

National Quality Partners Playbook: Antibiotic Stewardship in Acute Care

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

The National Quality Partners (NQP), in association with public/private leaders and experts from over 40 organizations, created a “*Playbook*” guide for successful antibiotic stewardship programs. The [Playbook](#) provides concrete strategies and specific practices to support and manage change for each of the CDC’s Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship Programs (ASPs).

- **Delineated for each of the CDC’s Core Elements of ASPs:**
 - **Rationale and overview**
 - **Examples of implementation**
 - Basic
 - Intermediate
 - Advanced
 - **Potential barriers paired with recommended solutions**
 - **Tool and resources**
 - Examples include: Regulatory, business aspects, evidence, tools, national resource links, guidelines, courses, certificate programs, etc.

- **Review: Performance Measurement Approaches for Tracking and Reporting**
 - **National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Antimicrobial Use and Resistance Modules**
 - Electronically monitor resistance and prescribing data for healthcare facilities to help improve decision making
 - Allows collection of data on antibiotic use/resistance for performance improvement and benchmarking
 - **NHSN Antimicrobial Utilization**
 - NQF-Endorsed Measure #2720 developed by the CDC
 - Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio (SAAR) is a risk-adjusted measure comparing observed antibiotic use to expected use based on agents and care location
 - **Suggested measures for antibiotic stewardship table**
 - **Optional and NQF-endorsed measures listed for the following:**
 - Antibiotic consumption
 - Process measures
 - Outcome measures
 - Financial
 - **Additional considerations discussed for the following:**
 - Accreditation, public reporting and payment
 - Patient and provider education and engagement
 - Health Information Technology
 - Quality Improvement
 - Future Endeavors

 - **Appendix**
 - Listed Per Core Element: URL links to resources

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

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