



Improving Antibiotic Stewardship in the Outpatient Setting

The greatest risk factor for developing antibiotic resistance is the overuse and misuse of antibiotics, which compromises their effectiveness. Antibiotic stewardship has been identified as a national priority by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to improve health outcomes and decrease patient harm. This initiative will spread the principles of antibiotic stewardship to reduce and prevent the misuse/overuse of antibiotics and minimize the development of resistance.

Who should be involved?

- Outpatient settings (federally-qualified health centers, emergency departments, outpatient clinics, outpatient pharmacies, pharmacy-based clinics, physician offices, public health clinics and urgent cares)



Anticipated impact

- Develop and implement education programs that advance antibiotic resistance prevention and foster antibiotic stewardships
- Reduce inappropriate antibiotic use
- Slow the development of resistant bacteria and prevent the spread of resistant infections
- Reduce admissions and readmissions related to preventable infections such as C. Difficile

Benefits of participation

There are no costs to participate. Assistance includes technical support with the following:

- Assessment, development and implementation of antibiotic stewardship programs and activities
- Education on the principles and Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Learning sessions that include thought leaders from federal, state, academic and professional societies; front-line and prescribing clinicians; health systems; and beneficiary representatives

Requirements

Participation in this initiative is voluntary and at no charge. However, participants must commit to the following:

- Signing a participation agreement with the required two signatures
- Implementing an intervention(s) for all four of the CDC's Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship and tracking and reporting these elements on a quarterly basis
- Identifying a team clinical leader and champion
- Remaining active in the project for its duration (July 2019)

Improving Antibiotic Stewardship in the Outpatient Setting Participation Agreement

Our facility would like to participate in Lake Superior Quality Innovation Network's (QIN's) Antibiotic Stewardship initiative. We understand the expectations for this cooperative project and agree to participate fully through July 2019. This is a long-term commitment to work on improving antibiotic stewardship strategies in our community. We commit to:

- Remain active in this initiative through July 2019
- Grant permission to Lake Superior QIN to be acknowledged as a participant in this initiative
- Form an interdisciplinary team to incorporate all Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship into practice
- Identify a clinical leader who will provide antibiotic stewardship support from an executive level
- Identify a team champion who will manage the antibiotic stewardship program and provide an example for staff
- Track and report CDC's Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship on a quarterly basis
- Participate in educational opportunities including webinars, conference calls, etc.
- Share results, data, best practices and lessons learned

Facility Information

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| Facility name: | | |
| Identification number (TIN or CCN): | | |
| Facility address: | | |
| City: | State: | ZIP: |

Outpatient setting clinical leader - required (i.e., executive administrator or owner)

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| Name: | Title: |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Phone number: | Email: |

Outpatient setting champion - required (i.e., physician, nurse or pharmacist)

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| Name: | Title: |
| Signature: | Date: |
| Phone number: | Email: |

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