



**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (AIIMS),  
BATHINDA  
&  
SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES  
IN INDIA (SASPI)**

cordially invite you to the

# **8<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices in India**

**Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship:  
Protecting Care, Preserving Future**

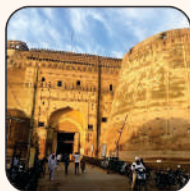
 **Venue :** AIIMS Bathinda, Punjab

**14 PMC  
Credit  
Hours**

## **ASPICON 2026**

**Pre- Conference Workshops: 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026**

**Main Conference: 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October 2026**



## Welcome Message

**Dear Colleagues,**

It gives us immense pleasure to welcome you to ASPICON 2026 – the 8th National Conference of the Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices in India (SASPI), being hosted at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bathinda, from 8–11 October 2026.

With the theme **“Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship: Protecting Care, Preserving the Future,”** ASPICON 2026 aims to bring together clinicians, microbiologists, pharmacologists, infection prevention teams, nurses and public health professionals on a common platform to strengthen antimicrobial stewardship and collectively address the growing challenge of antimicrobial resistance.

The conference has been thoughtfully designed to offer a rich and engaging academic experience through expert lectures, interactive panel discussions, scientific presentations, and multidisciplinary deliberations. In addition, **eight pre-conference workshops** have been planned, focusing on key components of Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship, including Diagnostic Stewardship, Antimicrobial Stewardship, Infection Prevention and Control, and Nursing Stewardship, with an emphasis on translating evidence into practice and fostering collaborative learning.

We look forward to your active participation, valuable contributions, and meaningful interactions throughout ASPICON 2026. Beyond the scientific programme, we also invite you to experience the rich cultural heritage of Bathinda—a city steeped in history and known for its vibrant Punjabi traditions, warm hospitality, and distinctive local cuisine.

We hope your time at ASPICON 2026 will be both academically enriching and culturally memorable. We look forward to welcoming you to AIIMS Bathinda.

Warm Regards,  
Organizing Committee  
ASPICON 2026, Bathinda



**Dr. Gagandeep Kwatra**  
Organizing Chairperson



**Dr. Rachna Rohilla**  
Organizing Secretary



**ASPICON 2026**  
**PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS (8th October | Time: 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM)**

| WORKSHOP | TOPICS |
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***Implementing antimicrobial stewardship in hospital settings:  
Core principles and practical nuances of rational antimicrobial therapy***

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| <b>PCW-1</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Prof. (Dr.) Nusrat Shafiq, PGIMER, Chandigarh<br>Dr. Deepak, AIIMS, Jodhpur<br>Dr. Rachna Rohilla, AIIMS, Bathinda<br>Dr. Naveen Murali, BSAMCH, Delhi<br>Dr. Navjot Kaur, GMC. Patiala & more |
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***Anaerobes in clinical practice: Identification,  
AST and therapeutic challenges***

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| <b>PCW-2</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Dr. Archana Angrup, PGIMER, Chandigarh<br>Dr. Shaswati, AIIMS, Bhopal<br>Dr. Jai Ranjan, AIIMS, Bathinda<br>Dr. Bhawna Sharma, AIIMS, Bathinda & more |
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***Strengthening nursing practices through antimicrobial stewardship***

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| <b>PCW-3</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Prof. (Dr.) Kamlesh Sharma, AIIMS, Bathinda<br>Dr. Narinder Kaur Walia, AIIMS, Bathinda<br>Mr. Deepender Bishnoi, AIIMS, Bathinda<br>Dr. Maneesh Sharma, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Jyoti Kathwal, AIIMS, Bilaspur |
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***Integrated Stewardship in UTI Workup***

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| <b>PCW-4</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Dr. Sarita Mohapatra, AIIMS, New Delhi<br>Dr. Ashwin Varadarajan, AIIMS, New Delhi |
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| WORKSHOP | TOPICS |
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***OPAT as a Low Hanging Fruit: Decanting Hospitals and Preventing HAIs***

