

## The College Participates in Get Smart About Antibiotics Week

The ICD, in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), supported the ninth annual [Get Smart About Antibiotics Week](#), from Nov. 14-20, coinciding with the World Health Organization's (WHO) [World Antibiotic Awareness Week](#) and other similar events across the globe. Through social media and webpage updates, the College helped raise awareness of the threat of antibiotic resistance and stressed the importance of proper antibiotic use across all health care settings.

The College participated in Get Smart Week by sharing various facts, stories and videos regarding antibiotic resistance to the [ICD Facebook page](#) and [Get Smart webpage](#). The online posts reached more than 1,500 ICD Fellows, and many shared the vital information with non-ICD friends, family members and colleagues. Earlier this year, the College launched the ICD/CDC Get Smart About Antibiotics initiative with two educational seminars on antibiotic resistance, one in New Delhi, India and one in Ho Chi Minh City, [Vietnam](#).

Worldwide, an estimated 700,000 people die each year from drug-resistant strains of common bacterial infections, HIV, tuberculosis, and malaria. Without urgent action, modern medicine will be obsolete and minor injuries will once again be deadly. ICD is serious about antibiotic resistance and promotes the sharing of knowledge and awareness on this [global issue](#).

