

Improving Pharmacist Access to Training in Antimicrobial Stewardship in Latin American Countries: Partnership between the Pharmaceutical Forum of the Americas (PFA) and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP)

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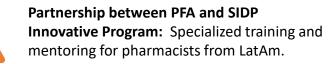
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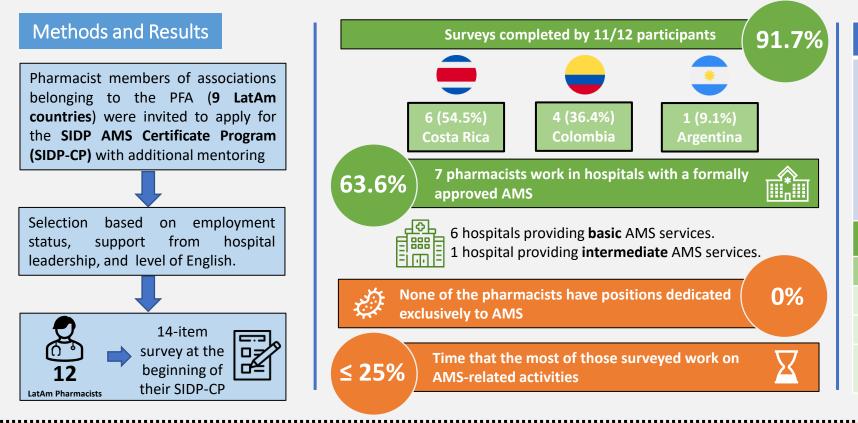
Antimicrobial stewardship programs (AMS) in **Latin America** (LatAm) have varying degrees of development.



Significant barrier: Lack of clinical pharmacists with specialized training and no residency programs or certifications available.







SIDP AMS Certificate Program Goals

- 1. Outline the essentials necessary in AMS
- 2. Identify the skills needed to establish an AMS program
- 3. Implement interventions to improve patient care, minimize resistance and cost, and prolong the longevity of antimicrobials
- 4. Explain how to evaluate the effectiveness of the AMS
- 5. Define the interaction between pharmacy and Infection control.

SIDP AMS Certificate Program Structure

Phase	Method	Time
Phase 1	Self-study learning component	28 hours
Phase 2	Live webinars (four)	6 hours
Phase 3	Skills component completed in the practice setting	10 hours

Incorporating AMS in all healthcare institutions worldwide is vital in the fight to slow antimicrobial resistance. Partnerships like this one between PFA and SIDP can inform future planning for expansion of AMS training.



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Conclusion

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