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| <b>PCW-5</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Dr. Prasan Kumar Panda, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Bhupinder Solanki, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Amit Kumar, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Gagan Harnathka, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Pradip Raut, AIIMS, Rishikesh |
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***Hands-on workshop on dose optimisation and population pharmacokinetic (PoP-PK) studies in special populations***

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| <b>PCW-6</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Prof. (Dr.) Nusrat Shafiq, PGIMER, Chandigarh<br>Dr. Soumya Vij, PGIMER, Chandigarh<br>Dr. Ritika Bhandari, PGIMER, Chandigarh<br>Dr. Avaneesh K Pandey, PGIMER, Chandigarh |
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***Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship - Our Global Iron Dome To Fight AMR***

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| <b>PCW-7</b><br><br><b>Venue:</b><br>Adesh Institute<br>of Medical Sciences<br>& Research, Bathinda | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Dr. Sumit Rai, AIIMS, Mangalagiri<br>Dr. Upasana Bhumbra, AIIMS, Bathinda<br>Dr. Debabrata Dash, AIIMS, Mangalagiri |
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• ***From Policy to Practice: Contextualized operationalization of India's NAP-AMR 2.0 for Integrated Antimicrobial Stewardship***  
 • ***Development of a Pharmacist TB Stewardship Framework***

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| <b>PCW-8.1</b> | <b>RESOURCE PERSONS</b><br>Prof. Sunitha Chandrasekhar, Rhodes University<br>Dr. Prasan Kumar Panda, AIIMS, Rishikesh;<br>Dr. Gaurav Chikara, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Mahendra Singh, AIIMS, Rishikesh<br>Dr. Karthik Rakam, Avenida |
| <b>PCW-8.2</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |



## DAY-1

9th October 2026

# Vision, Policy and the Future of Stewardship



09:00 AM-09:30 AM



Main Auditorium

### Registration



9:30 AM-9:45 AM



Main Auditorium

### Opening Remarks by Chairperson Dr. Gagandeep Kwatra



9:45 AM -10:30 AM



Main Auditorium

#### Plenary Session 1

#### National and State Initiatives to combat AMR

**Chairperson:** Dr. Rupinder Bakshi, GMC, Patiala; Dr. P.K Panda, AIIMS Rishikesh

**Speaker:** Dr. Lata Kapoor, Director NCDC



10:30 AM-12:00 PM



Main Auditorium

### Inauguration by Chief Guest (Dr. Ashok Mittal) followed by High Tea



12:00 PM-01:00 PM



Main Auditorium

#### Key Note Address

#### Importance of National level data in making policies to address AMR

**Chairperson:** Prof. Nusrat Shafiq, PGIMER Chandigarh; Prof. Fatima Khan, JNMC, AMU

**Speaker:** Dr. Kamini Walia, ICMR, New Delhi



01:00 PM-1:30 PM



Main Auditorium

#### Plenary Session 2

#### From Silos to Synergy: Integrating Infection Prevention, Diagnostics and Antimicrobial Stewardship

**Chairperson:** Prof. Ranganathan Iyer, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hyderabad, Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mohanty, AIIMS Bhubaneswar

**Speaker:** Prof. Sumit Rai, AIIMS Mangalgi



01:30 PM-01:45 PM



Main Auditorium

### Comic Strip Presentation (Best Three)

**Presenter:** MBBS Students and Interns



01:30 PM-01:45 PM



Conference Hall 1

**Journal Autopsy: Practice Changing Articles****Presenter:** Dr. Taranpreet Kaur, AIIMS Jammu**01:45 PM-2:30 PM****Lunch Break**

