

Get Smart

About Antibiotics Week November 17-23, 2014



What is Get Smart Week?

This annual, one-week observance is part of the CDC Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work campaign. Get Smart Week aims to raise awareness of the threat of antibiotic resistance and the importance of appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use. [More details](#)

Why is antibiotic misuse a concern?

- ◆ As much as **50%** of antibiotics prescribed for people are **unnecessary or inappropriate**.
- ◆ Inappropriate antibiotic use **jeopardizes the effectiveness** of these vital drugs.
- ◆ At least **2 million** people become **infected** with antibiotic resistant bacteria each year in the U.S.
- ◆ At least **23,000** people **die** each year in the U.S. as a direct result of these infections. [More Details](#)

Get Involved

Participate in Get Smart Week activities.

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Division of Patient Safety and Quality has teamed up with Telligen (Illinois Quality Improvement Organization) to co-host a free webinar series for physicians, pharmacists, and other health care providers and professionals across the continuum of care. Registration is required.

Access and use provider resources and patient education materials. Click for [CDC Get Smart](#) and [Choosing Wisely Campaign](#) materials.



Activities and Events

Webinars

Co-hosted by IDPH and Telligen

Monday, November 17, 2014 (12:00 - 1:00 p.m. CT)

Save Lives Against the Flu: Immunize

Presenters Christine LaRocca, MD; Paul Mulhausen, MH, FACP; Sheam Bakri, PharmD, MPH, Telligen

- Objectives**
- Review vaccines available for the 2014-2015 flu season
 - Discuss flu prevention best practices

[Register Here](#)

Wednesday, November 19, 2014 (12:00 - 12:30 p.m. CT)

Improving Antibiotic Use: Theory and Practice

Presenter Sameer Patel, MD, MPH, Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Director, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

- Objectives**
- Describe basic principles of antimicrobial stewardship in the patient and outpatient setting
 - Identify core strategies for antimicrobial stewardship interventions

[Register Here](#)

Friday, November 21, 2014 (12:30 - 1:00 p.m. CT)

Association between Antibiotic Exposure and Community-Associated CDI: Antibiotic Stewardship as a Method of CDI Prevention in Primary Care

Presenter Larry K. Kocielek, MD, Associate Medical Director of Infection Prevention & Control, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

- Objectives**
- Describe the clinical and molecular epidemiology of *C. difficile* in children and adults
 - Discuss evidence-based methods for reducing *C. difficile* infections through judicious use of antibiotics

[Register Here](#)

Social Media

⇒ Join the CDC Twitter chat Tuesday, November 18, 2014 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. CT



[#SaveAbx](#)

⇒ Join the 24 hour global antibiotic resistance Twitter chat on November 18



[#AntibioticDay](#)

The Illinois Department of Public Health's Division of Patient Safety and Quality is committed to work for safe, quality health care for the people of Illinois. The Division implements quality improvement initiatives, and provides training and technical assistance on prevention and reporting of healthcare associated infections. The Division promotes health care transparency and is responsible for developing and implementing programs to collect and report health care facility data for improving the quality and value of health care services delivered to Illinois residents.

Stay tuned: IDPH will be launching a campaign to improve antibiotic use in outpatient and community settings.

<http://www.idph.state.il.us/patientsafety/index.htm>
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