Initiating Opioid Stewardship for Inpatients: Using Tools and Technology to Jumpstart Your Program

**Date/Time:** Monday, 12/9: 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM PST  

**Speakers:** Steve Riddle, PharmD, Director of Clinical Development, Vice Chair of the Council on Public Policy, ASHP

Surveys and other data indicate most health systems are still in the early development stages with Opioid Stewardship. While early opioid-related regulations and many improvement efforts have particularly targeted outpatient care, improving judicious use of opioids in the inpatient setting is a critically important. We will discuss opportunities for pharmacy to lead opioid stewardship efforts and describe some initial best practices for launching your efforts.

**You’ll learn:**
- Describe three target areas or patient populations for early opioid stewardship effort
- Discuss how to establish metrics for opioid use (and pain management) that will ensure you can measure performance improvement.
- Establish pharmacist clinical activities targeting opioid use and pain management goals.

Assessing Antimicrobial Use and Interpreting Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratios (SAAR)

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, 12/10: 11:30 – 12:00 PM PST

**Speaker:** Steve Mok, PharmD, BCPS, BCIDP, Pharmacy Clinical Program Manager and Fellowship Director

In this session, we will explain how SAAR from NHSN is calculated and how you can use SAAR to benchmark and assess antimicrobial use in your hospital. Leveraging this standardized metric, you will learn to develop focused, targeted strategies to improve antimicrobial use at your hospital.

**Learning Objectives:**
- Define SAAR and explain how it is calculated
- Interpret SAAR at your hospital and determine whether your usage is more or less than predicted
- Design key strategies to improve usage of specific antimicrobial classes with elevated SAARs

USP Compliance: Navigating USP Chapter <797> and Preparing for Enforcement

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, 12/10: 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM PST

**Speaker:** Eric S. Kastango, B.S.Pharm., M.B.A., FASHP, President and Chief Executive Officer, Clinical IQ, LLC and CriticalPoint, LLC

Sterile compounding expert consultant, Eric S. Kastango, B.S.Pharm., M.B.A., FASHP, will discuss the September 2019 postponement announcement of the USP chapters and the impact and possible outcomes of this delay.