

Statement of Commitment for Acute Care Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Program

_____ recognizes the importance of antibiotic stewardship and commits to improving antibiotic use in our facility. Our healthcare facility is committed to embracing and executing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) *Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs*. The seven core elements for antibiotic stewardship include hospital leadership commitment, accountability, pharmacy expertise, action, tracking, reporting, and education.

To fulfill this commitment, our administration has identified an Antibiotic Stewardship Program (ASP) Team at our facility. Our facility will provide the ASP Team with the time and resources needed to operate the program effectively. The ASP Team will be led by a physician champion and a pharmacist champion. The ASP Team members are as follows (as applicable):

1. ASP Team Leader, Physician (required): _____
2. ASP Team Leader, Pharmacist (required): _____
3. ASP Infection Prevention champion: _____
4. ASP Nursing champion: _____
5. ASP Microbiology Laboratory champion: _____
6. ASP Information Technology champion: _____
7. ASP Quality Improvement champion: _____
8. Other ASP team members: _____

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

1. We, the administration, are committed to supporting efforts that improve antibiotic use in our facility, including providing dedicated necessary personnel, financial, and information technology resources.
2. We understand that antibiotic stewardship is a coordinated effort between interprofessional teams to improve antibiotic prescribing and use to effectively treat infections, protect patients from harms caused by unnecessary antibiotic use, and combat antibiotic resistance.
3. We will appoint a leader or co-leaders, such as a physician and pharmacist, responsible for program management and outcomes. A pharmacist will lead implementation efforts to improve antibiotic use.
4. We will support the implementation of interventions, such as prospective audit and feedback or preauthorization, to improve antibiotic use.
5. We will work with our ASP leader(s) and team to create a system that monitors antibiotic prescribing, impact of interventions, and other important outcomes including resistance patterns.

6. We will create an environment that allows the ASP team to routinely report information on antibiotic use and resistance to prescribers, pharmacists, nurses, and hospital leadership.
7. We commit to creating a culture that promotes antibiotic stewardship within the facility through messaging, education, and recognizing facility progress and improvements.

Chief Executive Officer (Signature)

Date

Chief Medical Officer (Signature)

Date

Chief Nursing Officer (Signature)

Date

Director of Pharmacy (Signature)

Date