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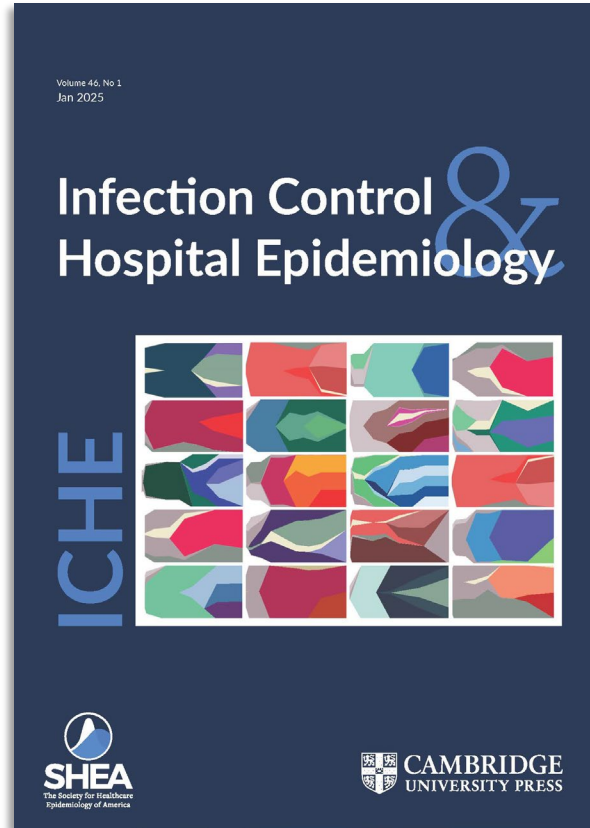
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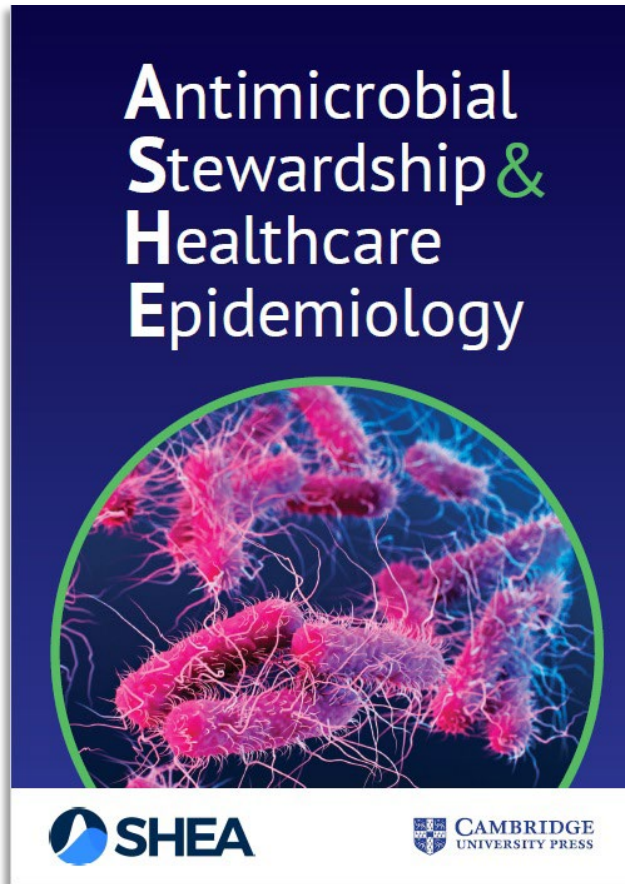
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Online ID Fellows Course

# Primer on Healthcare Epidemiology, Infection Control & Antimicrobial Stewardship



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LEARN MORE





**NEW!**

# SHEA Members Open Forum

Get ready for real discussion! This is a peer-driven, discussion-based program designed for SHEA members to connect, share experiences, and talk through real-world challenges.



