HELLENIC SOCIETY OF CHEMOTHERAPY (HSC)

From the last ECCMID 2016 until today, HSC continues its multifaceted program and mission in the fields of Education and Research in Antimicrobial Therapy.

HSC

FOUNDATION YEAR: 1969, in Athens
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HSC has 236 active members

RESEARCH-STUDY GROUPS FOUNDED BY THE HSC

STUDY GROUPS
The Sepsis Study Group: Founder member of the Global Sepsis Alliance - www.sepsis.gr
The Hellenic Endocarditis Study Group: Active pan-hellenic network, aiming to record and analyze cases of infective endocarditis in Greece - in collaboration with four peripheral University Centers i.e. Alexandroupoli, Thessaloniki, Larissa, Patras, Heraklion
The ICU Infection Study Group

EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS: In 2016 were organized by the Hellenic Sepsis Study Group, with the participation of Invited International Speakers, addressing to Intensivists, Infectious Disease Consultants and Surgeons, the following:
11&12.06.2016: 2-day workshop on Sepsis
13.09.2016: On the occasion of World Sepsis Day: Educational Seminar

INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS AND PROTOCOLS:
1) By the Sepsis study group: 26 publications on a variety of sepsis topics
2) Double-carbapenem combination as salvage therapy for untreatable infections by KPC-2-producing Klebsiella pneumoniae (Eur J Clin Microbiol Infect Dis)
3) Changing epidemiology of infective endocarditis in Greece at the era of financial crisis (submitted)
4) By the ICU Infection Study Group: De-escalation of antimicrobial therapy in Greek ICUs (running multi-center study)

EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING PROGRAMME

A. Since the last ECCMID (2016), three informative meetings on the prudent use of antibiotics in the community were organized. The program to be continued!

B. Initiation of educational courses on the prudent use of antibiotics in the community for elementary school teachers. Two very successful seminars were organized in 2016 and one in 2017. The program to be continued!

LATEST EVENTS

In January 2017, a new medical pocket guide book for clinicians, concerning the prudent use of antimicrobial therapy for the hospitalized patient, was published.


Index of the guide:
• Blood stream infection in hospitalized patient
• Hospital acquired pneumonia, mechanical ventilator associated pneumonia and severe community acquired pneumonia
• Hospital acquired urinary tract infection
• Biliary infections-acute pancreatitis
• Bacterial peritonitis-intraabdominal abscesses
• Skin-soft tissue and burn infections
• CNS infections
• Healthcare-associated infections of the Heart
• Septic syndrome
• Treatment of multi-drug gram-negative bacterial infections
• Fever of unknown origin in the neutropenic Host
• Fungal infections in hospitalized patients
• Clostridium difficile infection
• Antibiotic prophylaxis in surgery
• Dosage schedules of antibiotics
• The interpretation of the antibiogram for the clinician
• Antibiotic stewardship
• Vaccinations in the Adult
• Vaccination strategies for high-risk adult patients

The format concerned algorithms on therapeutic choices plus relevant comments and references
• The guide was distributed free of charge in Hospitals all over Greece

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On the occasion of the publication of the above guide, the HSC under the auspices of the Athens Medical Society, organized an educational course for Nosocomial Physicians entitled: Rational Use of Antibiotics for the Hospitalized Patient. The course will be repeated at regular time intervals.

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