

Telehealth and Antimicrobial Stewardship

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Telehealth (vs. Telemedicine)

“..the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies to support long-distance clinical health care, patient and professional health-related education, public health and health administration.”

healthit.gov



Antimicrobial Stewardship (AS)

- Optimization of outcomes in patients with and without infectious diseases
- Slow the emergence of drug-resistant pathogens
- Decrease waste



Types of Telemedicine

- Live video-conferencing
- Asynchronous video (AKA store-and-forward)
- Remote patient monitoring
- Mobile health



Tele-Antimicrobial Stewardship

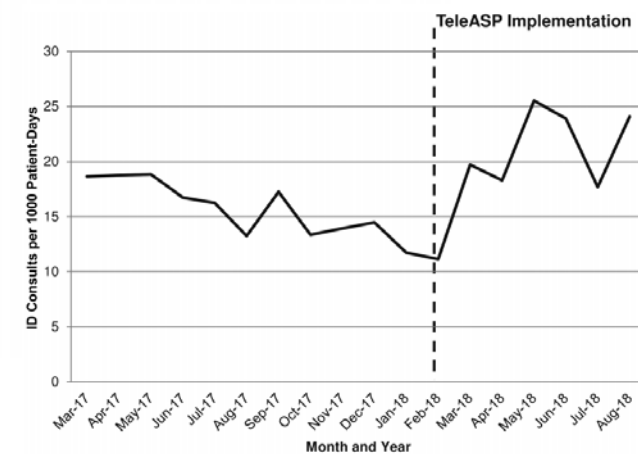
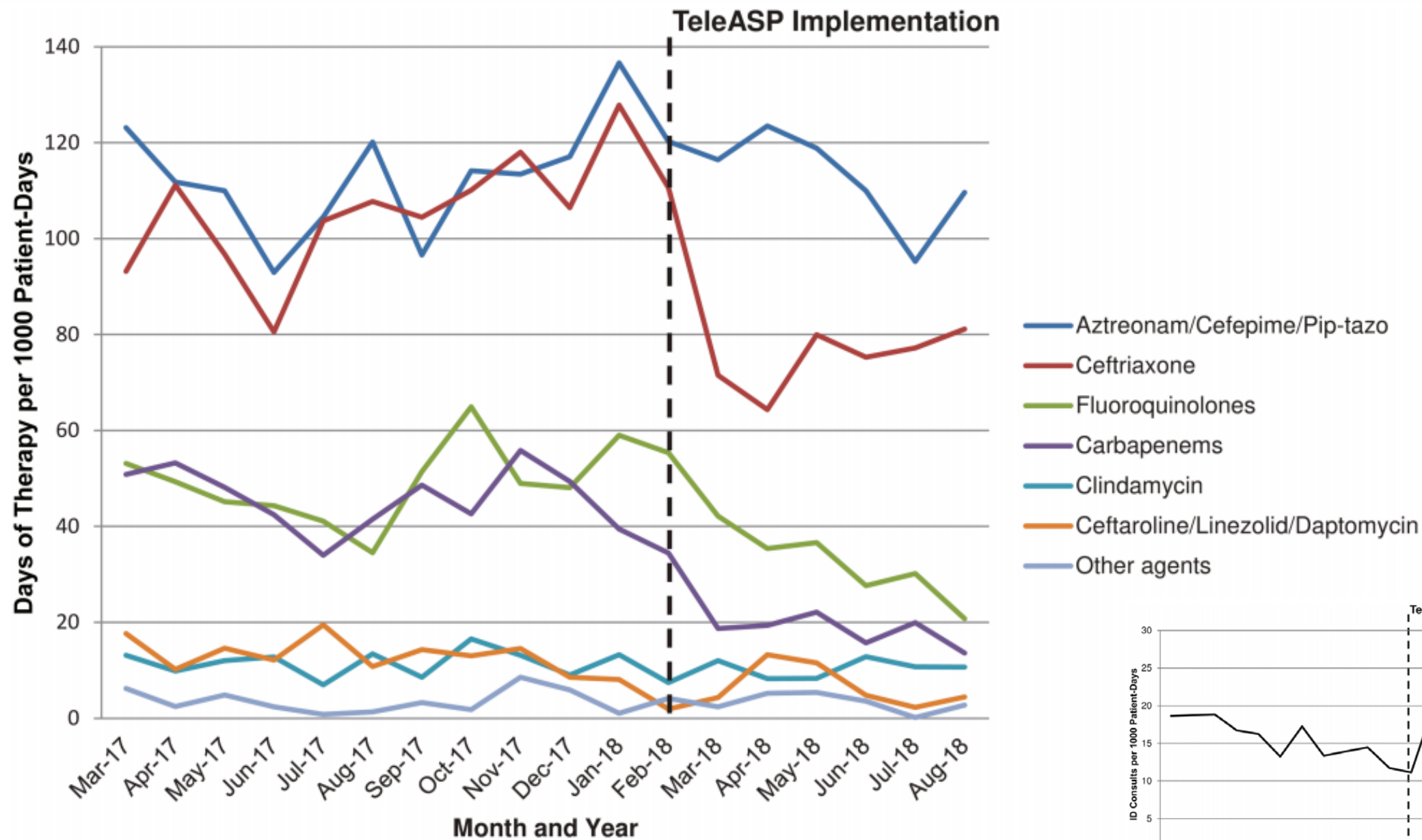
- Remote provision of antimicrobial stewardship services
- Telementoring