**June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 – 5:00 pm ET**

Topic: TBD

Moderator: Harjot K. Singh, MD, ScM



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Improving Antibiotic Stewardship  
and Infection Prevention in  
Nursing Homes



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ASIA PACIFIC SOCIETY OF INFECTION CONTROL

Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre, Malaysia

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SHEA Webinar

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***Town Hall 2026***

# Housekeeping



- Technical difficulties? Visit: <https://support.zoom.us>
- Webinar recording, PowerPoint presentation, and references available on [learningce.shea-online.org](https://learningce.shea-online.org)
- Streaming Live on SHEA's Facebook page
- Zoom Polling, Q&A & Chat



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# May Town Hall Panelists:



**Dr. Bernard Camins**  
*Mount Sinai*



**Dr. Katie Passaretti**  
*Advocate Health*



**Dr. Chris Nyquist**  
*Children's Hospital Colorado*



**Dr. Tom Talbot**  
*Vanderbilt University*

# Invited Panelist:



**Matt Ziegler, MD**

*Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania*

*SHEA Spring 2026 Planning Committee Vice Chair*



**Marisa Holubar, MD, MS**

*Stanford University School of Medicine*

*SHEA Spring 2026 Planning Committee Senior Chair*




**Surbhi Leekha, MBBS, MPH**

*University of Maryland School of Medicine*

*SHEA Spring 2026 Planning Committee Track Senior Chair*



## Interim Guidance for Public Health Assessment and Management of People with Potential Exposure to Andes Virus

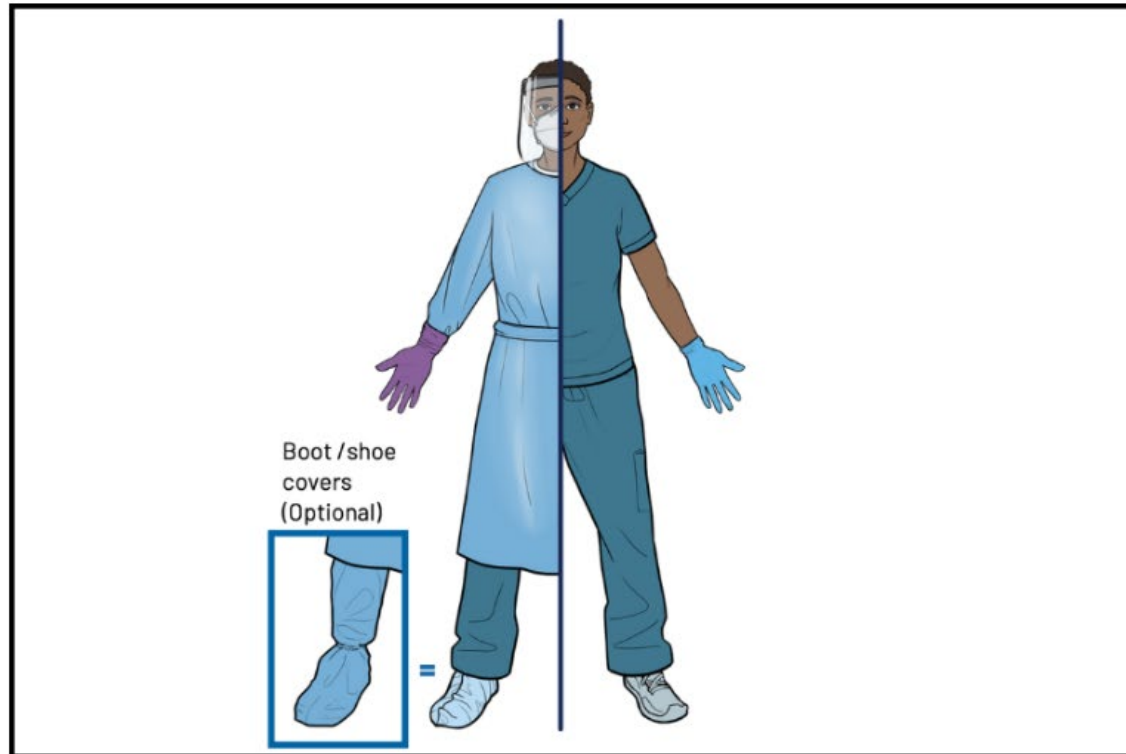
 For Public Health  
MAY 14, 2026

### PURPOSE

- The purpose of this document is to support health departments in managing individuals who have experienced a potential exposure associated with the M/V Hondius Andes virus outbreak.
- Andes virus is a type of hantavirus and the only type that is known to spread person-to-person.

