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Dear Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Leader:

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program invites your hospital to apply for membership to the HAI Program Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) Honor Roll. The goals of the ASP Honor Roll are to promote optimal use of antimicrobials, prevent emergence of antimicrobial resistance and *C. difficile* infections, and to recognize California hospital ASP that not only follow national guidelines, but also demonstrate outcomes and engage their local healthcare community.

The ASP Honor Roll updates and expands our program's "Spotlight on ASP" project, and reflects hospitals' substantial progress with ASP implementation and the increasingly recognized need for ASP across the healthcare continuum. The Honor Roll will be led by the HAI Program's infectious diseases pharmacist, who will serve as a resource for ASP throughout the state and facilitate networking among Honor Roll members. Honor Roll members will need to renew their status every three years, providing ASP the opportunity to demonstrate their continued effectiveness and highlight new achievements.

Participating in the Honor Roll will provide your hospital with the following benefits:

- Bronze, Silver, or Gold level ASP designation, with a certificate and an Honor Roll logo that can be displayed on the hospital website and other publications
- Recognition on the CDPH HAI Program website and social media
- Demonstration to the public that your facility meets and exceeds national ASP guidelines
- Opportunities to showcase your ASP and provide examples to help other facilities with their ASP
- Engagement and networking opportunities with the HAI Program ID Pharmacist and other healthcare facilities to improve antimicrobial stewardship in your local community

Opportunities to apply are every 6 months, with deadlines every March 1 and September 1. Please see the [Honor Roll website](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/Honor_Roll.aspx) (www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/Honor\_Roll.aspx) for instructions to apply. We strongly encourage you to apply so that we may recognize your important work. We look forward to learning more about your ASP.

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