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'IAS 42-Practice Statements - The Mangalagiri Declaration'



SASPI CALENDAR 2026-27

October 2026 – September 2027

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September 2027



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 World Sepsis Day	14	15	16	17 World Patient Safety Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2

PEARL OF THE MONTH

Shorter Courses Are Enough

Evidence supports shorter antibiotic courses for most infections: uncomplicated UTI (3–5 days), community-acquired pneumonia (5 days), cellulitis (5 days), intra-abdominal infection (4 days post-source control). Longer is not better — it only breeds resistance and adverse effects.

KEY TAKEAWAY

UTI 3–5 d · CAP 5 d · Cellulitis 5 d · IAI 4 d

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October 2026



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
27	28	29	30	1	2 Gandhi Jayanti	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Global Handwashing Day	16	17
18	19	20 Dussehra	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

PEARL OF THE MONTH

Start Smart, Then Focus

Initiate empirical antibiotics within 1 hour for sepsis, then review at 48–72 hours with culture results. De-escalate to the narrowest effective agent. The 'start smart, then focus' approach cuts resistance pressure without compromising outcomes.

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Review → **Culture** → **De-escalate**

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DIAGNOSTIC STEWARDSHIP

November 2026

SASPI-WAAW ACTIVITIES (2018-2025)

WORLD AMR (PREVIOUSLY ANTIBIOTIC/ANTIMICROBIAL) AWARENESS WEEK (WAAW) INITIATIVES

From 2018 to 2025, SASPI actively commemorated WAAW through nationwide academic, awareness, and policy-driven initiatives to promote rational antimicrobial use.

SASPI - WAAW Celebrations Across Multiple SASPI Affiliated Institutes (2018-2025)



Major Initiatives

- Expert talks & CME sessions
- Multidisciplinary panel discussions
- Awareness materials & digital campaigns
- Institutional action plans
- Student engagement activities



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Diwali	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 WAAW	19 WAAW	20 WAAW	21 WAAW
22 WAAW	23 WAAW	24 WAAW Guru Nanak Jayanti	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

PEARL OF THE MONTH

Culture Before Antibiotics

Collect blood cultures (≥ 2 sets, ≥ 10 mL each) before the first antibiotic dose whenever possible. Cultures drawn after therapy reduce yield by up to 40%. A positive culture is the steward's most powerful ally.

KEY TAKEAWAY

2 sets · 10 mL · Before Dose 1



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INFECTION CONTROL

December 2026



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
29	30	1	2 World AIDS Day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

PEARL OF THE MONTH

Hand Hygiene: Five Moments

Adherence to WHO's Five Moments for Hand Hygiene is the single most effective intervention to prevent healthcare-associated infections. Alcohol-based rub kills MRSA, VRE, and most MDR Gram-negatives within 30 seconds.

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Before · Before Aseptic · After Body Fluid · After · After Environment

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January 2027

Publication Frequency

JASPI is published on a quarterly basis, with four issues released annually.
As of date, **Ten (10)** issues of the journal have been successfully published.



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27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Republic Day	27	28	29	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

PEARL OF THE MONTH

No Antibiotics for Viral URTI

Acute viral upper respiratory tract infections — the common cold, most sore throats, and acute sinusitis <10 days — do not benefit from antibiotics. Educate patients: antibiotics cause harm (diarrhoea, rash, C. difficile) with zero viral benefit.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Cold / Flu / Most Sore Throats = No Antibiotics

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February 2027



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5	6

PEARL OF THE MONTH

IV-to-Oral Switch

Switch IV antibiotics to oral equivalents within 48–72 hours when the patient is afebrile, haemodynamically stable, and tolerating oral intake. Oral fluoroquinolones, co-amoxiclav, metronidazole, and linezolid achieve near-identical serum levels.

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Stable + Tolerating PO → **Switch at 48 - 72 h**

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March 2027

WEBINARS & ONLINE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India
ANNOUNCES 3rd Webinar Series
SASPI ON
"Antimicrobial Resistance: Appraisal and Accreditation"

23 MAY, 2024
Start from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
REGISTER NOW!

Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India
4th Webinar
In Collaboration with
The Indian Association of Hospitalists, "Antimicrobial and Infection Society (AIIS) & IAH" Registered Hospitalists and Infection Society (AIIS) & IAH
10th AUGUST 2024
10:00 - 6:00 AM
REGISTER NOW!

Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India
ANNOUNCES 5th Webinar
2024 of SASPI Webinar series
Title: "One Health Approach"

14 DECEMBER, 2024
Start from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
REGISTER NOW!

Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India
ANNOUNCES 6th Webinar
OF SASPI ON
"Journey to ZERO TB"
Strengthening the fight to end TB

17th SEPTEMBER
Start from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
REGISTER NOW!

Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India
ANNOUNCES 7TH WEBINAR
OF SASPI ON
"IAS - Low Hanging Fruits"

14th SEPTEMBER
Start from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
REGISTER NOW!

Society of Antimicrobial Stewardship Practices (SASPI) in India
ANNOUNCES 8TH WEBINAR
OF SASPI ON
"Antimicrobial Resistance in 2024: Strategic Clinical Practice, Policy, Educational Program, and Pharmaceutical Quality"

14th SEPTEMBER
Start from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
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28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Id-ul-Fitr	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Holi	24 World TB Day	25	26 Good Friday	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

PEARL OF THE MONTH

Reject the Contaminated Urine Sample

Asymptomatic bacteriuria in catheterised patients should NOT be treated. Treat only when classic UTI symptoms are present. A urine culture from a bag specimen is almost always contaminated — use catheter-collected mid-stream urine.

KEY TAKEAWAY

No Symptoms = No Treatment (except pregnancy & pre-urology)



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INFECTION CONTROL

April 2027



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 World Health Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Ram Navami	16	17
18	19 Mahavir Jayanti	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

PEARL OF THE MONTH

Bundle Care for Central Lines

Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infections (CLABSI) drop to near-zero with a 5-element bundle: hand hygiene, maximal barrier precautions, chlorhexidine skin prep, optimal catheter site selection, and daily review of line necessity. Remove when no longer needed.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Hygiene · Barrier · CHX · Site · Daily Review

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May 2027



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5 World Hand Hygiene Day	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Bakrid	18	19	20 Buddha Purnima	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

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Antibiotic Time-Out at 72 Hours

Mandate a formal antibiotic time-out at 72 hours in every ward: confirm the indication, check cultures, reassess the dose and route, and set a clear stop date. Document in the chart. This single habit prevents weeks of unnecessary broad-spectrum therapy.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Indication → Culture → Dose → Stop Date

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June 2027



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7 World Food Safety Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Muharram	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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Procalcitonin to Guide Duration

Procalcitonin (PCT) levels guide antibiotic duration in lower respiratory tract infections and sepsis. A PCT drop of **≥80% from peak**, or an **absolute value <0.25 µg/L**, supports stopping antibiotics safely. PCT-guided protocols reduce duration by 2 - 3 days without increasing mortality.

KEY TAKEAWAY

PCT <0.25 µg/L or ↓ 80% from peak → Stop

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27	28	29	30	1	2	3
4	5	6 World Zoonoses Day	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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Delayed Prescription Strategy

For mild-moderate acute otitis media and uncomplicated sinusitis >10 days, issue a 'delayed prescription' — hand the script with instructions to fill it only if symptoms worsen or do not improve in 48–72 hours. This approach reduces antibiotic use by up to 70% without worsening outcomes.

KEY TAKEAWAY

Write the Script, Don't Fill It Yet

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INFECTION CONTROL

August 2027



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Independence Day Milad-un-Nabi	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Janmashtami	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

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Contact Precautions for MDR Organisms

Patients colonised or infected with MRSA, VRE, CRE, or ESBL-producing organisms require contact precautions: gloves + gown on entry, dedicated equipment, and single room or cohorting. Decolonisation with chlorhexidine bathing and nasal mupirocin reduces MRSA surgical site infections by up to 40%.

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Gloves + Gown + Room + CHX Bath

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Antimicrobial Stewardship Program: Mistakes (Snakes) & Lessons (Ladders): Dr Sumit Rai

