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BATHINDA
&
SOCIETY OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PRACTICES
IN INDIA (SASPI)**

cordially invite you to the

**8th National Conference of the Society
of Antimicrobial Stewardship
Practices in India**

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

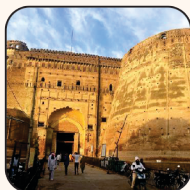
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Hours**

ASPICON 2026

Pre- Conference Workshops: 8th October 2026

Main Conference: 9th - 11th 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***

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

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

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

PCW-4	RESOURCE PERSONS Dr. Sarita Mohapatra, AIIMS, New Delhi 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

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

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

PCW-7 Venue: Adesh Institute of Medical Sciences & Research, Bathinda	RESOURCE PERSONS Dr. Sumit Rai, AIIMS, Mangalagiri Dr. Upasana Bhumbra, AIIMS, Bathinda 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***

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

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 Mangalgiri



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**

Chairperson: Dr. Archana Angrup, PGIMER Chandigarh;
Dr. Hitender Gautam, AIIMS Delhi

Moderator: 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**

Chairperson: Dr Madhur Verma, AIIMS Bathinda, Dr Nitin Gaikwad, AIIMS Raipur

Moderator: 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

GBM

05:00 PM Onwards



Conference Hall 2

Elimination Round ASPICON 2026 Quiz

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
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
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
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



12:30 PM-01:30 PM



Conference Hall 1

Symposium 10		Diagnostic Stewardship: The Right Test Before the Right Drug	
Chairperson: Prof. Sarita Mohapatra, AIIMS Delhi; 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: Getting the Right Drug and Dose for Every Patient	
Chairperson: Prof. Nusrat Shafiq, PGIMER Chandigarh; Dr. Nitin Gaikwad, AIIMS, Raipur			
Moderator: Dr. Rimple Jeet Kaur, AIIMS Jodhpur			
Topic		Speaker	
1	Precision Antimicrobial Dosing: 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	
Chairperson: Prof. Rakesh Kakkar, AIIMS Bathinda; 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	

03:30 PM-04:00 PM	Tea and Poster Walk
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04:00 PM-04:30 PM



Main Auditorium

Symposium 13		Novel Pathways for discovery and development of antimicrobials and diagnostics	
Chairperson: Dr. Gagandeep Kwatra, AIIMS Bathinda; Prof. Fatima Khan, JNMC, AMU			
Moderator: Dr. Naveen M, BSAMCH, New Delhi			
Topic		Speaker	
1	Indigenous Antimicrobial Innovation: Advancing β -Lactam/ β -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	



04:00 PM-04:30 PM



Conference Hall 1

Case Based Discussions	The Carbapenem Conundrum: Balancing Early Appropriate Therapy with Stewardship	
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	



04:30 PM-05:00 PM



Main Auditorium

Panel Discussion 1		“Just In Case” Approach: Clinicians' apprehension or Diagnostic failure	
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	
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
1	Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: Is it Essential or Dispensible?	Dr. Puneet Dhamija, AIIMS Rishikesh
2	From Vancomycin to Voriconazole: Where Does TDM Change Clinical Practice?	Dr. Bhaskar Krishna Murthy, KEM Mumbai
3	Implementing Therapeutic Drug Monitoring in India: Challenges, 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



Main Auditorium

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



Conference Hall 1

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



Main Auditorium

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		



12:00 PM-12:30 PM



Conference Hall 1

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



Main Auditorium

ASPICON 2026 QUIZ STAGE ROUND

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

Coordinator: Dr. Naveen M, Dr. Dhruv

**01:30 PM
Onwards**

Valedictory & Prize Distribution Lunch

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1	Hotel Stella (Deluxe)	8725033025	4 Star	11.5 km	3,500/-	4,000/-
2	Hotel Comfort Inn (Executive)	8872004551	4 Star	10.5 km	4,465/-	5,510/-
3	Hotel Sepal	7888806257	4 Star	9.8 km	4,305/-	5,512/-
4	Hotel Clarks Inn	9814441261	4 Star	17.5 km	2,800/-	3,500/-
5	Hotel Melody (Superior)	8146420775	4 Star	10.4 km	2,700/-	3,200/-
6	Hotel Krishna Continental	9878917309	4 Star	8.4 km	3,000/-	3,800/-
7	Hotel H	9988590025	3 Star	6.0 km	2,310/-	2,625/-
8	Hotel Salvia	9055211000	3 Star	3.2 km	2,000/-	2,500/-
9	Hotel Melody Inn	9463449015	3 Star	3.3 km	2,550/-	3,050/-

- Above rates are of single rooms per night, with breakfast and inclusive of GST. The rates of other premium rooms and Royal Suite vary. For more details, please contact the organizing team.
- The rooms in listed hotels can be booked directly by calling the Hotel desk and mentioning for ASPICON 2026
- Limited Room Inventory Available on *First Come, First Served Basis*
- Delegates are advised to book their accommodation at the earliest due to peak season and limited availability during conference dates

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