# Precautionary PPE Recommendations for Suspected or Confirmed Andes Hanta Patients

May 18, 2026



MAY 27, 2026

# SHEA Town Hall

SHEA Spring 2026:  
Highlights, Insights  
and Foresights

Chris Nyquist MD,  
MSPH



*Adam Hook Design Hooktees.com*

# SHEA Spring 2026 Chicago

## Highlights/Insights:

- Opening Plenary: Turning Point or Tipping Point? Infection Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Current Landscape
  - Caring and competence are both necessary for trust
- Deimplementation Science
- Tiny Hosts and Tough Bugs: MDROs in Pediatrics
  - SHEA *C. auris* in pediatrics

# SHEA Spring 2026 Chicago

## Highlights/Insights:

- Women of SHEA
  - Kim Cameron- Positively Energizing Leadership <https://cameron.institute/>
- Crossing the Communication Divide- Umar A Shah MD, MPH
  - Change is constant- resilience is critical
  - Leadership is not about choosing sides- it is about navigating trade offs
- Art of Influencing Without Formal Authority
  - Relationships matter more than the system
  - Build relationships, demonstrate credibility, listen more than speak, communicate effectively, develop persuasion skills

# SHEA Spring 2026

*Conference Highlights & Recap*

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# SHEA 2026 Review

>70

Sessions

*Disclaimer: Cannot cover all of the excellent content today.  
Full Program available online for attendees.*

850

Registered Attendees

*Thank you to all attendees, speakers, moderators, volunteers and staff  
who made SHEA 2026 Spring Meeting a tremendous success!*

# New Features & Content

## ▶ **Interactive Session Block**

- New format featuring hands-on, participatory learning experiences
  - Education Carnival: Enhancing Education with Gamification
  - Problem Session: Outbreak in the OR
  - Touched a Nerve? Experts Respond to Pushback
  - From Lessons Learned to What's Next: Help Shape the Future of Antimicrobial Stewardship

## ▶ **Peer Perspectives**

- New opportunity for shared learning and networking



# Workshop: From Algorithms to Action

*Pre-Conference Workshop*

## ► Optimizing Use of AI in Infection Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship

- Broad Overview of AI Platforms in Healthcare
  - Rachael Lee, MD, MSPH
- Using AI in Infection Prevention
  - Krishna Rao, MD,
- AI in Antimicrobial Stewardship
  - Bradley Langford, PharmD MPH BCIDP



# Plenary Sessions

## ▶ **Opening Plenary: Turning Point or Tipping Point?**

- Infection Prevention and Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Current Landscape
  - Grace Lee, MD, MPH — Stanford Medicine Children's Health
  - Julie Ann Justo, PharmD, MS — Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center

## ▶ **Middle Plenary: Crossing the Communication Divide**

- Umair Shah, MD MPH — Rickshaw Health | Jaan Health

## ▶ **Closing Plenary: Microbes Adapt, So Can We**

- Tom Talbot, MD, MPH — Vanderbilt University School of Medicine
- Deborah Yokoe, MD, MPH — University of California, San Francisco
- Anucha Apisarnthanarak, MD — Thammasat University Hospital

# Interactive Sessions Spotlight

*New for SHEA 2026*

## ► Education Carnival: Enhancing Education with Gamification

- Escape Rooms — Sara Dong, MD
- Table-Top Exercises — Brooke Brewer, BSN, MS, CIC
- Quiz-Based Games (Jeopardy/Kahoot) — Rachael Lee, MD
- Hands-on Simulations — Ann Marie Pettis, BSN, RN, CIC
- Virtual Infection Control Tools — Chloe Green, MURP

