

The Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists is excited to work with The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) to share “5 Ways Hospital Pharmacists can be Antibiotics Aware”



## 5 WAYS HOSPITAL PHARMACISTS CAN BE ANTIBIOTICS AWARE

Pharmacists can be Antibiotics Aware year-round. U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week (November 18-24, 2019) is a great time to highlight our impact!

### Antibiotic Awareness Checklist for Pharmacists

- 1. Register your participation!** Become an official partner of the “Hospital Pharmacists can be Antibiotics Aware” campaign by registering your commitment at the SIDP website <https://sidp.org/AMRchallenge/>
- 2. Spread the word.** Forward this information to your friends and colleagues outside of SIDP. Some people who might be interested: faculty at your local pharmacy school, nurse educators and managers at your hospital, your local pharmacy societies, clinics affiliated with your hospital
- 3. Get the Posters.** Download the Pharmacy Posters from the CDC website
  - a. [5 Ways Hospital Pharmacists Can Be Antibiotics Aware](#)
  - b. [Verify Penicillin Allergy](#)
  - c. [Avoid Duplicative Anaerobic Coverage](#)
  - d. [Reassess Antibiotic Therapy](#)
  - e. [Avoid Treatment of Asymptomatic Bacteriuria](#)
  - f. [Use the Shortest Effective Antibiotic Duration](#)
- 4. Choose a strategy!** Choose one or more campaign initiatives for your institution to participate.
- 5. Take action!** Share strategies with pharmacists in your institution. You can:
  - a. Print the posters and share them with your colleagues
  - b. Post the materials electronically through your website, newsletters, or screensavers
  - c. Use one poster topic per day as part of huddles or staff meetings
  - d. Ask your pharmacy colleagues share information with their team members, including nurses, physicians, and others
  - e. Talk to patients about safe antibiotic use
- 6. Promote your work.** Share photos or stories of your activities on social media. Be sure to tag @SIDPharm so we can promote your work!
- 7. Keep track!** Take notes on your activities so you can share your impact with pharmacy and hospital leadership.

## More Information

Looking for key messages to back up your educational plans? Check out these great resources from the CDC.

Antibiotic Awareness Week - Be Antibiotics Aware Partner Toolkit

<https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/week/toolkit.html>

Antibiotic Stewardship Data and Resources - Antibiotic Use in the United States, 2018 Update: Progress and Opportunities

<https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/stewardship-report/index.html>