



Antimicrobial Stewardship and Optimizing Antibiotic Dose in Critically Ill Patients

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Message from the Guest Editor

The escalating crisis of antibiotic resistance, coupled with a decrease in the development of novel antibiotics, demands innovative approaches to improve current antimicrobial prescribing practices. This Special Issue focuses on antimicrobial stewardship and optimizing antibiotic dose in critically ill patients, highlighting the challenges clinicians face in striking the balance between effective therapy and minimizing antibiotic resistance.

In clinical practice, ensuring appropriate antibiotic dosing is essential for therapeutic success in critically ill patients. Critical illness has profound effects on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of antibiotics. Patients are at an increased risk of both under- and overdosing of drugs, leading to either therapeutic failure, antibiotic resistance or toxicity. We suggest that the articles submitted to this Special Issue focus on the importance of individualizing antibiotic therapy, developing dynamic prescribing practices, incorporating clinical susceptibility data and employing pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic principles for dose optimization.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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