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*Challenging Cases: Gram-positive Infections / Biofilm
Medical Device*

Dr. Kerry LaPlante is an internationally recognized expert on antimicrobial use and resistance. She is a licensed clinical pharmacist, researcher and policy adviser. She serves as department chairperson at the University of Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. She is also an adjunct professor of medicine at Brown University, a fellowship director at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Providence, RI and leads the Rhode Island Department of Health Antimicrobial Stewardship Task Force.

Dr. LaPlante earned her BS degree in biology, with a psychology minor at Canisius College in Buffalo, NY, a BS in biopharmaceutical sciences, and a PharmD from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She completed a post-doctoral fellowship in infectious diseases pharmacotherapy at the Anti-Infective Research Laboratory at Wayne State University.

Dr. LaPlante is known for her expertise in antibiotic therapy where she has extensively researched biofilm-associated infections, use of combination therapy, and how antimicrobial stewardship programs prevent resistance and improve patient outcomes. Dr. LaPlante has given over 100 invited lectures and published over 130 peer-reviewed articles throughout her career. Her contributions also include authorship on the 2021 American College of Gastroenterology *C. difficile* treatment guidelines. She has also published a book titled "Antimicrobial Stewardship Principles and Practices"

She is a past president of the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists (SIDP), current vice-president for Making a Difference in Infectious Diseases (MAD-ID), and an elected Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, American College of Clinical Pharmacy and SIDP. She serves as an editor for Pharmacotherapy, and Clinical Infectious Diseases.