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The inaugural Houston Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium held in March 2015 brought together healthcare professionals from the City of Houston and surrounding areas. We collaborated across our community to address the growing concerns of multi-drug resistant organisms and initiated plans to combat antimicrobial resistance.

In continuing our efforts to strengthen our collective work in preserving antibiotics in our community, we will convene again at the *Second Annual Houston Antimicrobial Stewardship Symposium* to be held on **Thursday, March 24th, 2016 from 8:00am to 4:15pm at the Crowne Plaza Houston (Near Reliant – Medical).**

The 2016 symposium will bring together several local and national experts in a city-wide forum to discuss antimicrobial stewardship and the increasing challenges associated with antimicrobial resistance. Our keynote speaker for this year's symposium will be **Bob Weinstein, MD**, who is an international expert on antimicrobial resistance, along with other key leaders in antimicrobial stewardship. In addition, we will have interactive working sessions on asymptomatic bacteriuria and *Clostridium difficile* led by **Barbara Trautner, MD, PhD** and **Herbert DuPont, MD, MACP**.

For the complete guest speakers list, please see the attached agenda.

Space is limited to this event and registration will be held on a first come, first serve basis. To confirm your attendance, please use the link provided below to register. If you have any questions or have difficulties with registration, please contact Nancy Vuong at Nancy.Vuong@houstontx.gov.

Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2nd-annual-houston-antimicrobial-stewardship-symposium-2016-tickets-20711297047>

Sincerely,

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