## ► Interactive Sessions

- Outbreak in the OR | Experts Respond to Pushback | Shape the Future of AMS



# General Sessions Highlights

## ▶ **Specialized Populations & Settings**

- Infection Control in Immunocompromised Patients
  - Hana Hakim, MD | Meghan Baker, MD | Theodore Rader, MD | Erica Stohs, MD
- Tiny Hosts and Tough Bugs: MDROs in Pediatrics
  - Latania Logan MD MSPH | Tom Murray MD PhD
- Infection Prevention in Behavioral Health, Dental, Veterinary, and Home Settings
  - Kevin Gibas, MD | Kathy Eklund, RDH | Leslie Kollmann, CVT, CIC | Ann Marie Pettis
- Ambulatory Minefields
  - Rebecca Stern, MD | Audrey Brezak MPH

## ▶ **Tools – Microbiologic & Informatic**

- Genomic Epidemiology and HAIs: Tracking Transmission
  - Egon Ozer, MD PhD — Northwestern Univ. Feinberg School of Medicine
- Advancing HAI Surveillance with Genomic Sequencing
  - Ahmed Babiker, MBBS, MSc — Rush Medical Center
- Innovations in Surveillance
  - Alex Sundermann DrPH | Erica Shenoy MD PhD | Laura Aschenberg BSN RN CIC

# General Sessions Highlights

## ▶ **NHSN: Past, Present & Future**

- Two Decades of NHSN — Margaret Na Dudeck, BS, MPH, CDC
- Harnessing NHSN Digital Measures — Kristina Betz, MD, PhD, CDC
- Integrating AU/AR Module Data into AMS & IP Action — Amy Webb, MPH, Lantana Consulting

## ▶ **Philosophical Conundrums in Infection Prevention**

- Regulate or Repeal? Public Health Oversight & Pandemic Readiness
  - Stephanie Black, MD (PRO) | Michael Stevens, MD (CON)
- Hospital Quality Rankings & Patient Outcomes
  - Hilary Babcock, MD (PRO) | Lauren DiBiase, MS (CON)
- The Problem With 'Getting to Zero' — John Jernigan, MD (PRO & CON)
  - John Jernigan, MD (PRO) | Gonzalo Bearman MD, MPH (CON)

*Looking Ahead*

# **SHEA Spring 2027**

Save the Date

March 30-April 2, 2027

Washington, DC

# SHEA 2027 — How It's Made

*Behind the Scenes: Building the SHEA Spring 2027 Meeting*

## SHEA 2027 — How It's Made

### ▶ **Call for Session Suggestions**

Open call to members, educators & clinicians  
Submissions reviewed by planning committee

### ▶ **Planning Committee Meeting**

Review & prioritize submitted topics  
Identify speaker candidates & session formats  
Align content with 2027 meeting themes

### ▶ **Session Development Commences**

Speaker invitations & confirmations  
Content review and session planning  
Abstract review and awarding  
Logistics

## Goals for SHEA Spring 2027

### ▶ **Boost Attendance — Target 1,000 by 2028**

### ▶ **Widen the Audience**

Public Health Professionals  
Pharmacy & Antimicrobial Stewardship Teams  
Nursing & Infection Preventionists  
Clinical Research Professionals  
Hospital Administration & Quality Leaders

