

## **Biography**

Katie J. Suda, Pharm.D., M.S. is currently a Research Health Scientist with the Center of Innovation for Complex Chronic Healthcare at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and an Associate Professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) in Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Suda received a Doctor of Pharmacy from Drake University in 1999 and a M.S. in epidemiology from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. She completed a pharmacy practice residency at Baptist Memorial Health Care in Memphis, Tennessee and infectious diseases and outcomes research fellowship at UIC (1999-2002). Dr. Suda served as an Associate Professor at the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy prior to moving into her current position in 2013. Dr. Suda's area of research is pharmacoepidemiology and her current infectious disease research responsibilities include evaluating national prescribing patterns of antimicrobials and determining the effect of implementing antimicrobial stewardship tools in long-term populations at the VA. Dr. Suda will be teaching at UIC in the upcoming academic year and will mentor residents, fellows, and graduate students on research projects. Dr. Suda has served as a scientific reviewer for multiple infectious diseases and pharmacy peer reviewed journals. Dr. Suda has served the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists as a member of the Government Affairs and Public Policy committee (2008-present) serving as Vice Chair (2011) and Chair (2012-2013).

## **Campaign Statement**

It is an honor to be nominated for SIDP Board Member. SIDP is the organization focused on promoting appropriate use of antimicrobials and is composed of clinicians, educators, advocates, scientists, leaders, and servants. Together we advance the practice of infectious disease pharmacotherapy. I have seen first-hand the impact this society can have by my involvement on the Government Affairs and Public Policy committee since the creation of the committee. SIDP's prestige and high integrity are well known by other infectious disease and pharmacy organizations as well as not-for-profits, advocacy groups, and even legislators. These last couple of years have been an exciting time in infectious disease legislation encouraging antimicrobial drug development, restricting antibiotics in veterinary feed, and policy statements encouraging appropriate antibiotic

use. It is exciting to know that our society is making an impact! Although the collective efforts of the organization are having an impact nationally, our society also provides a network of colleagues, growth opportunities, and leadership roles for the individual member. I share the same vision as the organization and it would be an honor to serve in the capacity of Board Member.