



Introduction to IDBR 2026

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This Is Board Review

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- ...not meant to be "What's New"
- This may not mimic your practice but
 - Hopefully will mimic exam
 - Faculty provides their "best guess" about type of questions for certification, recertification, and LKA exams

• ABIM Rules

- We abide by confidentiality rules of ABIM
- We will NOT tell you what has been on past exams...even if we know!!!

IDBR Program

(Online Resources Available Until 12/2027)

• Live/Virtual course for 5 days

- Live board review questions
- Rationales and daily scores published online by username at end of each day

• Online board review type questions

- 500 Online questions with rationales

• Online Primers (8)

- Clinical Microbiology, Microbial Resistance, Rickettsia, and more

• Online recordings of Live 2026 lectures

- **Posted ASAP- within 2 weeks after course**
 - Also available as MP3 audio file

• Online-only lectures (15)

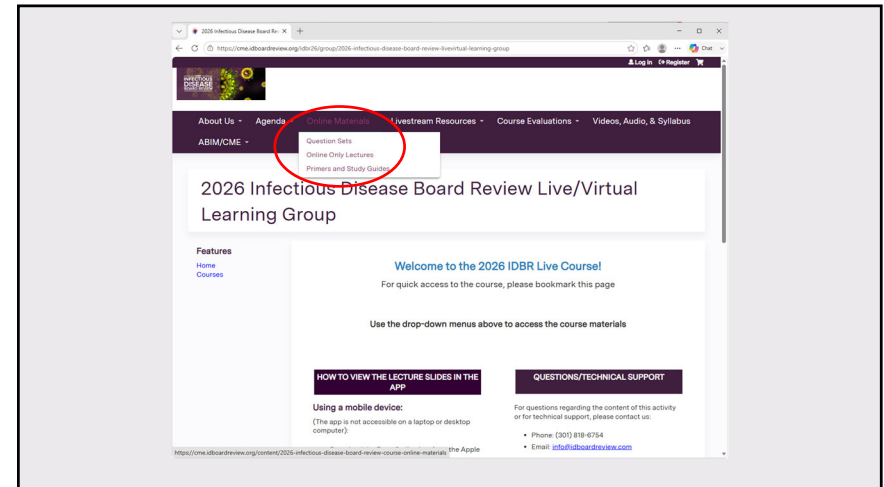
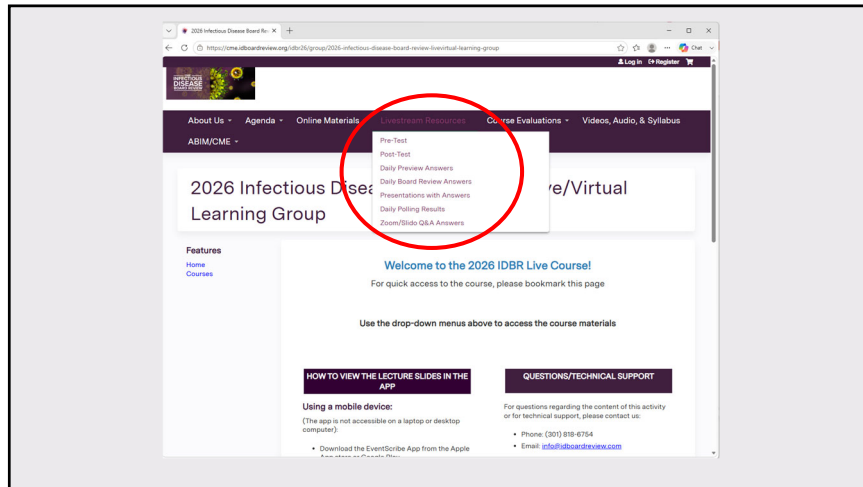
- Talks we wished we had time for during these 5 virtual days

The screenshot shows the IDBR website with a 'How to Access IDBR' section. It lists three steps: 1. Bookmark the link <https://cme.idboardreview.org/>, 2. Visit www.idboardreview.com and click the button to access "2025-2026 Courses", and 3. Google: IDBR. A red arrow points from the second step to a button labeled "2025 - 2026 Courses" at the bottom of the page. The website header includes the GW School of Medicine & Health Sciences logo and navigation links like "About Us", "Agenda", "Online Materials", "Livestream Resources", "Course Evaluations", "Videos, Audio, & Syllabus", and "ABIM/CME".

The screenshot shows the "2026 Infectious Disease Board Review Live/Virtual Learning Group" page. The navigation bar includes "About Us", "Agenda", "Online Materials", "Livestream Resources" (circled in red), "Course Evaluations", "Videos, Audio, & Syllabus", and "ABIM/CME". The main content area welcomes users to the 2026 IDBR Live Course and provides instructions on how to view lecture slides in the app and where to find technical support. The footer includes contact information for the IDBR team.

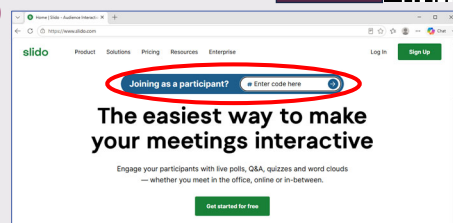
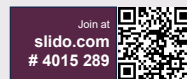
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How to Vote if You Are Attending the Live Course - IN PERSON

- Recommended to use **cell phone** to vote
 - Can also use web browser on MAC/PC desktop, Laptop, or Tablet
- Go to **Slido.com** or use QR code and enter **Participant Code #4015 289**
 - There is no longer a Slido app
- Enter your name and email address
- **Do not log into Zoom**



How to Vote if You Are Attending the Live Course - VIRTUAL

If logging into Zoom on a MAC/PC desktop or laptop:

- Log into Zoom, which will include the live lecture and audience response system (Slido)
- Click **Open** on the prompt to take part in Slido
- Enter your name and email address
- You will see the ARS questions pop up on the right-hand side of the screen when the speaker is presenting a question



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How to Vote if You Are Attending the Live Course - VIRTUAL

If logging into Zoom on a mobile device:

- You will need to open a web browser to log into Slido



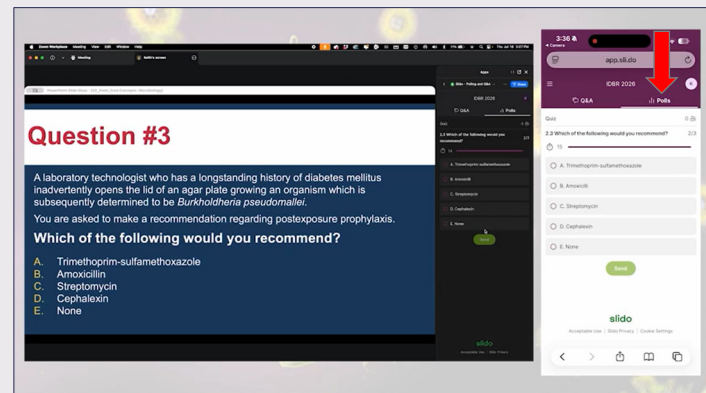
Zoom & Slido Polling



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- Register on Slido with a username likely to be unique
- Use the exact same username every day, i.e., the same spelling and capitalization
- Can be a pseudonym
- Results will be posted using truncated usernames to ensure anonymity

Slido Polling Integrated in Zoom Webinar

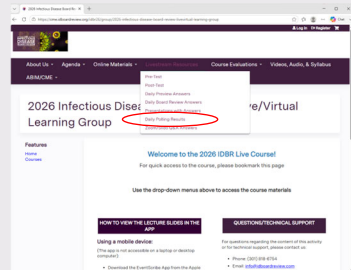


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Look Up Your Results at the End of Each Day by Slido Login

- Log into the course website:
<https://cme.idboardreview.org/idbr26/content/2026-idbr-daily-polling-results>

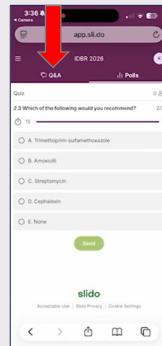


If You Are Taking the HOMESTUDY Course

- You will see the audience response question, but you will not be able to vote electronically

How to Interact with Faculty

- Virtual audience is permanently muted**
 - For questions, use Q & A function in Slido
 - To interact with your colleagues, use Chat Box in Zoom window 
- In-person audience can go to microphone to ask questions**
 - Can also use Q & A function in Slido



IDBR App

- Download the IDBR App from Apple store or Google Play store
 - Download EventScribe
 - Search for course by entering **"2026 IDBR"**
 - Log in with the email and password that was emailed to you
 - Problems: email info@idboardreview.com or call (301) 818-6754
- You can use this app during the course, and through December 2027, on your cell phone or tablet to look at the syllabus



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Problems Accessing The Course

- Help Resources
 - Telephone help line: **(301) 818-6754**
 - Email help hotline: info@idboardreview.com
 - Come to registration desk

CME and MOC

Total Possible: 116.25 CME and 116.25 MOC

- **CME**
 - You must fill out lecture evaluations (via IDBR website)
 - You must request CME (via IDBR website)
 - You must complete the pre-test and post-test
 - Total possible hours – 116.25
 - Lectures – 43
 - Enduring Material – 73.25 (Question Sets; Primers and Study Guides; Online Only Lectures)
- **MOC: one hour CME = 1 MOC credit**
 - You must first obtain CME per above
 - You must give IDBR your ABIM number
 - You must apply via ABIM website so we can link to ABIM
 - You must get 70% on post-test (11/15 correct)
 - (three tries of same test permitted with rationales available after each try)

Which Will You Be?



How to Get the Most Out of Course

- This is a long course
- Decide how you learn best over 10+ hours x 5 days
 - If you don't/can't watch the lectures consecutively...they are all archived
 - Reviewing the Preview Questions before the session will improve your experience
- Use the Audience Response System (ARS)/Slido to Answer Questions
 - To stay awake, be engaged, and be competitive!
 - Answer the questions and see how you compare to your peers

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Two Extraneous Things

1. **Convert short term memory into long term memory**
 - **Repetition:** review syllabus or EventScribe (circle right answers, underline important points)
2. **OK to use ChatGPT/Gemini (etc.) for the LKA questions**
 - Keep questions simple to avoid long, indirect answers
 - Drug interactions, microbial spectrum, side effects
 - Voice: transcription errors on medical terms. Spell out.
 - Suspect a wrong answer? Ask a different way.
 - Don't expect privacy

Question #1

Let's Test the Audience Response System (ARS) / Slido

Why are you taking this course?

- A. Initial ABIM ID Certification
- B. Recertification ten-year exam
- C. Preparing for Longitudinal Knowledge Assessment Modules
- D. Update in ID--- unrelated to ABIM Board Certification Exam

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Question #2

Where do you work?

- A. East, United States
- B. Midwest, United States
- C. South, United States
- D. West, United States
- E. Canada
- F. Europe
- G. Asia
- H. Other

Question #3

Which parts of IDBR online materials have you looked at prior to the course?

- A. Question sets only
- B. Primers only
- C. Online-only lectures
- D. Several of the above
- E. None of the above

Question #4

Which of the following will not grow on sheep blood, chocolate and/or MacConkey agar?

- A. *Granulicatella adiacens*
- B. *Bordetella pertussis*
- C. *Brucella melitensis*
- D. *Vibrio cholerae*
- E. *Abiotrophia defectiva*

Let's Begin!



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