### ▶ **Strengthen Content Diversity**

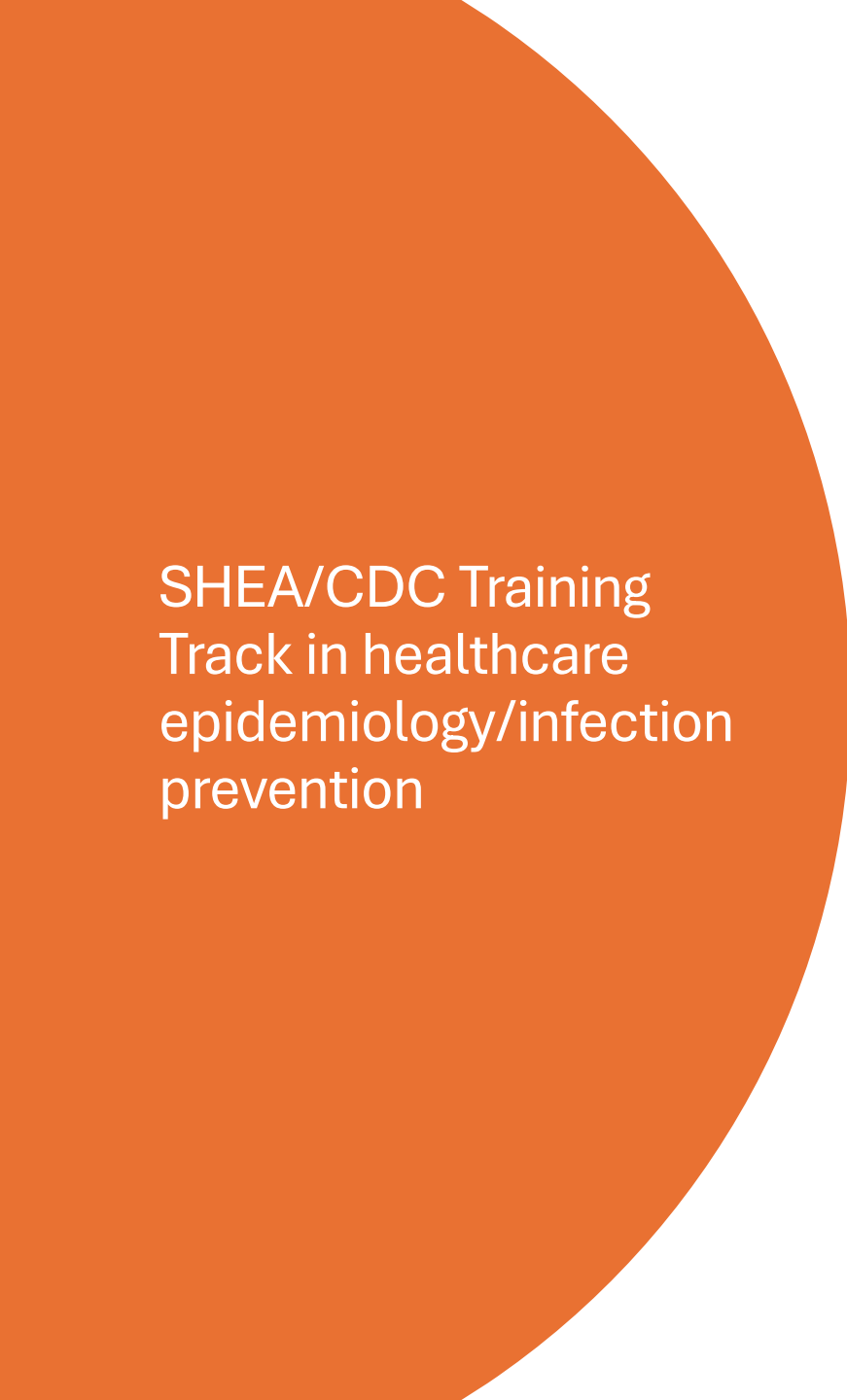
Session content and style

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# Thank You!

Speakers • Moderators • Session Chairs  
Staff • Exhibitors • Planning Committee Volunteers  
and all 850 Registered Attendees

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SHEA/CDC Training  
Track in healthcare  
epidemiology/infection  
prevention

- Long standing offering
  - Partnership with CDC
    - Chairs alternate between CDC and non-CDC person
  - Developed for the novice “healthcare epidemiologist”
    - ID fellow
  - Responding to changing audience
    - Infection preventionists
    - Public Health practitioners
    - Seasoned healthcare epidemiologists
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# Key changes in last 3 years

## Content



QUALITY  
IMPROVEMENT AND  
IMPLEMENTATION  
APPROACHES



DIAGNOSTIC  
STEWARDSHIP



EMERGENCY  
PREPAREDNESS AND  
NOVEL PATHOGEN  
RESPONSE



SHEA COMPENDIUM –  
KEY STUDIES  
(AUTHORS AS  
SPEAKERS)

