

## **FREE Training/Webinar: GET SMART – Clinician-Patient Communication about Antibiotics**

**Wednesday, May 23, 11:30–12:30**

Healthcare providers continue to prescribe antibiotics for many viral conditions. To improve this trend, both clinicians and patients need to be educated about the risks associated with unnecessary antibiotic use. Additionally, clinicians should strive to follow the best evidence antibiotic prescribing practices while recognizing and managing their patients' expectations. Several studies illustrate the discrepancy between clinicians' assumption of what is expected of them during a medical visit and patients' expectations. Join the New England Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO), in partnership with the New England Rural Health RoundTable, for this informational session on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM. During this webinar, you will learn how to manage patients expectations while providing the best evidence-based medical care.

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### **During this webinar, we will review:**

- The rationale for antibiotic stewardship efforts;
- Doctor-patient communication strategies in order to improve antibiotic prescribing for common infections;
- Unintended consequences of antibiotic use;
- Strategies to avoid unnecessary cultures and subsequently unnecessary antibiotics;
- Antibiotic prescribing bias; and
- Infection prevention strategies.

### **About our speaker:**

Dr. Alina Filozov, DO is board-certified in both internal medicine and infectious diseases (ID). She joined Middlesex Hospital in 2008 after completing her residency at Westchester Medical Center (Valhalla, NY) and fellowship at Montefiore Medical Center (Bronx, NY). Dr. Filozov is the chair of antibiotic stewardship committee at Middlesex Hospital, which focuses on improving the use of antibiotics by medical providers within Middlesex network. She has an active outpatient practice in ID as part of Middlesex Hospital Multispecialty Clinic and provides inpatient consultations. She also oversees Middlesex Hospital Wound and Ostomy Center.

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