Impact of a Telehealth-Based Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in a Community Hospital Health System

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- 2 community hospitals (285 and 176 beds)
- Local pharmacists trained in prospective audit and feedback
- Two to 3 times per week, remote rounds with pharmacists and ID physicians focused on broad-spectrum antibiotics, lower respiratory tract infections and skin and soft tissue infections.



Remote AS



Replicates "traditional" AS program



Access to data



Requires access to medical record



Generally limited to systems



Limited collegial interactions



Critical Access Hospitals

Acute Care Hospitals

- H Critical Access
- H No CAH Designation
- Local Health Jurisdictions

January 30, 2013

Washington State Department of Health

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Critical Access Hospitals

“The baseline assessment looks like a lot of work.”

“We just lost our only ICP. There is no pharmD. We have no one.”

Acute



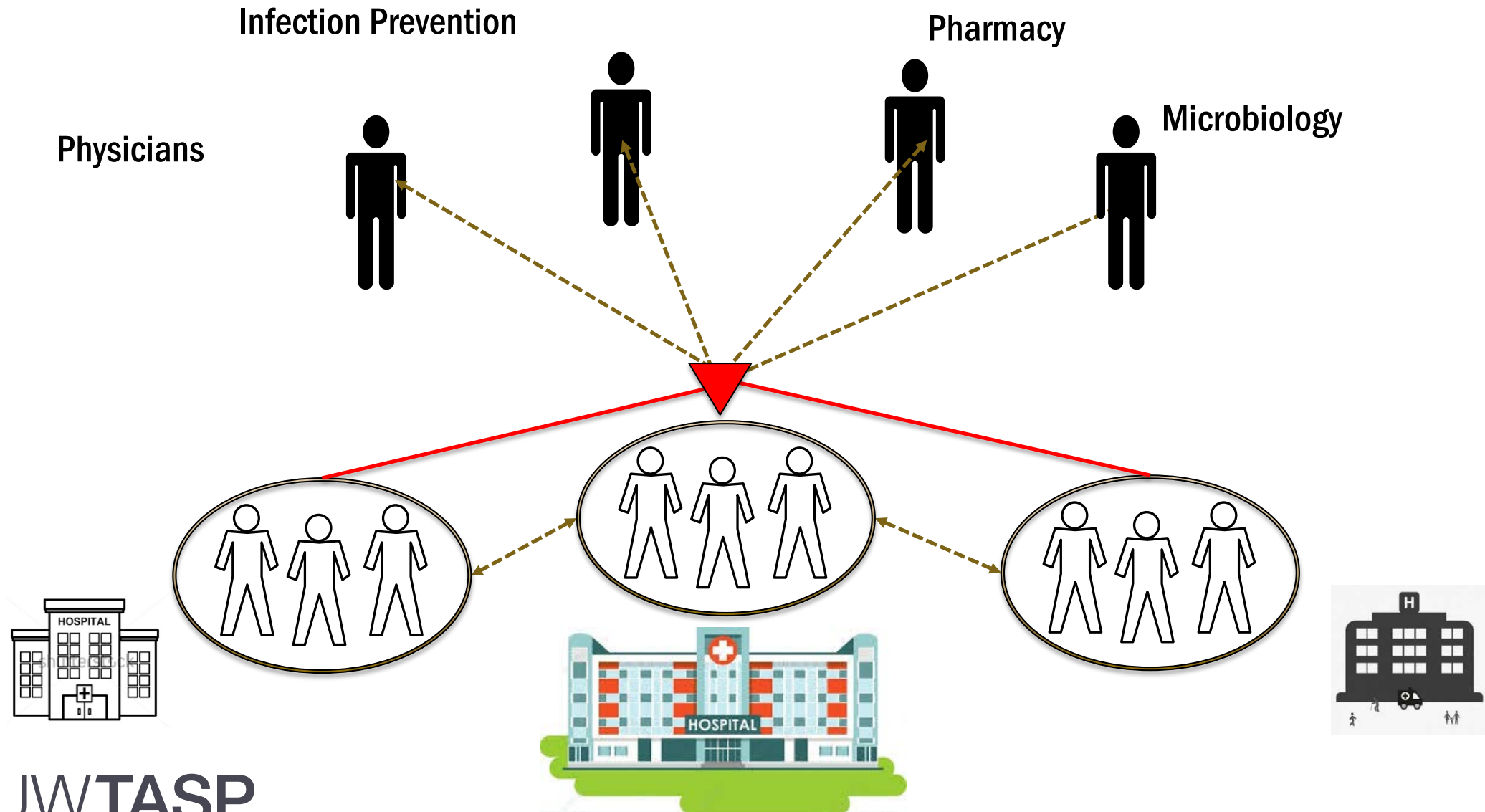
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Dissemination of AS expertise



