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Pharmacy
Practice
Forum



Monthly
CE
Webinar



Antimicrobial
Stewardship
Forum

January

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Wednesday



Prioritizing Equity in Antimicrobial Stewardship Efforts (EASE): A Framework for Infectious Diseases Clinicians

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

Speaker: Jacinda (JAM) Abdul-Mutakabbir PharmD, MPH, Associate Professor of Clinical Pharmacy, University of California San Diego, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, San Diego, CA

UAN: 0122-0000-26-001-L04P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Recognize how systemic racism and social determinants of health (SDoH) contribute to inequities in antimicrobial use, resistance, and infectious disease outcomes.
- Outline antimicrobial stewardship processes and policies to identify and mitigate factors that perpetuate disparities in care.
- Explain how the Prioritizing Equity in Antimicrobial Stewardship Efforts (EASE) Framework can be used to design, implement, and assess equity-focused interventions in their practice settings

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Describe how systemic racism and social determinants of health (SDoH) can impact patient access to and use of antimicrobial therapies.
- Recognize steps within antimicrobial stewardship workflows where inequities may occur and identify opportunities to support equitable practices.
- Explain how the application of the EASE Framework can be supported by technicians contributing to data collection, communication, and process improvements that promote equitable antimicrobial use

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Wednesday



Beyond Dispensing: Advancing Pharmacy Technician Practice Across the Continuum to Strengthen Safety and Workforce Resiliency

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

Speaker: Edward Dix PharmD, MBA, CCP, FAB, System Director of Pharmacy Services, Inspira Health, Mullica Hill, NJ

UAN: 0122-0000-26-002-L04-P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Describe advanced and value-added pharmacy technician practice domains across the continuum of care, aligned with national practice advancement initiatives and evolving health-system needs
- Explain how expanded pharmacy technician roles support medication safety, population health initiatives, regulatory compliance, operational efficiency, and financial stewardship while enabling pharmacists to practice at the top of their license
- Identify scalable workforce and governance strategies for implementing and sustaining advanced pharmacy technician roles across inpatient, ambulatory, retail, and specialty pharmacy settings

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Recognize advanced and value-added pharmacy technician practice domains across health-system, ambulatory, retail, specialty, and population health settings
- Describe education, training, certification, and competency pathways that support advancement into specialized or leadership-focused technician roles
- Explain how expanded pharmacy technician responsibilities contribute to patient safety, care coordination, regulatory compliance, operational performance, and professional growth

February

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Wednesday



Opioid Stewardship in the Emergency Department: Treatment Considerations for Pain Management and Harm Reduction

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

Speakers:

Sarah Hannig, PharmD, BCPS, System Opioid Stewardship Manager, Baptist Health System, La Grange, KY

Samantha Katzman, PharmD, BCEMP, SPI, Clinical Pharmacy Specialist, Kentucky Poison Control Center of Norton Children's Hospitals, Louisville, KY

UAN: 0122-0000-26-003-L08-P/T (Pain Management)

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Review substance use trends in the US, including opioids and opioid-like substances
- Explore the management of acute opioid, tianeptine, and kratom toxicity
- Discuss the role of pharmacists in screening and management of individuals who use substances in the acute care setting
- Review alternatives to opioids for pain management and discharge prescribing considerations

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Review substance use trends in the US, including opioids and opioid-like substances
- Explore the management of acute opioid, tianeptine, and kratom toxicity
- Discuss the role of pharmacy technicians in screening and management of individuals who use substances in the acute care setting

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Thursday



Contamination Control Strategy: It's Not Just for Pharma

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

Speaker: Abby Roth, CMQ/OE, Executive Director, Pure Microbiology, Pharmacy, Premier, Inc., Charlotte, NC

UAN: 0122-0000-26-004-L07-P/T (Compounding CE)

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Define the key elements of a contamination control strategy.
- Explain the limitations of viable sampling and why all sterile compounding staff must remain vigilant in their compounding practices.
- Discuss the benefits of applying the concept of the contamination control strategy to sterile compounding operations

March

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Tuesday



Teeth, Toxins, and Treatment: Pharmacy Pearls for Managing Bites and Envenomation

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EST

Speaker: Alyssa Robertson, PharmD, BCPS, BCCCP, BCEMP, Clinical Pharmacist Specialist - Emergency Medicine, PGY2 Emergency Medicine Residency Program Director, WellSpan York Hospital Inpatient Pharmacy, York, PA

UAN: 0122-0000-26-005-L01 -P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Recall the pharmacologic agents used in the management of common bites and envenomations
- Describe clinical signs of neurotoxic versus hemotoxic envenomations to support evidence-based therapy selection and timely patient triage
- Explain the rationale behind the selection of specific medications or supportive therapy of bites and envenomations