02:30 PM-03:30 PM



Main Auditorium

**Symposium 1****Implementing India's National Action Plan on AMR****Chairperson:** Dr. Rohini Goyal, Deputy Director, DHS, Punjab & Chandigarh;  
Dr. Sunitha Chandrasekar, Rhodes University**Moderator:** Dr. Navjot Kaur, GMC Patiala

| Topic |                                                                       | Speaker                                      |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Policy to Practice: Successes and Gaps in implementing NAP-AMR        | Dr. Pooja Rao, KMC Mangalore                 |
| 2     | Regulatory Challenge: Restricting Over the Counter Antimicrobial Sale | Prof. Bikash Ranjan Meher, AIIMS Bhubaneswar |
| 3     | Can India Deliver on AMR Containment?                                 | Dr. Ratinder Jhaj, AIIMS Bhopal              |



02:30 PM-03:30 PM



Conference Hall 1

**Symposium 2****Optimizing Antifungal Therapy: When Less can be more****Chairperson:** Dr. Deepak Sharma, AIIMS Jodhpur;  
Dr. Vaibhav Saini, AIIMS Bathinda**Moderator:** Dr. Amarjeet Kumar, AIIMS Patna

| Topic |                                                                                  | Speaker                                     |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1     | From fixed courses to Flexible Care: Reconsidering Antifungal treatment duration | Dr. Debabrata Dash, AIIMS Mangalagiri       |
| 2     | Candidemia: Can we Shorten Therapy Safely?                                       | Dr. Prathyusha K, AIIMS Patna               |
| 3     | Invasive Fungal Infections: Is IV to Oral Switch Ready for Prime Time?           | Dr. Sourabha Kumar Patro, PGIMER Chandigarh |
| 4     | Antifungal TDM: From Drug Levels to Better Outcomes                              | Dr. Soumya Vij, PGIMER Chandigarh           |

**3:30 PM-4:00 PM****Tea and Poster Walk**



04:00 PM-05:00 PM



Main Auditorium

| Symposium 3                                                                                    |                                                               | Clinical Bacteriology Beyond the Culture Plate |
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| <b>Chairperson:</b> Dr. Archana Angrup, PGIMER Chandigarh;<br>Dr. Hitender Gautam, AIIMS Delhi |                                                               |                                                |
| <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Jasleen, AIMSR, Bathinda                                                 |                                                               |                                                |
| Topic                                                                                          |                                                               | Speaker                                        |
| 1                                                                                              | Syndromic molecular diagnostics                               | Dr. Biswajeet Sahoo, VMMC, New Delhi           |
| 2                                                                                              | Anaerobes Unmasked: The Hidden Players in Infectious Diseases | Dr. Shyam Kishore Kumar, AIIMS Deoghar         |
| 3                                                                                              | Rapid AST and Resistance Detection: From Hours to Action      | Dr. Bhawna, AIIMS Bathinda                     |



04:00 PM-05:00 PM



Conference Hall 1

| Symposium 4                                                                         |                                                                      | Stewardship beyond hospitals: ambulatory and community antimicrobial stewardship |
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| <b>Chairperson:</b> Dr Madhur Verma, AIIMS Bathinda, Dr Nitin Gaikwad, AIIMS Raipur |                                                                      |                                                                                  |
| <b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar                         |                                                                      |                                                                                  |
| Topic                                                                               |                                                                      | Speaker                                                                          |
| 1                                                                                   | Community Pharmacy: An Untapped Partner in Antimicrobial Stewardship | Dr. Bhupinder Solanki, AIIMS Rishikesh                                           |
| 2                                                                                   | Vaccination as a strategy for Antimicrobial Stewardship              | Dr. Taranpreet Kaur, AIIMS Jammu                                                 |
| 3                                                                                   | Optimizing Antibiotic Prescribing in Ambulatory Care                 | Dr. Yogesh Bahurupi, AIIMS Nagpur                                                |



05:00 PM Onwards



Main Auditorium

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05:00 PM Onwards



Conference Hall 2

| Elimination Round ASPICON 2026 Quiz               |
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| Dr. Vikas Kumar, Dr. Naveen M, Dr. Dhruv Mahendru |