Development

Inception

Summer 2016



UW Approval

Fall 2016

“Go Live”

Jan 2017

Vision

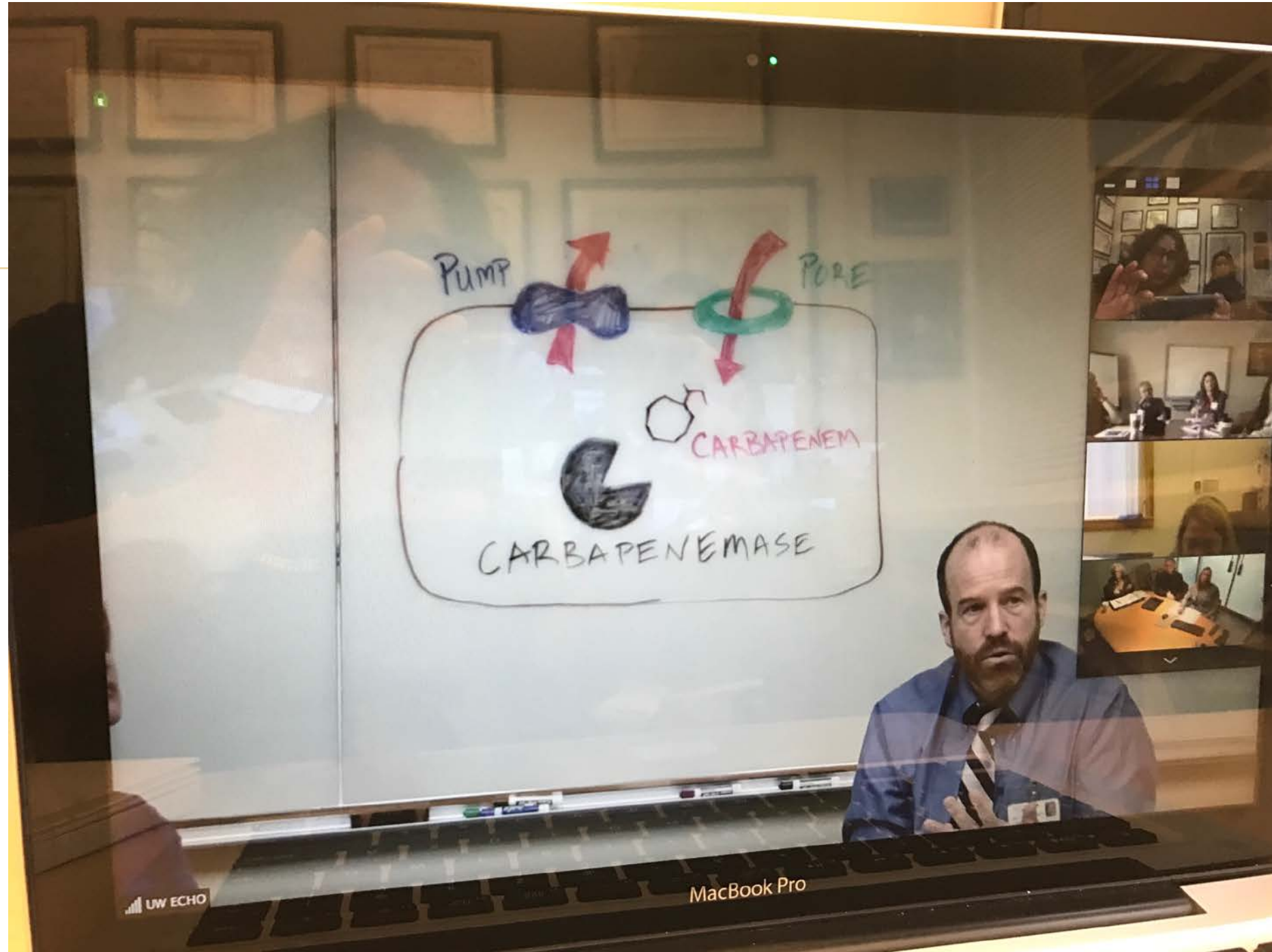
- ✓ Support WA hospitals with ASP implementation or refinement
- ✓ High-quality ID fellow training
- ✓ Financially self-sustaining
- ✓ Partnerships with WSHA & WA-DOH

UW TASP Mechanics



- ✓ 10-15 min didactic
- ✓ De-identified cases sent in advance
- ✓ Rural clinicians present cases to specialist panel
- ✓ Multi-specialty co-management
- ✓ “Learning Loops”





Curriculum

Week 1 Making Tele-Stewardship Work for Your Hospital

Week 2 Metrics - Processes and Outcomes

Week 3 The Big Goal of Stewardship - Changing Behaviors

Week 4 The Key Actions and Activities of the AS Pharmacist

Week 5 Low Hanging Fruit in Antimicrobial Stewardship

Week 6 The Clinical Microbiology Lab in AS

Week 7 Double-Coverage for Anaerobes: Where's the Data?

Week 8 Markers of Infection: ESR, CRP and Procalcitonin

Week 9 Empiric Antimicrobial Therapy

Week 10 Sepsis, Part 1

Week 11 Sepsis, Part 2

Week 12 P&T : Good, Bad, Ugly?

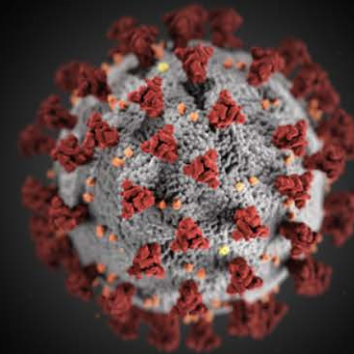
Goals

- ✓ Actionable
- ✓ Adaptable
- ✓ Brief

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

UW-TASP is committed to supporting our members and the wider community in managing and preventing the spread of COVID-19.

