

# Strengthening Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship

CDC recommends ALL healthcare settings reduce inappropriate antibiotic use through antibiotic stewardship programs.

## NC CLASP can help with that.

The North Carolina Clinical Antibiotic Stewardship Partners is a new initiative funded by NC Department of Health and Human Services and overseen by NC Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology (SPICE). NC CLASP partners with healthcare facilities across the continuum of care to:

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



NC CLASP seeks North Carolina-based outpatient clinic partners to improve health and safety through enhanced antibiotic stewardship programs.

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 outpatient clinics.

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

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# Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship* offers guidance on priorities for improving antibiotic prescribing. The Core Elements are the building blocks of a partnership with NC CLASP.



## **Commitment**

Demonstrate dedication to and accountability for optimizing antibiotic prescribing and patient safety.



## **Action for policy and practice**

Implement at least one policy or practice to improve antibiotic prescribing, assess whether it is working, and modify as needed.



## **Tracking and reporting**

Monitor antibiotic prescribing practices and offer regular feedback to clinicians, or have clinicians assess their own antibiotic prescribing practices themselves.



## **Education and expertise**

Provide educational resources to clinicians and patients on antibiotic prescribing, and ensure access to needed expertise on optimizing antibiotic prescribing.

Read more: [https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/community/pdfs/16\\_268900-A\\_CoreElementsOutpatient\\_508.pdf](https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/community/pdfs/16_268900-A_CoreElementsOutpatient_508.pdf)

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