## Delivery and Approach

- Interactive sessions
- More speakers with shorter talk times
- Senior and junior faculty presenters
- Geared towards different roles: Novice and seasoned learners

# Adapting while keeping Popular "Core" Sessions/Speakers

- Transmission
  - Highlight changes in understanding of respiratory viral transmission
- Outbreak session
  - Interactive workshop



# Adapting while keeping Popular "Core" Sessions/Speakers



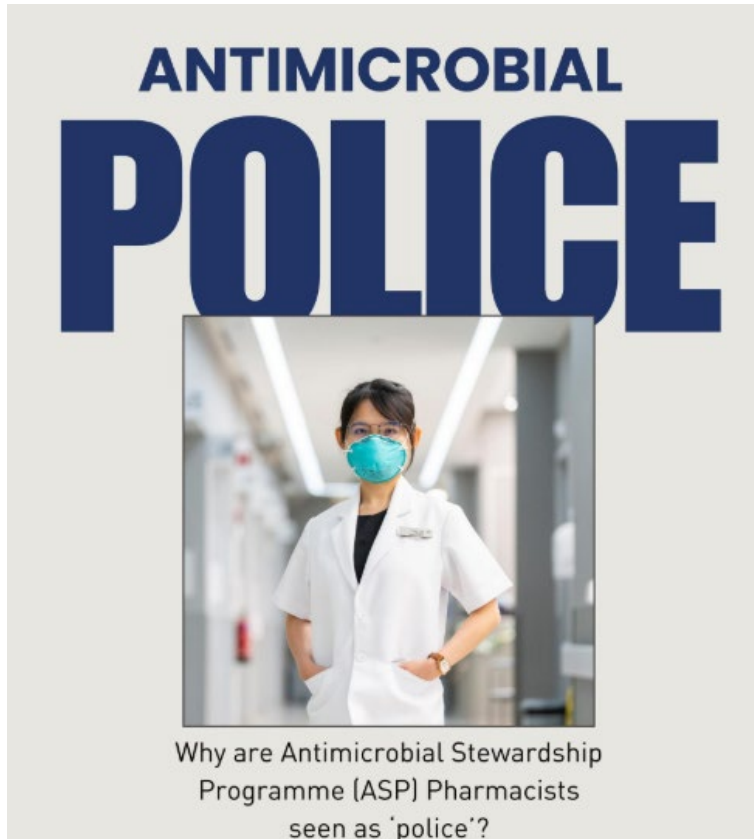
- Effectiveness as Educator
  - Added IP speaker and content to ID physician talk
- Town hall
  - Lots of audience questions
  - Added experts from various settings – acute care (adult and pediatric), LTC, behavioral health