## DAY-2

10th October 2026

## From Diagnosis To Therapy



08:00 AM-09:30 AM



Main Auditorium

### INI Experience Sharing

**Chairperson:** Dr. P.K Panda; Dr. Sarita Mohapatra; Dr. Nusrat Shafiq; Dr. Sagar Khadanga

09:30 AM-10:00 AM

### Poster Walk and High Tea



10:00 AM-10:30 AM



Main Auditorium

### Plenary Session 3

### From Asymptomatic Bacteriuria to Complicated UTI: Stewardship Across the Spectrum

**Chairperson:** Prof. Lajya Devi Goyal, AIIMS Bathinda; Dr. Lakshmi Jyothi Tadi, AIIMS Bibinagar

**Speaker:** Prof. Sarita Mohapatra, AIIMS Delhi



10:00 AM-10:30 AM



Conference Hall-1

### Oral Paper Presentation (Competing Sessions)



10:30 AM-11:30 AM



Main Auditorium

### Symposium 5

### Infection Prevention & Antimicrobial Stewardship: Two sides of the Same Coin

**Chairperson:** Dr Upasana Bhumbra, AIMSR, Bathinda  
Dr. Raman Sardana, Apollo Hospital, Delhi

**Moderator:** Dr. Sivanantham, Micro, AIIMS Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                                | Speaker                                                            |
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| 1     | The Forgotten Fifth Moment: Why Hand Hygiene After Touching Patient Surroundings Still Matters | Dr. Vibhor Tak, AIIMS Jodhpur                                      |
| 2     | Integrating IPC and AMS programs                                                               | Dr. Vivek Hada, AIIMS Gorakhpur                                    |
| 3     | Device-associated infection prevention                                                         | Dr. Grishma Kulkarni, MNR Medical College and Hospital, Sangareddy |



10:30 AM-11:30 AM



Conference Hall 1

### Symposium 6

### Advancing Antimicrobial Stewardship: The Role of Pharmacists and Hospital Leadership

**Chairperson:** Dr. Mintu Pal, AIIMS Bathinda;  
Prof. Rahul Deshmukh, Central University

**Moderator:** Dr. Abhinav Kanwal, AIIMS Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                        | Speaker                                    |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Beyond Dispensing: The Evolving Role of Hospital Pharmacy in Antimicrobial Stewardship | Dr. Pugazhenthnan Thangaraju, AIIMS Raipur |
| 2     | Hospital Leadership: Making Stewardship a Strategic Priority                           | Dr. K Purushottam, AIIMS Bathinda          |
| 3     | Building High-Performing AMS Teams: Leadership, Collaboration and Accountability       | Dr. Niti Mittal, PGIMS Rohtak              |



11:30 AM-12:30 PM



Main Auditorium

### Symposium 7

### From Fixed Courses to Flexible Care: Rethinking Duration and Route of Antimicrobial Therapy

**Chairperson:** Dr. Rajesh Mahajan, DMCH, Ludhiana;  
Dr. Sagar Khadanga, AIIMS Bhopal

**Moderator:** Dr. Amandeep Kaur, AIIMS Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                     | Speaker                                           |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Dual Empirical Coverage in Critical Care: Necessary Strategy or Unnecessary Excess? | Dr. Vikas Suri, PGIMER Chandigarh                 |
| 2     | How Long Is Long Enough? Redefining Antimicrobial Treatment Duration                | Dr. Rohit Kumar, Amrita Hospital, Faridabad       |
| 3     | Beyond Clinical Judgment: Can Biomarkers Guide Antibiotic De-escalation?            | Dr. Garyll Ryan Blah Tariang, NEIGHRIMS, Shillong |
| 4     | From Intravenous to Oral Therapy: Making the Switch at the Right Time               | Dr. Prashant Gendlal Badole, AIIMS Raipur         |