[Click here for COVID-19 resources >](#)



Recent Resources

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Preparation: Mixing Diluent and Vaccine](#)

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Info Sheet | CDC](#)

[UW Medicine Vaccine Distribution FAQ](#)

[Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine Patient Acknowledgment](#)

Upcoming Meetings

ASB quick hits + COVID updates/ASB study intro

Tuesday, January 5, 2021 - 9:00am to 10:00am (PST)

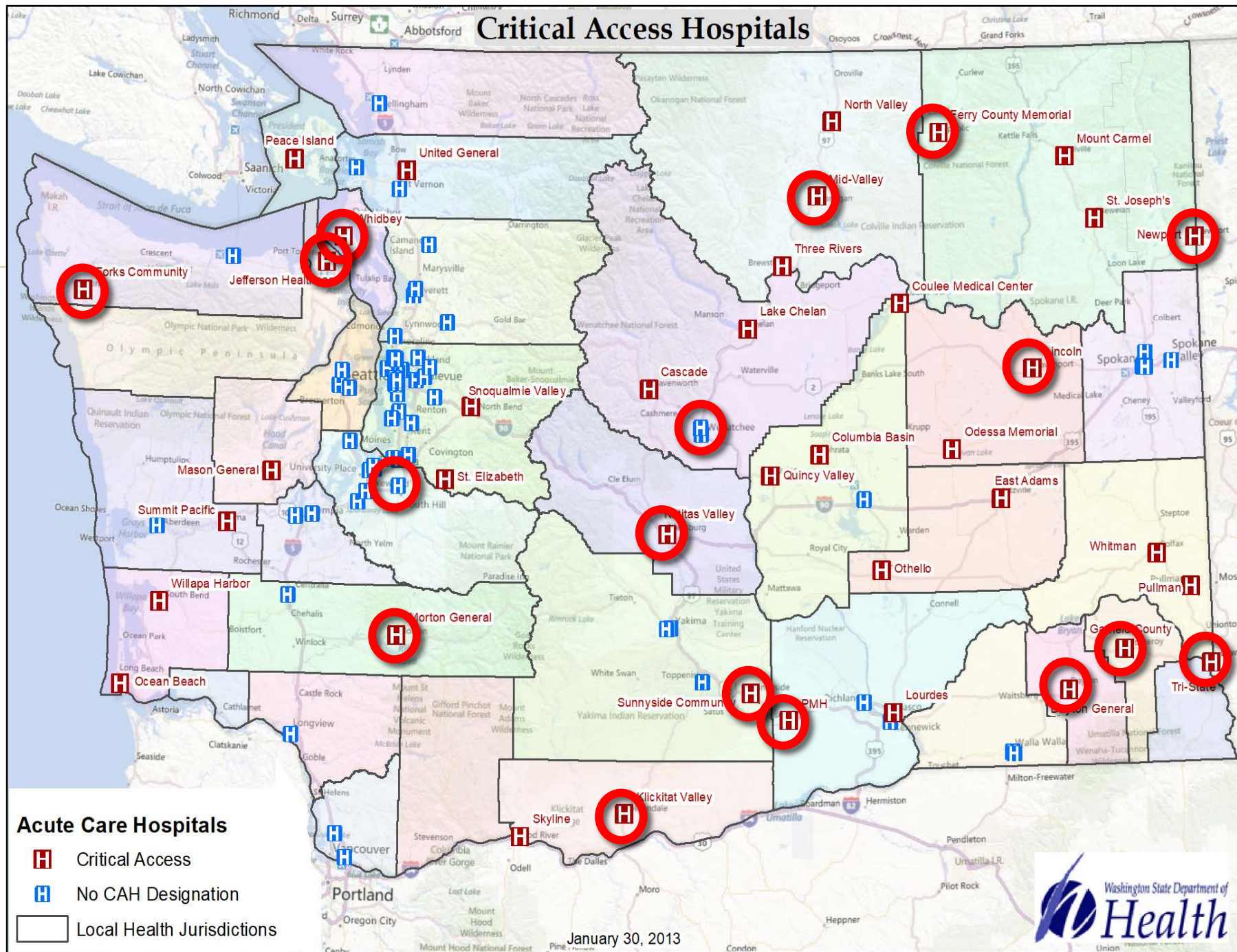
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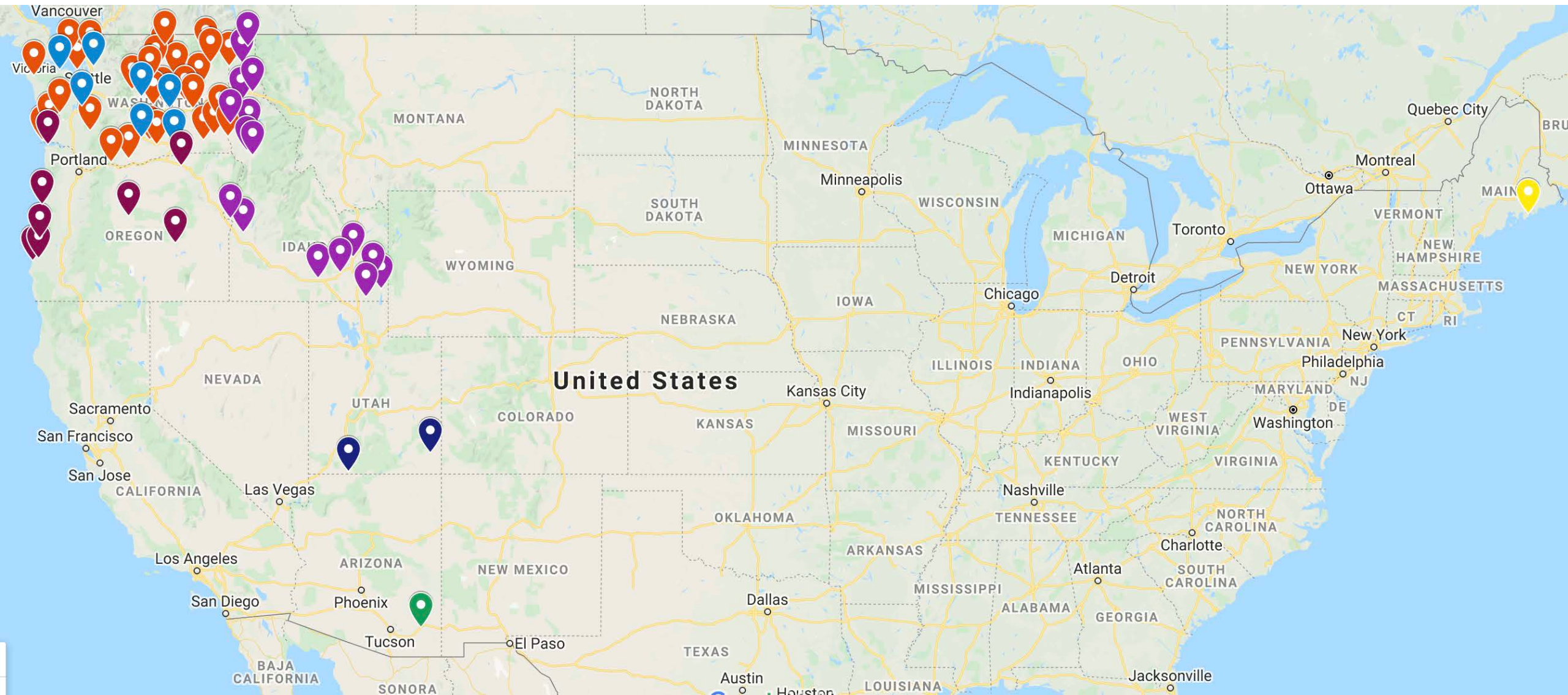
Tuesday, January 5, 2021 - 12:00pm to 1:00pm (PST)

