

IDSA Antimicrobial Stewardship Centers of Excellence Program

Benefits of Designation

Designation as an IDSA Antimicrobial Stewardship Center of Excellence is the highest recognition a hospital stewardship program can achieve and the only recognition in the ID field. Designed by IDSA members, this prestigious program recognizes the accomplishments of stewardship programs that demonstrate excellence by exceeding the CDC Core Elements for AS and incorporating quality and policy measures to improve antibiotic use based on evidence and clinical outcomes. Since 2018, over 180 hospitals have received CoE designation, with 80% renewing. From the initial group of designated hospitals, 75% have maintained continuous designation in the program.



What are the benefits of CoE designation?

Increased Stewardship Recognition & Support

IDSA recognizes designated hospitals with a certificate and listing on IDSA's public website and in a press release. Hospitals receive marketing resources to promote their designation locally. Some CoE members have shared that this recognition of their AS program has increased leadership visibility of their initiatives and assisted them in obtaining increased funding and resources.

Best Practice Sharing and Education

IDSA hosts regular webinars and online journal club meetings for CoE hospitals only, where members hear from subject matter experts on current topics in AS and discuss recent publications. Members also share their strategies and improvement projects to learn from each other and work collaboratively.

Resource Library

A private section of the IDSA website for CoEs contains a library of resources to support designated hospitals in their ongoing AS activities and improvement initiatives. These include webinar recordings and materials and AS tools shared by CoE hospitals.

Networking & Stewardship Support

CoE hospitals are part of a select community of over 150 hospitals. Members have access to a private, online network to connect with peers, share ideas, and collaborate on quality and research opportunities. Smaller or resource-limited hospitals can find support and resources for their AS efforts from the community by contacting larger academic medical centers or community hospitals for ideas and strategies.

IDWeek Reception & Activities

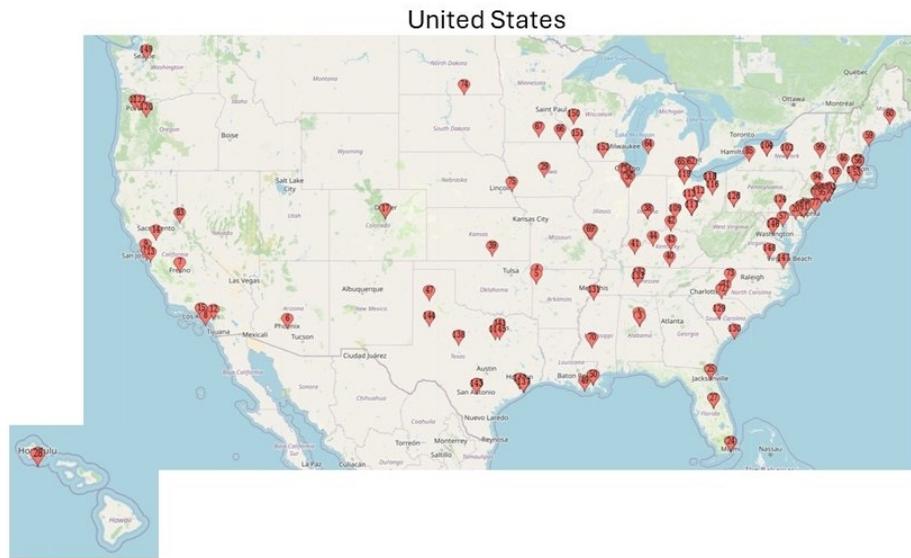
IDSA hosts a special reception for CoEs at IDWeek, providing a great opportunity for members to meet and reconnect in person with peers and program leadership. Other activities are held throughout the week for CoE members only and to promote the work of designated hospitals.

Supporting Accreditation & Regulatory Compliance

Surveyors from accreditation and regulatory agencies, such as The Joint Commission, acknowledge CoE designation positively, and members note that maintaining designation provides a practical advantage in staying prepared for surveys.

Where are designated CoEs located?

Over 150 hospitals are designated as CoEs across the USA and internationally.



What do CoE members say about the program?

“We were very honored to be one of the charter institutions that received the designation of CoE. The designation increased our value within the institution and enhanced our recommended interventions’ acceptance. We believe it enhanced our prestige amongst our colleagues and continues to do so for others (both ID and non-ID) with whom we communicate. The designation likely positively affected reviews by regulatory agencies such as TJC and CMS. With the large number of institutions within CoE, there is an excellent opportunity for networking and possible collaboration of studies and projects.”

Thomas File Jr., MD, MSC, FIDSA

Summa Health, Akron, Ohio; Designated AS Center of Excellence since 2018

Chair of the Infectious Disease Division and Co-Director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

Professor of Medicine, Master Teacher and Chair of the Infectious Disease Section of the Northeast Ohio Medical University

“Being designated has been an honor, validated our hard work and increased our credibility both inside and outside of our organization. TJC and similar organizations are always impressed when we describe the designation. Internally, we have increased interest in involvement with the ASP program and increased demand for our team in other patient care initiatives. Our administration is very proud of the designation, and it has provided us with opportunities that we otherwise would not have, such as webinars and journal clubs. The networking with other CoEs has created a sense of community and support, and the guidance for navigating critical issues, such as the current blood culture shortage, has been invaluable.”

Chad Harvey, PharmD, BCIDP

St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood, Kentucky; Designated AS Center of Excellence since 2022

Antimicrobial Stewardship Pharmacist

How can I learn more about AS CoE designation?

Visit the IDSA website to learn more about the application, review, and designation process.

Antimicrobial Stewardship (idsociety.org)