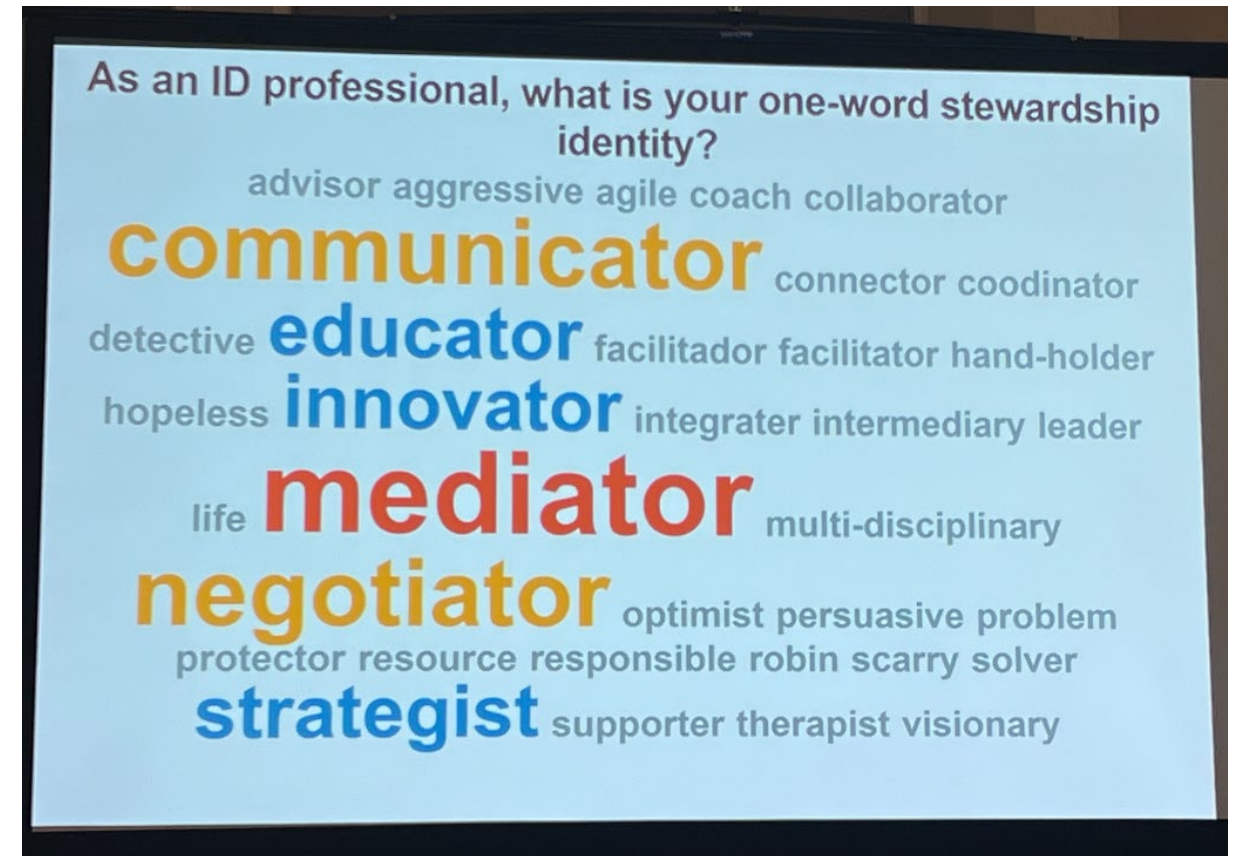
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# 30+ years after ASP began, the job is changing....



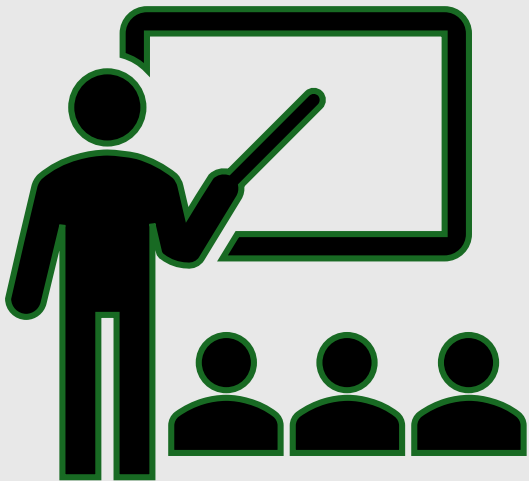
Audience response from 2025 national conference