CAP quick hits + COVID updates

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 - 9:00am to 10:00am (PST)

Critical Access Hospitals





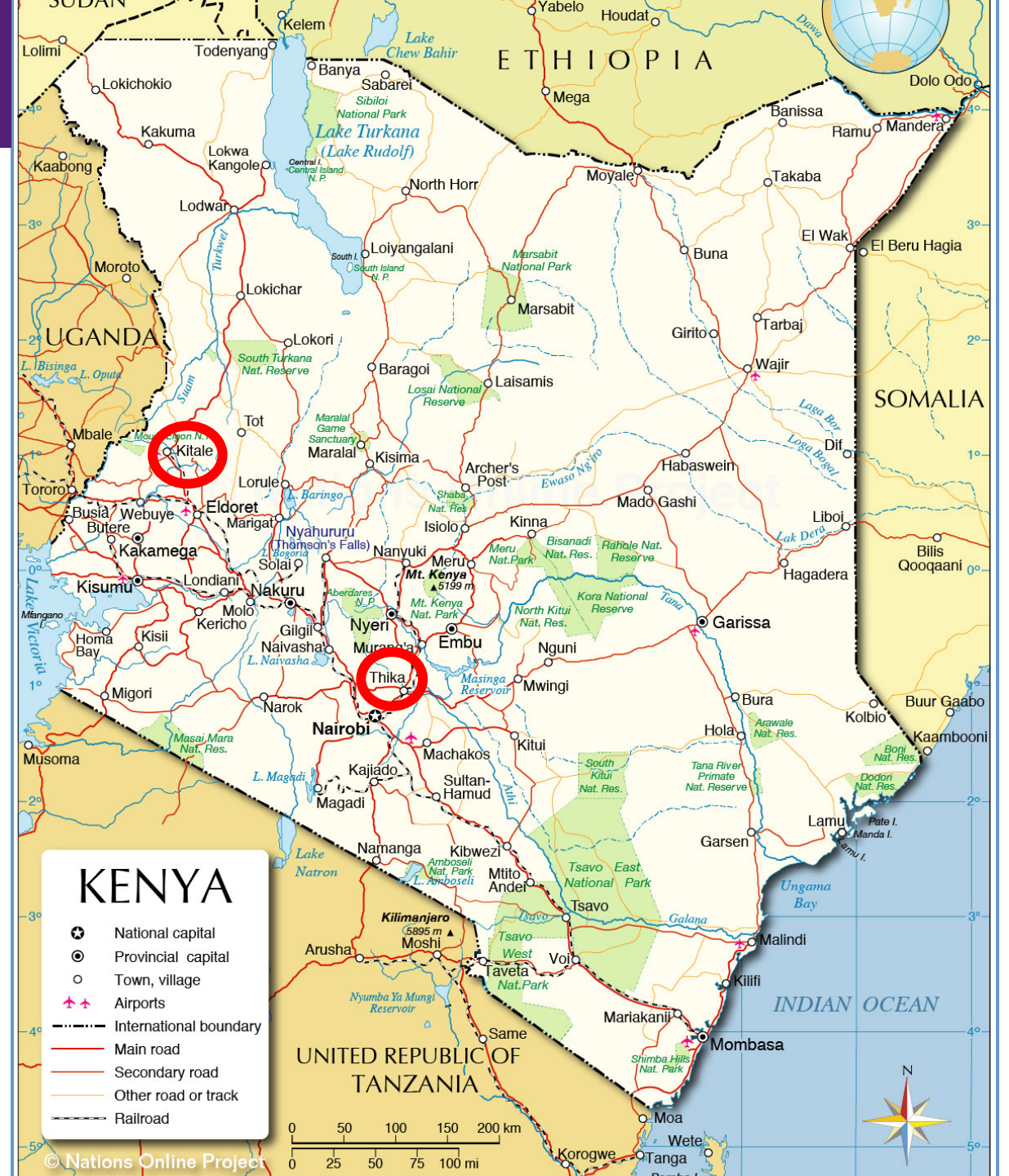
AS Telementoring

-  Builds up local skill
-  +Collegiality
-  Broad dissemination and shared experiences
-  Limited access to data
-  No access to medical record
-  Measurable impact?
-  One Health tool?



Extending Tele-ASP

- Multiyear CDC-funded project (PI: Dr. Peter Rabinowitz, UW) to implement infection prevention & control programs in 2 model hospitals, working with MOH
- Implementation is a combination of education, on-site assessments and tele-mentoring
- Plan is to extend the IPC work to include AS mentoring with focus on c-section SSI prevention



Summary

- Antimicrobial stewardship is critical component of efforts to improve patient outcomes and to slow the emergence of MDROs
- Expertise in AS is not distributed evenly across the US or the planet and is missing from the areas with some of the greatest challenges
- The use of newer technologies provides the ability to share expertise, disseminate information, policies, and protocols, and for clinicians to communicate
- Efforts and resources to expand the use of telehealth to increase AS are needed

Thank you

