

## Biography

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President-Elect of the Mid-Atlantic College of Clinical Pharmacy, a Philadelphia-based chapter of ACCP.

### Statement

It is an honor to be nominated for the post of President-Elect of SIDP. I have been a member of SIDP since I was a resident and have directly benefitted from that membership in several ways, most directly when SIDP awarded me a grant to start our ID pharmacy residency six years ago. During the time of my membership I have watched our specialty evolve from one with pockets of excellent clinicians to one that is much more broad as antibiotic stewardship has been embraced throughout the nation and the world.

I believe we are at two turning points in ID pharmacotherapy where SIDP should be a critical component in the decision processes taking place. The first is the beginning of universal antimicrobial stewardship for US hospitals. Recent changes in California law and statements by the Centers for Disease Control are further evidence that the trend of antimicrobial stewardship program development is close to becoming a mandate. SIDP should be at the forefront of guiding government and regulatory agencies as they consider how best to address this likelihood, insuring that adequately trained ID pharmacists are integral components of these important programs.

The second is the combination of the continued drought of antibacterial development with the overlapping crisis of bacterial resistance. As public awareness has begun to increase on at least the latter of these issues, SIDP should work with partner organizations to increase pressure on legislators to address both of them. Should the several new antibiotics in late-stage development be approved, SIDP and its members will be integral in assuring their appropriate use. As importantly, we have the expertise to inform our colleagues and government representatives about fair reimbursement and logical use patterns that will encourage both increased utility for these drugs and further antibacterial development.

As my career has progressed, my interest in advocacy has increased. SIDP is a respected organization that can offer qualified opinions about many therapeutic and legislative issues. We must continue to advance the role of the ID pharmacist as we move forward, and it would be my honor to serve you and help do so.