

Antibiotic Stewardship Tip Sheet

Nursing Home Setting



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AWARE**
SMART USE, BEST CARE

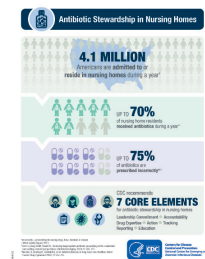
Nursing home antibiotic stewardship refers to coordinated efforts to promote appropriate prescribing of antibiotics for patients in long-term care facilities. Regardless of the clinical setting, the goal is to promote adherence to clinical practice guidelines to provide the best standard of care and to minimize the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

General Antibiotic Stewardship Resources

[Infographic: Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes](#)

Audience: General public and healthcare professionals

This infographic demonstrates how many prescriptions are unnecessarily prescribed in nursing homes.



[Nursing Home Core Elements Guideline](#)

Audience: Healthcare professionals

The Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes is a guideline of practical ways to initiate or expand antibiotic stewardship activities in nursing homes. Any action taken to improve antibiotic use is expected to reduce adverse events, prevent emergence of resistance and lead to better outcomes for residents in this setting.



Toolkits

[AHRQ Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit](#)

Audience: Healthcare professionals

This toolkit provides tools and resources for nursing homes to use when establishing, monitoring and sustaining an antibiotic stewardship program.

[AHRQ Toolkit to Educate and Engage Residents and Family Members](#)

Audience: General public and healthcare professionals.

This toolkit helps nursing home staff educate residents and family members about antibiotics.

[Minnesota Department of Health Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit](#)

Audience: Healthcare professionals

This toolkit help nursing homes establish antibiotic stewardship programs in their facilities.

Fact Sheets

[Creating a Culture to Improve Antibiotic Use in Nursing Homes](#)

Audience: Healthcare professionals

This flier details why antibiotic stewardship is important and how nursing homes can improve antibiotic use in their facilities.



[What you Need to Know About Antibiotics in a Nursing Home](#)

Audience: General public

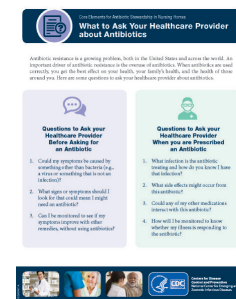
This flier details what the general public should know about antibiotic use in nursing homes.



[What to Ask Your Healthcare Provider about Antibiotics](#)

Audience: General public

This infographic includes questions for patients to ask their healthcare providers about antibiotics.



Training

[Nursing Home Training Sessions Introduction](#)

Audience: Healthcare professionals

Training tools and resources to help you with implementing antibiotic stewardship and preventing C. difficile infections in your facility.

[New Online Training Course in Infection Prevention and Control for Nursing Home Staff](#)

Audience: Healthcare professionals

CDC, in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), launched a new Nursing Home Infection Preventionist Training course. This specialized nursing home training is designed for individuals responsible for infection prevention and control programs in nursing homes.