



Antibiotics Stewardship in Ambulatory Care Settings

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Antimicrobial stewardship has become important due to the global rise in antimicrobial resistance. Primary care practices and urgent care facilities have been the most common settings for stewardship evaluations, although subspecialty contributions to antibiotic prescribing should also be considered. Appropriate antibiotic selection and duration for other common etiologies of ambulatory visits, including urinary tract infections, skin and soft tissue infections, and sexually-transmitted infections, is another potential focus. Much of the previous work has focused on the administration of oral antibiotics, but the appropriateness of IM/IV antibiotics in outpatient settings and the expansion of OPAT programs for associated monitoring also merit attention. The association of outpatient antibiotic utilization with healthcare-associated infections, and with antibiotic resistance development should also be considered. For this Special Issue, we are looking for submissions addressing the evaluation of antibiotic prescribing and the implementation of antimicrobial stewardship interventions in ambulatory settings.





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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

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