



Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Management of Healthcare-Associated Infections

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Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Healthcare-associated infections (HAIs) are recognized as an important global public health and patient safety issue. The World Health Organization estimates that out of every 100 patients in acute-care facilities, seven patients in high-income countries and 15 patients in low- and middle-income countries will acquire at least one HAI during their hospital stay.

This Special Issue is focused on antimicrobial stewardship strategies targeting HAIs. We welcome the submission of manuscripts in the form of original research, brief reports, systematic reviews and meta-analyses, reviews, perspectives, opinions, and interesting cases that highlight antimicrobial stewardship efforts in preventing HAIs, such as (but not limited to) central line-associated bloodstream infections, catheter-associated urinary tract infections, surgical site infections, hospital-onset *C. difficile* infections, ventilator-associated pneumonia, and hospital-onset methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) bloodstream infections.





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