## **Special Issue**

# Antibiotic Stewardship and Infection Control Strategies in Critical Care

#### Message from the Guest Editor

Antibiotic stewardship in Intensive Care Units (ICUs) is crucial for enhancing patient outcomes and combating antibiotic resistance. Patients in the ICU often have or acquire severe infections, making them vulnerable to the overuse and misuse of antibiotics. Effective stewardship programs promote the appropriate use of these medications. Despite the certain relevance of stewardship programs, there are still many knowledge gaps in this field: How should stewardship programs be implemented, and what would we aim for regarding infection control? What antibiotic strategies should be implemented in different ICUs to decrease antibiotic resistance? Are there differences between polyvalent ICUs and surgical, cardiac, or neurocritical ICUs? Is it possible to decrease antibiotic time in severe infections apart from pneumonia or secondary peritonitis, and how far can we go? These are just some of the questions requiring scientific answers. In this Special Issue, we will accept any outstanding article in this field. Together we will make a difference, improve stewardship practices in ICUs, and improve infection control.

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