

Statement of Leadership Commitment for Antimicrobial Stewardship

[Facility Name] recognizes that antibiotics are one of the most commonly prescribed medications for residents in long-term care facilities. Studies show that between 40-75% of the antibiotic orders for long-term care residents are likely inappropriate or unnecessary. Using antibiotics when they are not needed leads to unwanted outcomes such as antibiotic side effects (e.g., diarrhea, rash, allergy), developing *Clostridioides difficile* infections, increased resident care costs, and increased potential for making the bacteria resistant to available antibiotics.

For this reason, **[Facility Name]** has created an Antimicrobial Stewardship Team. This team will monitor all antibiotic use within the facility and continuously promote the responsible use of antibiotics with all healthcare staff, residents, and their families. Our team consists of multiple different healthcare professionals, including:

- Physician Champion: **[ASP Physician Name]**
- Pharmacist Champion: **[ASP Pharmacist Name]**
- Nursing Champion: **[ASP Nurse Name]**
- Administrator Champion: **[ASP Admin Name]**
- Infection Preventionist: **[ASP IP Name]**
- Other: **[ASP Other Name]**

We are committed to...

1. Supporting efforts that improve antibiotic use at **[Facility Name]**, including providing the necessary fiscal, human, and informational resources needed to perform antimicrobial stewardship duties.
2. Appointing a **[leader/co-leaders]** that will take ownership of the antimicrobial stewardship program to ensure accountability of all antimicrobial stewardship efforts provided.
3. Having a partnership with our pharmacy consultant service to provide antibiotic expertise for our program and assist with ensuring that our residents are receiving appropriate antibiotic therapy.
4. Implementing clinical interventions and references to help guide prescribers on appropriate antibiotic use, including when not to use antibiotics.
5. Working with our antimicrobial stewardship team to facilitate monitoring and reporting of antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance within the facility, clinical intervention uptake and impact, and resident outcomes, such as development of *Clostridioides difficile* infection or adverse drug events.
6. Fostering a culture of education regarding responsible antibiotic use within the facility. Education will be targeted towards prescribers, nurses, and other healthcare staff, as well as residents and their families.

Facility Administrator (Print Name)

Title

Facility Administrator (Signature)

Date

ASP [Leader/Co-Leader] (Print Name)

Title

ASP [Leader/Co-Leader] (Signature)

Date

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