

Joint Commission's Antimicrobial Stewardship Standard

*General Fact Sheet: What You Need to Know**

The Joint Commission has recently announced a new standard (Standard MM.09.01.01) involving antimicrobial stewardship for hospitals, critical access hospitals, and nursing care centers *effective January 1, 2017*.

Can you demonstrate the following?

- Antimicrobial stewardship is an **organizational priority** (also see LD.01.03.01, EP5)
 - Examples: accountability documents, budget plans, infection prevention plans performance improvement plans, strategic plans and using EHR to collect data
- **Staff and licensed independent practitioners are educated** on resistance and stewardship practices upon hire/initial privileges and periodically thereafter as needed
- **Patients and families are educated** on proper use of antimicrobials/antibiotics (refer to PC.02.03.01)
- Your **antimicrobial stewardship multidisciplinary team** includes the following (when available):
 - Infectious disease physician
 - Infection preventionist(s)
 - Pharmacist(s)
 - PractitionerNote: Part-time/consultants & telehealth team members are acceptable
- Your antibiotic stewardship program has the following **core elements***:
 - Leadership commitment: dedicated human, financial and IT resources
 - Accountability: a single appointed leader (e.g. a physician leader)
 - Drug expertise: a single pharmacist leader
 - Actions: employ recommended actions (e.g. time out after 48 hours)
 - Tracking: examine prescribing and resistance patterns
 - Reporting: consistently inform appropriate clinicians and staff on program measurements
 - Education: educate clinicians, staff and patients on the program (i.e. optional prescribing and resistance) (Also see IC.02.01.01, EP1 & NPSG.07.03.01, EP5)*From the CDC's Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs
- Your organization uses **approved multidisciplinary protocols**
 - Examples: formulary restrictions, guidelines for antimicrobial use/prophylaxis in adults/pediatrics, assessment of antibiotic appropriateness, parenteral to oral conversion, preauthorization criteria for certain antimicrobials, etc.
- Your antibiotic stewardship program **collects, analyzes and reports data**. (Also see MM.08.01.01, EP6)
- You act upon **improvement opportunities** concerning your antibiotic stewardship program. (Also see MM.08.01.01, EP6)

***This document serves as a guide and should not be considered all inclusive**

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