11:30 AM-12:30 PM



Conference Hall 1

### Symposium 8

### Antiviral Stewardship: Is it going viral?

**Chairperson:** Dr. Preeti Singh Dhoat, AIIMS Bathinda;  
Dr. Binod Kumar Pati, AIIMS Patna

**Moderator:** Dr. Aditi Goel, AIMS, Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                    | Speaker                              |
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| 1     | Choosing Wisely: Rational Use of Antivirals in Respiratory Tract Infections        | Dr. Aroop Mohanty, AIIMS Gorakhpur   |
| 2     | Antiviral Stewardship: Are We Repeating the Mistakes of Antibiotics?               | Dr. Shefali Gupta, AIIMS Raebareli   |
| 3     | Antiviral Stewardship in Oncology: Balancing Prophylaxis, Treatment and Resistance | Dr. Prashant Chhabra, AIIMS Bathinda |
| 4     | Antiviral Stewardship: Preventing Resistance Before It Becomes a Crisis            | Dr. Raksha K Bhat, Manipal Hospital  |



12:30 PM-01:30 PM



Main Auditorium

### Symposium 9

### Saving Lives While Saving Antibiotics: Managing MDR Infections in Critical Care

**Chairperson:** Dr. Navneh Samagh, AIIMS Bathinda;  
Dr. Jaya Tapadar, IMS, BHU, UP

**Moderator:** Dr. Deepak Chaudhary, AIIMS Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                               | Speaker                             |
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| 1     | When Nothing Works: Managing Infections Caused by Multidrug- and Pan-Drug-Resistant Pathogens | Dr. Deepak Sharma, AIIMS Jodhpur    |
| 2     | The Superbug Challenge: Managing Complex Infections in the Critically Ill                     | Dr. Parvinder Chawla, Fortis Mohali |
| 3     | Managing Difficult-to-Treat Resistant Gram-Negative Infections: Are We Winning the Battle?    | Dr. Upendra Baitha, AIIMS Delhi     |



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| Symposium 10                                                                                |                                                                     | Diagnostic Stewardship: The Right Test Before the Right Drug |  |
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| Chairperson: Prof. Sarita Mohapatra, AIIMS Delhi;<br>Dr. Puneet Kumar Gupta, AIIMS Bilaspur |                                                                     |                                                              |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Priya Bhat, AIMS, Bathinda                                                   |                                                                     |                                                              |  |
| Topic                                                                                       |                                                                     | Speaker                                                      |  |
| 1                                                                                           | Blood Culture Optimisation: Are We Ordering Too Much or Too Little? | Dr. Vanya Singh, AIIMS Rishikesh                             |  |
| 2                                                                                           | More Cultures, More Contaminants? Rethinking Culture Practices      | Dr. Jai Ranjan, AIIMS Bathinda                               |  |
| 3                                                                                           | AMR Surveillance and Antibigrams: Turning Data into Action          | Dr. Sivanantham, AIIMS Bathinda                              |  |

01:30 PM-02:30 PM

Lunch Break and Stalls Walk



02:30 PM-03:30 PM



Main Auditorium

| Symposium 11                                                                             |                                                 | Precision Antimicrobial Therapy:<br>Getting the Right Drug and Dose for Every Patient |  |
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| Chairperson: Prof. Nusrat Shafiq, PGIMER Chandigarh;<br>Dr. Nitin Gaikwad, AIIMS, Raipur |                                                 |                                                                                       |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Rimple Jeet Kaur, AIIMS Jodhpur                                           |                                                 |                                                                                       |  |
| Topic                                                                                    |                                                 | Speaker                                                                               |  |
| 1                                                                                        | Precision Antimicrobial Dosing:<br>Need and Gap | Dr. Ashish Kakkar, PGIMER Chandigarh                                                  |  |
| 2                                                                                        | Dose Optimization in critical care              | Dr. Rachna Rohilla, AIIMS Bathinda                                                    |  |
| 3                                                                                        | Getting the right dose in paediatrics           | Dr. Shivani Randev, GMCH, Chandigarh                                                  |  |



