

Biography and Position Statement

Rachel (Chambers) Kenney, PharmD, BCPS, AQ-ID is currently a pharmacy specialist in antimicrobial stewardship at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She also serves as residency program director for the PGY2 infectious diseases residency and is adjunct clinical instructor for the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy. Rachel received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Michigan College of Pharmacy in 2004. She went on to complete a PGY1 pharmacy practice residency at Detroit Receiving Hospital (Detroit, MI) and a PGY2 infectious diseases residency at Mayo Clinic (Rochester, MN). Rachel was a 2012 participant of the ASHP Foundation Research Boot Camp training program.

Rachel's primary clinical and research interests include antimicrobial stewardship and antimicrobial medication safety. Her leadership for the Henry Ford Hospital antimicrobial stewardship program has been recognized by Henry Ford Health System's "Focus on People" award twice (2010, 2011). She was also a recipient of the Southeastern Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists award for innovative practice (2009).

Rachel is current chair of the SIDP program committee. She has previously served SIDP as vice chair of the program committee (2013), member of the program committee (2008, 2011, 2012), publications committee (2010), antimicrobial stewardship task force computer programs committee (2009-2010), and recognition awards committee (2009). Outside of SIDP, Rachel recently served as a member of the Board of Pharmaceutical Specialties infectious diseases role delineation study task force (2012).

Campaign Statement

It's an honor to be nominated for board member-at-large of SIDP. If elected, I pledge to work with the board to "promote the appropriate use of antimicrobials" through educational efforts, increase the visibility of SIDP, and advocate the value of infectious diseases specialty pharmacists to other health-care providers. An essential role of SIDP for the foreseeable future is a continued emphasis on antimicrobial stewardship education. Related to that philosophy, one goal that I would like SIDP to pursue is to broaden the scope of our inter-organizational collaboration related to antimicrobial stewardship. These collaborative relationships should expand to include education targeted at community pharmacists, consultant pharmacists, long term care providers, hospitalists, mid-level providers, and others. As a society, we should strive to further advance our educational efforts and engage providers that may be less familiar with antimicrobial stewardship concepts. I will work with the board to ensure a strong and proactive SIDP. It would be a privilege to serve the society in this role.