

Faculty Bio



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Dr. Kerry L. LaPlante, PharmD, FCCP is a Professor of Pharmacy at the University of Rhode Island, an Adjunct Professor of Medicine at Brown University, and Founding Director of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Research Fellowship at the Providence Veterans Medical Center. Her work is dedicated to furthering antibiotic education and research across the full spectrum of healthcare science, from antibiotic development to clinical applications. An underlying hypothesis in Dr. LaPlante's research is that implementing positive change in prescriber habits will occur through communication, trust, personalized education, and highlighting the safety and public health benefit to their patients and their local community. This knowledge can transform a system or community for public health benefit. Most recently, her research has focused on the development of public health messaging and trust in desperate patient populations, along with implementing antimicrobial stewardship programs in acute care, and long-term care patient populations across the VA nationally.

An internationally recognized leader in the field of antibiotic research, Dr. LaPlante is an elected Fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Rhode Island Department of Health Antimicrobial Stewardship and Environmental Cleaning Task Force, and has served on the editorial boards for the leading journals in pharmacy and pathogenic microbiology, including *Pharmacotherapy* and *Virulence*. She is also the recipient of the Rhode Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists, 2016 Pharmacist of the Year and the Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacist Researcher of the year in 2010. She is frequently invited to lecture at national infectious diseases meetings and symposia, and is an author on over 60 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, which span topics from antimicrobial stewardship, antibiotic resistance, drug discovery and in vitro activity of combination antimicrobial agents. She is also the senior editor of a book titled "Antimicrobial Stewardship Principles and Practices."