02:30 PM-03:30 PM



Conference Hall 1

| Symposium 12                                                                                 |                                                                                      | One Health: Beyond the Hospital Walls        |  |
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| Chairperson: Prof. Rakesh Kakkar, AIIMS Bathinda;<br>Prof. Tanvir Kaur Sidhu, AIMSR Bathinda |                                                                                      |                                              |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Adarsh Bansal, PGIMER Chandigarh                                              |                                                                                      |                                              |  |
| Topic                                                                                        |                                                                                      | Speaker                                      |  |
| 1                                                                                            | Integrating Human, Veterinary and Environmental Stewardship                          | Dr. Mahendra Singh, AIIMS Rishikesh          |  |
| 2                                                                                            | Safe Disposal of Antimicrobials: A grey Area                                         | Dr. Sunitha Chandrasekhar, Rhodes University |  |
| 3                                                                                            | From Pharmacy Shelf to Safe Disposal: Completing the Antimicrobial Stewardship Cycle | Dr. Malini R Capoor, VMMC, Delhi             |  |

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Tea and Poster Walk



04:00 PM-04:30 PM



Main Auditorium

| Symposium 13                                                                       |                                                                                                                                             | Novel Pathways for discovery and development of antimicrobials and diagnostics |  |
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| Chairperson: Dr. Gagandeep Kwatra, AIIMS Bathinda;<br>Prof. Fatima Khan, JNMC, AMU |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Naveen M, BSAMCH, New Delhi                                         |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                |  |
| Topic                                                                              |                                                                                                                                             | Speaker                                                                        |  |
| 1                                                                                  | Indigenous Antimicrobial Innovation: Advancing $\beta$ -Lactam/ $\beta$ -Lactamase Inhibitor Therapy in the Era of Antimicrobial Resistance | Dr. Maneesh Paul, Orchid Pharma                                                |  |
| 2                                                                                  | From Evidence to Access: Integrating New Anti-Infectives into Clinical Practice and Stewardship                                             | Prof. Meenu Singh, AIIMS Rishikesh                                             |  |





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Conference Hall 1

| Case Based Discussions                                                                                                    | The Carbapenem Conundrum:<br>Balancing Early Appropriate Therapy with Stewardship |  |
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| Chairperson: Dr. Subhadip Pal, Sharanya Multi Specialty Hospital, Burdwan, Prof. Rashmi Ranjan Mohanty, AIIMS Bhubaneswar |                                                                                   |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Rohit Raina, AIIMS Bathinda                                                                                |                                                                                   |  |
| Case 1: A patient with septic shock and no prior MDR risk factors                                                         |                                                                                   |  |
| Question: Would you start acarbapenem?                                                                                    | Speaker: Dr. Debasish Biswal, AIIMS Delhi                                         |  |
| Case 2: Blood cultures are negative at 48–72 hours; the patient is improving.                                             |                                                                                   |  |
| Question: Would you continue meropenem, narrow therapy, or stop antibiotics?                                              | Speaker: Dr. Rajandeep, AIIMS Bathinda                                            |  |
| Case 3: Culture confirms ESBL Escherichia coli susceptible to carbapenems and other agents                                |                                                                                   |  |
| Question: Continue meropenem or step down to an appropriate narrower-spectrum agent?                                      | Speaker: Dr. Debasish Biswal, AIIMS Delhi                                         |  |