# SHEA 25: Antimicrobial Stewardship Track Curriculum

Arranged curriculum to address 3 core parts of a steward's identity

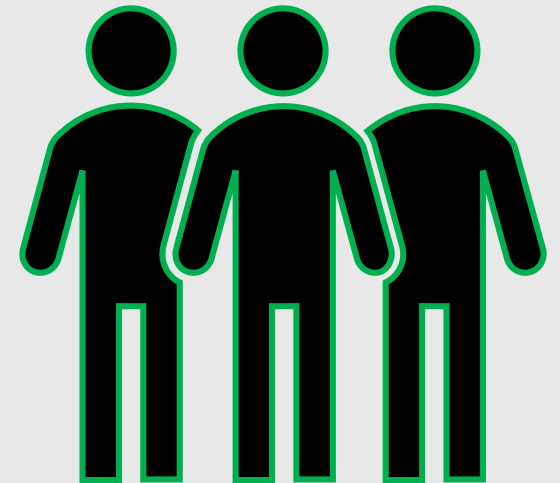
**Educator/Influencer**



**Antimicrobial expert  
(among experts)**



**Program Manager/Leader**



# SHEA 26: Antimicrobial Stewardship Track Curriculum



**Messaging:** shapes how your program is seen and embraced.



**Expertise:** establishes credibility and institutional habits



**Approach:** demonstrates your ability to lead and achieve a goals

# If I really have to pick.....

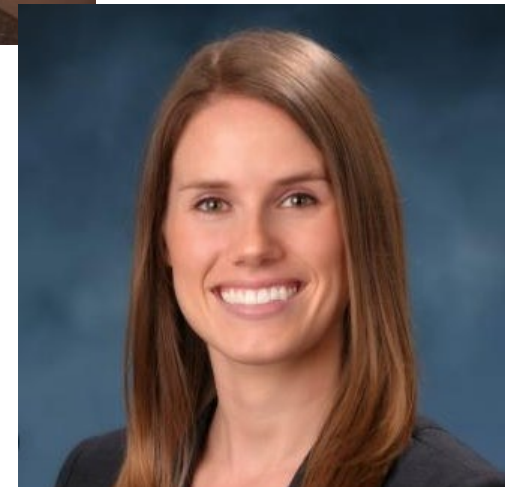
Day 1      Fighting Fair: How to disagree better.  
Alyssa Castillo, MD



Day 2      Tough Bugs and New Drugs  
Jason Pogue, PharmD



Day 3      The Complete Steward: Building  
Credibility, Capability, & Culture  
Lauren O'Brien MD



# Reflections from the AS Track chairs

- Attendees appreciated:
  - *Cohesive programming across the 3 days*
    - topics that apply to all settings
  - *Interactive time*
    - We set the expectation to network, panels, active Q&A
  - *Variety*
    - Diversity of speakers from across the stewardship continuum: experience, geography, peds vs. adults
    - Mix of skills based (communication techniques, leadership) and medical content (penicillin allergies, management of common MDRO infections)
- Audience is hungry for more!
  - Want to discuss shared learning in data free or sparse zones
  - There are not just baby stewards in the audience – need to keep the content fresh and relevant.

# AS Track 2027 Chairs have exciting things planned!



Cynthia Nguyen, PharmD  
University of Chicago



Hayden T. Schwenk, MD, MPH  
Stanford Children's Hospital



Meghan Jeffres, PharmD  
University of Colorado

From Lessons Learned  
to What's Next:  
**Help Shape the Future  
of Antimicrobial  
Stewardship**



[SHEA/SIDP Research Priorities for Antimicrobial Stewardship in Ambulatory Care](#)



This is the overview of this white paper's journey.

Where we are now

and where **you** come in TODAY

AND later....

# Agenda

 Part 1: Dots Don't Lie: Vote the Priorities

 Part 2: Small group work: Vet the Priorities

 Part 3: Meet the ASHE Editors

# There were clear winners in the voting part of the session.

Priority	Sticker vote - SHEA 2026 interactive session
Identify scalable ASP strategies that integrate into clinical workflows and reduce clinician burden across diverse settings (e.g not dependent on the electronic health record.)	29
Define and assess setting-specific ASP metrics to support benchmarking and target-setting.	29
Define and strengthen non-physician and non-advanced practice clinicians' roles in outpatient ASP (e.g., nurses, pharmacists, dentists.)	28
Evaluate outpatient diagnostic stewardship strategies that improve prescribing and patient and population health outcomes.	25
Identify and target high-prescribing outpatient settings, including emerging/nontraditional platforms or settings.	25

# Part 2: Small groups

- **Instructions:**

1. Join 1 small group & discuss.
2. Overarching question:  
*What are the current gaps in knowledge and research related to this scenario?*
3. Report out (moderators)



Defining the Research Agenda for Outpatient Antimicrobial Stewardship at SHEA 2026

**SHEA 2026**

Session Moderators



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Sujit Suchindran

Payal Patel

Marisa Holubar

Leila Hojat

Eddie Stenehjem



Alyssa Castillo

Erica Stohs

Jonathan Ryder

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