

Jump Start Your Antibiotic Stewardship Program (ASP)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes](#) adapts the CDC Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship into practical ways to initiate or expand antibiotic stewardship activities in nursing homes.

Nursing homes are encouraged to work in a step-wise fashion, implementing one or two activities to start and gradually adding new strategies from each element over time. Any action taken to improve antibiotic use is expected to reduce adverse events, prevent emergence of resistance and lead to better outcomes for residents in this setting.

- [The Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes](#)
- [Checklist: Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes](#)
- [Appendix A: Policy and Practice Actions to Improve Antibiotic Use](#)
- [Appendix B: Measures of Antibiotic Prescribing, Use and Outcomes](#)
- [Appendix C: Data Sources, Elements, and Measures for Tracking Antibiotic Use in Nursing Homes.](#)

Supporting Resources

Toolkits, fact sheets, infographics, training, etc., **to supplement and support** an Antibiotic Stewardship Program.

For Leaders

- [Toolkit To Improve Antibiotic Use in Long-Term Care](#)
- [Effective Communication with Residents and Families](#)
- [Creating a Culture to Improve Antibiotic Use in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Our Commitment to Antibiotic Stewardship](#)
- [Leading Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Antibiotic Stewardship Guide](#)

For Education of Residents

- [Viruses or Bacteria: What's Got You Sick? Common Infections in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Do You Need Antibiotics? Brochure](#)

For Pharmacy Staff

- [5 Ways Community Pharmacists Can Be Antibiotics Aware](#)

For Education of Clinical Staff

- [CDC's Antibiotic Stewardship Courses](#)
- [Effective Communication with Residents and Families](#)
- [Urinary Tract Infection Surveillance Pocket Card](#)

The **Minnesota Department of Health** developed an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Toolkit for Long-term Care Facilities. The core tools include: Action steps and strategies for implementing antimicrobial stewardship, an antimicrobial stewardship gap analysis, nursing staff and provider antibiotic use attitudes and beliefs surveys, an antimicrobial use assessment tool, and a nursing process evaluation tool.

- [Minnesota Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Toolkit for LTC Facilities](#)

Education Resources

A variety of resources **to educate leadership and staff** about Antibiotic Stewardship.

- [Introduction to the CDC's Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes Session 1](#)
- [Long Term Care Communities Antibiotic Stewardship Session 2](#)
- [LTC Communities Antibiotic Stewardship Session 3](#)
- [LTC Communities Antibiotic Stewardship: Education and Bridging the Know Gap Session 4](#)
- [Collaborative Antibiotic Stewardship: Focus on Infection Prevention](#)
- [UTI and UA Challenges](#)
- [Infection Management and Antibiotic Stewardship](#)
- [Communicating with Families from Diverse Backgrounds](#)
- [Does Pneumonia Require Antibiotics?](#)
- [Nonspecific Symptoms in Nursing Home Residents](#)

Consumer Resources for Residents & Families

The following consumer resources are available to educate residents and their family members about antibiotics and the risks associated with taking antibiotics.

- [When Do You Need an Antibiotic? Brochure](#)
- [Patient Education Resources](#)
- [Talking With Residents and Family Members About Urinary Tract Infections \(UTIs\)](#)
- [Toolkit To Educate and Engage Residents and Family Members](#)

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