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| Panel Discussion 1                                                                        |                                                             | “Just In Case” Approach: Clinicians' apprehension or Diagnostic failure |  |
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| Chairperson: Prof. Rajiv Kumar, AIIMS Bathinda; Dr. Raman Sardana, Apollo Hospital, Delhi |                                                             |                                                                         |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Onkar Awadhiya, AIIMS Nagpur                                               |                                                             |                                                                         |  |
| Panelists                                                                                 |                                                             |                                                                         |  |
| 1                                                                                         | Dr. Madhavrao C, AIIMS Mangalagiri                          |                                                                         |  |
| 2                                                                                         | Dr. Gopal Krishan Jalwal, AIIMS Bathinda                    |                                                                         |  |
| 3                                                                                         | Dr. Maninder Kansal, AIIMS Bathinda                         |                                                                         |  |
| 4                                                                                         | Dr. Atindra Narayan, National Cancer Institute, AIIMS Delhi |                                                                         |  |



04:30 PM-05:00 PM



Conference Hall 1

| Panel Discussion 2                                                                |                                      | Neurological Mimics of Infection: Avoiding Diagnostic and Therapeutic Pitfalls |  |
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| Chairperson: Prof. Udit Narang, AIIMS Nagpur, Dr. Vikas Lakhanpal, AIIMS Bathinda |                                      |                                                                                |  |
| Moderator: Dr. Mousumee Panigrahi, AIIMS Gorakhpur                                |                                      |                                                                                |  |
| Panelists                                                                         |                                      |                                                                                |  |
| 1                                                                                 | Dr. Ashutosh Tiwari, AIIMS Gorakhpur |                                                                                |  |
| 2                                                                                 | Dr. Arvinder Wander, AIIMS Bathinda  |                                                                                |  |
| 3                                                                                 | Dr. Amandeep Kaur, AIIMS Bathinda    |                                                                                |  |
| 4                                                                                 | Dr. Nisha Goyal, UCMS, Delhi         |                                                                                |  |

07:00 PM Onwards

Banquet Dinner

## DAY-3

11th October 2026

## Stewardship In Action



08:00 AM-09:30 AM



Main Auditorium

### INI Experience Sharing

**Chairperson:** Dr. P.K Panda; Dr. Sarita Mohapatra; Dr. Nusrat Shafiq; Dr. Sagar Khadanga



09:00 AM-09:30 AM



Main Auditorium

### Plenary Session 4

#### Demystifying antimicrobial stewardship: Lessons from a Decade of Practice

**Chairperson:** Prof. Bikash Ranjan Meher, AIIMS, Bhubaneswar  
Prof. Sandeep Kaushal, DMC&H, Ludhiana

**Speaker:** Prof. Nusrat Shafiq, PGIMER Chandigarh



09:00 AM-09:30 AM



Conference Hall 1

### Oral Paper Presentation (Competing sessions)

09:00 AM-10:00 AM

### High Tea & Poster Walk



10:00 AM-11:00 AM



Main Auditorium

### Symposium 14

#### Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Precision Dosing for Precision Stewardship

**Chairperson:** Dr. Ratinder Jhaj, AIIMS Bhopal  
Dr. Gagandeep Kwatra, AIIMS Bathinda

**Moderator:** Dr. Vikas Kumar, AIIMS Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                                        | Speaker                                |
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| 1     | Therapeutic Drug Monitoring:<br>Is it Essential or Dispensible?                                        | Dr. Puneet Dhamija, AIIMS Rishikesh    |
| 2     | From Vancomycin to Voriconazole:<br>Where Does TDM Change<br>Clinical Practice?                        | Dr. Bhaskar Krishna Murthy, KEM Mumbai |
| 3     | Implementing Therapeutic Drug<br>Monitoring in India: Challenges,<br>Opportunities and the Way Forward | Dr. Khushboo Bisht, AIIMS Nagpur       |



10:00 AM-11:00 AM



Conference Hall 1

### Symposium 15

### AMS Metrics: can we measure success?

**Chairperson:** Dr. Arti Bahl, NCDC;  
Dr. Ashish Kakkar, PGIMER Chandigarh

**Moderator:** Dr. Aditi Panditrao, AMISR, Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                              | Speaker                                  |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Quality indicators in stewardship: Is it Doable?                                             | Dr. Arkapal Bandyopadhyay, AIIMS Kalyani |
| 2     | Benchmarking Antimicrobial Stewardship: Measuring Performance, Driving Improvement           | Dr. Anita Sharma, Fortis Mohali          |
| 3     | Measuring What Matters: Point Prevalence Surveys as a Catalyst for Antimicrobial Stewardship | Dr. Suneet Kaur, NCDC                    |



