



Global
**Antibiotic
Resistance**
Partnership

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National Antibiotic Surveillance Forum (NASF)

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Microbiology

- Formed in 2002 by amalgamation of pre-existing antibiotic study groups from private and public sectors
- Aim: to address antimicrobial resistance in co-ordinated manner
- With financial support from various pharmaceutical companies
- Daughter society of FIDSSA

Functions of NASF

- Surveillance:
 - Private and public sectors
- Education:
 - Academic meetings
 - Presentations at local conferences
- Research:
 - Monitoring system for hospital acquired infections (Prof Duse)
 - Community acquired pneumonia

South African Society for Clinical Microbiology

- Formed in 2009, with Prof Mark Nicol as first chairperson
- While retaining interest in surveillance of antimicrobial resistance, also has a broader focus on all matters pertaining to clinical microbiology

Current areas of interest

- Professional training
- Guidelines for laboratory testing, e.g. tiglylcycline breakpoints
- Antibiotic stewardship
- Support for infection control/Best Care always

- Individual membership open to clinical microbiologists and other professionals involved in field
- Professional organisation for clinical microbiologists
 - interaction and collaboration with other pathologists (SASPath)

SASCM

small, but active society

→ continue and expand surveillance of antimicrobial resistance

→ also address other issues of concern to clinical microbiologists