Define your career goals
There are several focus areas you can explore when pursuing a pharmaceutical career in ID, including:
• Antimicrobial stewardship
• Epidemiology
• Vaccine research and development
• Diagnostics and devices
• Clinical research
• Pharmacoeconomics
• Medical education
• Marketing/access
• Management

Consider these career factors
• Size, structure, history and financial outlook of the company
• Product pipeline and portfolio
• Department type (i.e., clinical research, medical affairs, etc.)
• Professional development opportunities
• Opportunities for travel and advancement (with or without relocation)
• Administrative support
• Compensation, including salary, bonuses, stock options, cost of living and housing and moving assistance (if relocation required)
• Science-focused vs. business-focused work
• Willingness to work outside of ID or across various areas of focus within ID
• Effect on appointments with academic institutions/professional organizations

Network with industry professionals
• Identify and meet people through professional organizations
• Network with the help of your mentor(s)
• Connect with employees at the institution/corporation you are interested in and inquire about the company culture