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- List the signs and symptoms associated with various types of bites and envenomation
- Describe the appropriate medication preparation process for common medications used to manage these situations
- Recognize the storage requirements for common therapies and related emergency medications in the pharmacy setting

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Thursday



Hidden in Plain Sight: Strategies to Detect and Prevent Non-Controlled Substance Diversion

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EDT

Speaker: Mary Nelson MSN, RN, CPPS, Network Drug Diversion Program Manager, Regulatory and Accreditation, Quality Improvement Division, HonorHealth - Corporate Hayden, Scottsdale, AZ

UAN: 0122-0000-26-006-L04-P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Identify non-controlled medications that possess a high potential for abuse and diversion in the acute care setting
- Discuss the patient safety implications and clinical risks associated with the diversion of non-controlled substances
- Outline effective surveillance and investigation strategies to mitigate the diversion of non-controlled medications

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- List common methodologies and transaction types used to conceal the diversion of non-controlled substances in automated dispensing cabinets
- Recognize operational "red flags" in inventory and override reports that may indicate potential theft or diversion
- Explain the importance of accurate inventory control and documentation in preventing the theft of non-controlled products

April

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Wednesday



The Future Is Ours: Developing Pharmacy Talent for Executive Leadership Roles

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EDT**Speaker:** Carrie Morton, PharmD, MBA, Vice President, Centers of Excellence & Chief Pharmacy Officer, Deaconess Health System, Evansville, IN**UAN:** 0122-0000-26-007-L04-P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Identify the leadership competencies required for pharmacists to influence decisions at the health system level
- Describe how cross department collaboration expands a pharmacist's strategic impact beyond the pharmacy
- Explain the key components of an effective career development strategy for pharmacists pursuing advanced leadership roles

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Recognize core leadership and communication skills that support technician growth within the pharmacy
- Identify opportunities for pharmacy technicians to gain experience and professional growth outside the traditional pharmacy setting
- Describe how technicians can partner with pharmacists to enhance patient care and elevate the pharmacy profession

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Wednesday



Crucial Conversations Within the Pharmacy Workforce – Challenges and Successes

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EDT**Speaker:** Alfred Awuah, PharmD, MS, BCPS, Medication Safety Officer, PGY1/PGY2 HSPAL Residency Program Coordinator, Volunteer Assistant Clinical Professor, UCSF School of Pharmacy, UC Davis Health, Sacramento, CA**UAN:** 0122-0000-26-008-L04-P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Describe elements of crucial conversation
- Identify barriers in delivering and accepting difficult feedback
- Discuss strategies to successfully engage in constructive conversations with colleagues and pharmacy learners

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Describe elements of crucial conversation
- Identify barriers in delivering and accepting difficult feedback
- Discuss strategies to successfully engage in constructive conversations with colleagues

May

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Thursday



Beta-lactam Allergies: Stewardship Initiatives

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EDT

Speaker: Meghan Jeffres, PharmD, BCIDP, Associate Professor, Vice Chair of Education, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, Denver, CO

UAN: 0122-0000-26-009-L01 -P/T

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist Objectives

- Describe contemporary data about beta-lactam cross-reactivity
- Identify stewardship initiatives to optimize antibiotic prescribing in patients labeled as beta-lactam allergic
- Review metrics for assessing stewardship initiatives

Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Explain the significance of beta-lactam cross-reactivity data and its implications for medication safety in pharmacy practice.
- Recognize common stewardship strategies used to improve antibiotic prescribing and identify how technicians can assist in implementing these initiatives.
- Describe key indicators used to measure the success of stewardship programs and understand the technician's role in collecting or verifying these metrics

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Wednesday



From “Clean Enough” to Controlled: Why Sterile Compounding Pharmacies Need a Microbiologist at the Table

Noon – 1:00 p.m. EDT

Speakers:

Abby Roth, CMQ/OE, Executive Director, Pure Microbiology, Pharmacy, Premier, Inc., Charlotte, NC

Kevin N. Hansen, PharmD, MS, BCSCP, Director, 503B Program, Pharmacy, Premier, Inc., Charlotte, NC

UAN: 0122-0000-26-010-L07-P/T (Compounding CE)

0.1 CEU; 1 contact hour

Pharmacist and Pharmacy Technician Objectives

- Describe the advantages of collaborating with a microbiologist for viable sampling, contamination control, and release testing
- Identify key questions to ask when selecting a microbiologist to ensure they are the right fit for your organization
- Recognize common misconceptions that can lead to noncompliance or unnecessary work