communication, and use of data for quality improvement in diverse and resource-limited practice settings.

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