

Strengthening Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes

CMS requires that all certified nursing homes have antibiotic stewardship programs to help reduce inappropriate antibiotic use that can potentially harm residents.

NC CLASP can help with that.

The North Carolina Clinical Antibiotic Stewardship Partners is a new initiative supporting nursing home communities across North Carolina to:

- Provide a judgment-free forum for learning about the optimal use of antibiotics and why antibiotic stewardship is essential to quality care
- Help infection preventionists, care providers, and facility administrators identify priorities for improving the appropriateness of antibiotic use and respond to regulatory and licensing requirements
- Support facilities that are ready to strengthen antibiotic stewardship with targeted coaching and feedback



NC CLASP is recruiting North Carolina-based nursing home partners to improve health and safety through enhanced antibiotic stewardship programs across the continuum of care.

Project activities will be led by experts in antibiotic stewardship and include regularly scheduled virtual meetings focused on education, interactive case discussions, coaching and mentoring, relevant to nursing home communities.

There is no cost to participate. Contact CLASP to learn more.

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Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes



Leadership commitment

Demonstrate support and commitment to safe and appropriate antibiotic use in your facility



Accountability

Identify physician, nursing and pharmacy leads responsible for promoting and overseeing antibiotic stewardship activities in your facility



Drug expertise

Establish access to consultant pharmacists or other individuals with experience or training in antibiotic stewardship for your facility



Action

Implement **at least one** policy or practice to improve antibiotic use



Tracking

Monitor **at least one process** measure of antibiotic use and **at least one outcome** from antibiotic use in your facility



Reporting

Provide regular feedback on antibiotic use and resistance to prescribing clinicians, nursing staff and other relevant staff



Education

Provide resources to clinicians, nursing staff, residents and families about antibiotic resistance and opportunities for improving antibiotic use

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes* offers guidance on priorities for improving antibiotic prescribing.

The Core Elements are the building blocks of a partnership with NC CLASP. Read more about the Core Elements at <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/core-elements/nursing-homes.html>.

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