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## Antimicrobial Stewardship in the Intensive Care Unit

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Recorded Webinar



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This presentation focuses on the critical role of antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), where patients are highly susceptible to infections and often exposed to broad spectrum antibiotics. Pharmacists play a key role in implementing AMS strategies to optimize antimicrobial use, reduce resistance, and improve patient outcomes.

This program is sponsored through a grant from the Alabama Department of Public Health, Bureau of Communicable Disease Infectious Diseases and Outbreaks through a Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, grant number 6

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There is no registration fee for this program.

Following registration, participants will have access to course instructions, presentations, recorded webinar, program evaluation, CE certificates and credits, etc. **This program is approved for 1.0 ACPE Contact Hours, .1 CEUs.** Once credit is awarded, transcripts will be available online within 24 hours on the learner's CPE Monitor profile at <http://nabp.pharmacy/>. **This program is also approved by ABN and ACCME.**

*The Office of Alumni and Professional Affairs strongly encourages each participant to check their profile online within 60 days of attendance to ensure credit has been awarded properly. ACPE will not accept CE submissions after 60 days from the live seminar date.*

# TARGET AUDIENCE

This knowledge-based program is intended for Pharmacists (ACPE), Physicians (ACCME), Physician Assistants (ACCME), Nurse Practitioners (ABN), and Nurses (ABN).

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the importance of antimicrobial stewardship in the intensive care unit.
2. Identify strategies to optimize antimicrobial use in the intensive care unit.
3. Assess the impact of antimicrobial stewardship on preventing infections such as *Clostridium difficile*.

# ACTIVITY COMPLETION REQUIREMENTS

To complete the steps for CE credit, each attendee will be required to access and review program materials located within the online course, view the recorded Zoom webinar, complete the quiz and program evaluation within the online course, and claim credit within the course. Please contact [hcopce@auburn.edu](mailto:hcopce@auburn.edu) if you have any questions or needs related to this online CE program.

# FACULTY DISCLOSURES

Programming in with AUHCOP is in any way involved, whether as sole provider or joint-providership, shall exhibit fair content balance, providing the audience with information of multiple perspectives from which to form a professional opinion. In addition, the fair balance will assure that information provided does not discuss since commercial product. Brand names of all products included in the content may be mentioned for identification purposes only. Presenters in any continuing education offering will acknowledge and disclose any affiliation with the provider and such information will be made available to the audience. Faculty disclosures will also be included on an introductory slide during the presentation. Dr. Hawthorne has no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this program.

# ACCREDITATION INFORMATION

The Auburn University Harrison College of Pharmacy is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education as a provider for continuing pharmacy education; credits are recognized nationwide. The Universal Activity Number for this knowledge-based program is 0001-9999-24-042-H01-P and is intended for pharmacists. The initial release date for this home-study program is October 2, 2024 and the intended expiration date is October 2, 2027.

ABN - Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy is a Board approved provider of continuing nursing education in Alabama by the Alabama Board of Nursing. Provider Number: ABNP1515

ACCME - This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama (MASA) through the joint providership of Huntsville Hospital and the Auburn University Harrison School of Pharmacy. Huntsville Hospital is accredited by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Huntsville Hospital designates this home study program for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Practitioners should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

## PROGRAM FACULTY

**Ashley Hawthorne**, PharmD, BCCCP is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Pharmacy Practice at the Harrison College of Pharmacy's Mobile Campus. She joined the HCOP faculty in January 2023 and also practices with the Department of Surgery in the Trauma and Burn ICUs at USA Health.

Dr. Hawthorne graduated with her Pharm.D. from the Harrison College of Pharmacy in 2014. Upon graduation, she worked as a clinical pharmacist with Providence Hospital in Mobile until 2019 when she became Board Certified in Critical Care Pharmacotherapy and accepted her first academic appointment with William Carey University School of Pharmacy in Biloxi, Mississippi.

Dr. Hawthorne is an active member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, serving on the In-Training Section Committee since 2020 and currently holds the position of secretary. She is also involved in the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, where serves as the Chair of the Communications Committee for the Critical Care PRN. Her specific critical care interests include infectious diseases and ICU delirium, and she also enjoys participating in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning.

## TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Please make arrangements to have access to a computer that has good audio/visual capabilities and a steady internet connection.

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