11:00 AM-12:00 PM



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### Symposium 16

### Surgical Antimicrobial Stewardship: Low-Hanging Fruit, Yet a Persistent Challenge

**Chairperson:** Prof. Tarun Goyal, AIIMS Bathinda  
Dr. Navdeep Singh Dhoat, AIIMS Bathinda

**Moderator:** Dr. Rachna Rohilla, AIIMS Bathinda

| Topic |                                                                                                | Speaker                             |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1     | Double Coverage or Double Trouble? Rational Spectrum Selection for Surgical Prophylaxis        | Prof. Amit Tyagi, AIIMS Rishikesh   |
| 2     | When Does Prophylaxis Become Therapy? Challenging Prolonged Surgical Antimicrobial Prophylaxis | Dr. Rimpi Singla, PGIMER Chandigarh |
| 3     | Surgical Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Surgery: Evidence Versus Tradition                          | Dr. Varun Aggarwal, AIIMS Bathinda  |



11:00 AM-12:00 PM



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### Symposium 17

### The Future of Stewardship: Precision Diagnostics, Artificial Intelligence and Personalized Antimicrobial Therapy

**Chairperson:** Dr. Kamla Kant, AIIMS Bathinda;  
Prof. Iva Chandola, SGRRIMHS, Dehradun

**Moderator:** Dr. Dhruv Mahendru, HIMSR, Dehradun

| Topic |                                                                                     | Speaker                                                  |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 1     | Precision Diagnostics: Enabling Earlier and Smarter Antimicrobial Decisions         | Dr. Priya Sreenivasan, AIIMS Jammu                       |
| 2     | From Population PK to Precision Dosing: Personalising Antimicrobial Therapy         | Dr. Nikhil Aravind, PGIMER Chandigarh                    |
| 3     | From Guidelines to the Bedside: Personalising Therapy for Drug-Resistant Infections | Dr. Tejinder Pal Singh Grewal, Fortis Hospital, Ludhiana |



12:00 PM-12:30 PM



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### Panel Discussion 3

### The Conundrum of Culture Negative Sepsis

**Chairperson:** Dr. Upasana Bhumbra, AIMSR, Bathinda;  
Dr. Surjeet Kumar, AIIMS Bathinda

**Moderator:** Dr. Rajat Joshi, Amrita School of Medicine, Faridabad

#### Panelists

|   |                                            |
|---|--------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Dr. Harpreet, PGIMER Chandigarh            |
| 2 | Dr. Lata Sheoran, Yatharth Hospital, Noida |
| 3 | Dr. Ankita Dey, AIIMS Bathinda             |
| 4 | Dr. Manish Swami, AIIMS Bathinda           |



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#### Panel Discussion 4

#### Empowering Nurses as Stewardship Champions: Breaking barriers, Building capacity

**Chairperson:** Prof. Kamlesh, AIIMS Bathinda,  
Dr. Anita Rani Kansal, AIIMS Rishikesh

**Moderator:** Dr. Navjot Kaur, AIIMS Bathinda

#### Panelists

- 1 Dr. Maneesh Sharma, AIIMS Rishikesh
- 2 Dr. Jyoti Kathwal, AIIMS Bilaspur
- 3 Dr. Narinder Kaur Walia, AIIMS Bathinda
- 4 Dr. Vandana Pandey, AIIMS Jodhpur



12:30 PM-01:30 PM



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**Quiz Master:** Dr. Vikas Kumar, Dr. Jai Ranjan, AIIMS Bathinda

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