

# THE AMR CHALLENGE

## Commitment Template

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American Academy of Emergency Medicine commits to develop and promote the first antibiotic stewardship pledge for emergency care providers. This pledge incorporates 6 core stewardship principles relevant to the unique emergency department care setting, including both condition specific and more general commitments to improve antibiotic prescribing.

to improve:

- Tracking and Data
- Infection Prevention and Control
- Antibiotic Use
- Environment and Sanitation
- Vaccines, Therapeutics and Diagnostics

NOTE: Select all that apply

NOTE: Include how your commitment aligns to the Challenge Areas, its impact, how it will be measured, and when measurement will begin/end. Visit the [AMR Challenge website](#) for more details.

What is the desired impact of your commitment?

Our desired impact is to raise awareness about core areas of antibiotic stewardship that pertain to emergency medical care. By creating, hosting, and promoting an individual commitment pledge, our hope is that providers can be empowered to consider themselves advocates for appropriate antibiotic use broadly and in their own clinical practice. This builds on the observed success of commitment statements of various forms in improving appropriate antibiotic prescribing. Improved antibiotic prescribing is not only a public health issue but also an individual patient safety issue due to the increasing prevalence of drug resistant bacterial infection and risk of adverse drug events, both of which are frequently encountered the emergency department.

For general promotion, how would you summarize your commitment in 100 words or less? Please keep plain language principles in mind.

AAEM is committed to being the leading professional organization when it comes to advocating for antibiotic stewardship in the emergency department setting. This includes developing the first stewardship commitment pledge for emergency care providers and regularly incorporating relevant educational topics into continuing education offerings.

For social media, how would you summarize your commitment (240 characters max)?

American Academy of Emergency Medicine's Task Force Develops Clinician Pledge to Support Global Antimicrobial Resistance Challenge: Goal = empower emergency care providers to champion antibiotic stewardship in their community and practices.

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List all countries where your commitment will be directed:

USA

List how your company name should be included in promotional materials:

American Academy of Emergency Medicine

How will your organization promote this commitment (social, traditional media, etc.)? Please provide social media handles, where applicable.

Funded Dr Pulia to attend AMR Challenge Kickoff Meeting, monthly electronic newsletter announcement about the stewardship pledge, society magazine editorial, social media posts (Twitter/Facebook @aaeminfo)

If you made a commitment in 2015 at the White House Stewardship Forum, please provide an update on progress below.

1. AAEM continues its role as the leading emergency medicine professional society advancing education and advocacy for improving antibiotic prescribing in the emergency department. AAEM has maintained the Antibiotic Stewardship Task Force established as part of the White House Stewardship Forum which, under the leadership of Dr. Michael Pulia (Chair), has conducted promotional and educational stewardship activities reaching hundreds of emergency physicians.
2. Although no formal partnerships exists, AAEM's Antibiotic Stewardship Task Force is actively involved in promoting relevant promotional/educational material produced by PEW, IDSA and SHEA. In addition, Dr. Pulia has represented AAEM on various stewardship initiatives with these organizations including presentations at IDWeek and serving on advisory boards and workgroups.
3. AAEM has continued to promote activities of the Antibiotic Stewardship Task Force on social media and newsletters.
4. AAEM has developed ID focused clinical practice statements including several in recent years related to sepsis and neonatal fever.
5. AAEM was represented by Dr. Pulia on a joint IDSA/SHEA Task Force that worked to develop new quality metrics around antibiotic use in acute care.
6. AAEM has continued to feature multiple ID focused sessions, which cover optimal antibiotic use for common infectious presentations in the ED, during the annual Scientific Assembly which provides CME for over 1,000 emergency physicians annually.

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