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Pennsylvania Celebrates Get Smart About Antibiotics Week by Educating Providers and Raising public awareness

A recent proclamation by Governor Tom Wolf recognized Nov. 16-22, 2015, as Get Smart Week in Pennsylvania. This annual observance coincided with National Get Smart Week, as well as World Antibiotic Awareness Week. The theme in the United States was “Preserving the Power of Antibiotics.”

During the Get Smart Week, we cohosted two well-attended presentations. On Nov. 17th, we held a seminar about antibiotic stewardship at Penn State University. More than 300 people, including clinicians, nurses, faculty, and students filled the Freeman Auditorium. Dr. Peter Hudson and Dr. Jeffrey Gerber (pictured below) gave excellent presentations about the threat of antibiotic resistant bacteria and appropriate use of antibiotics in the community.

Following the educational seminar, Dr. Rachel Levine, Pennsylvania’s Physician General presented the [Governor’s proclamation](#), and announced the winners of the 2015 Get Smart Kid’s Art Competition. See below for the winning art entries.

After the seminar, Dr. Levine and members of the Get Smart team visited the Bennett Family Center, a nearby child care facility to hold an interactive event for preschool children that included reading a book and doing a hand washing activity. Dr. Levine read “Katie Caught a Cold” and allowed the children to ask questions. The Get Smart team members then invited the children to participate in a hand washing activity using Glo Germ™ to practice removing all the germs that hide on their hands.



On Nov. 18th, the Get Smart Program collaborated with Penn State Hershey Medical Center and Children’s Hospital presented an update on what the two institutions are doing to promote responsible use of antibiotics in patient care. Dr. Nicole Hackman, Dr. Michael Katzman and Dr. George McSherry delivered outstanding presentations to clinicians and students.



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On Nov. 19th students at the University of Pittsburgh participated in an outreach project to promote awareness about sensible use of antibiotics with their school community. During this outreach, students learned about the Get Smart program and participated in Glo Germ™ demonstrations to reinforce hand washing practices (pictured below.)



Announcement of the 2015 Get Smart About Antibiotics art competition winners

Out of 328 submissions, 15 entries were selected from across the state based on topical and technical accuracy, creativity, and drawing quality based on age level. Judges were independent volunteers from various disciplines including children's book illustrators and editors, public health professionals, and scientists.

Check out our [website](#) to see the full list of winning entries from our 3rd Annual Get Smart Competition.

Age 4 and under:
Cheyene Oosterkamp



Age 5-6
Zakkary Tomcho



Age 7-8
Angelina Beshore



Age 9-10
Jude Renee Botero



Age 11-12
Eliana Joy Maneval



Looking Ahead

- Check out our December edition for Holiday Health and Safety Tips!