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SIDP supports a One Health approach for antimicrobial stewardship initiatives

The global threat of antimicrobial resistance cannot be tackled solely by focusing on antimicrobial use in humans. Antimicrobial use and misuse in human, animal, and environmental sectors all contribute to the creation and spread of resistant pathogens. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic clearly demonstrated that new diseases can emerge and spread quickly throughout the world. These are just two examples of many that highlight the need for a One Health approach to antimicrobial use. One Health is defined by the WHO as “an integrated, unifying approach that aims to sustainably balance and optimize the health of people, animals and ecosystems”, and by the CDC as “a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach—working at the local, regional, national, and global levels—with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes recognizing the interconnection between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment”. A One Health approach recognizes that this interconnection is crucial to anticipate, prevent, detect, and control diseases that spread between humans and animals, combat antimicrobial resistance, ensure food and water safety, and address many additional issues.

SIDP strongly advocates integrating the One Health approach into antimicrobial stewardship efforts. In addition to current efforts that incorporate One Health, such as promoting appropriate antimicrobial disposal and defining the scope of One Health, a new SIDP One Health Clinician Education webpage is now available to increase awareness and provide education and resources related to One Health. SIDP is committed to integrating the One Health approach into future antimicrobial stewardship initiatives and collaborations.

About SIDP

SIDP is an association of pharmacists and allied healthcare professionals dedicated to promoting the appropriate use of antimicrobial agents. SIDP membership is comprised of 1,500 members in hospital, academic, industry, governmental organizations, and other practice settings across all 50 states and throughout the globe. The mission of SIDP is to advance infectious diseases pharmacy and lead antimicrobial stewardship in order to optimize the care of patients.

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