

Best Nursing Home

Subject: Infection Control: Antibiotic Stewardship Program

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Department(s) Affected: Medical, Nursing and Administration

All employees and departments of Best Nursing Home

Skilled Services

Other (Please specify):

Policy:

An Antibiotic Stewardship Program (ASP) is established under the leadership of the Infection Preventionist (IP). The responsibility of the program is to develop and maintain a system to monitor antibiotic use. Additionally, the ASP will promote safe and effective antibiotic use to improve resident care and strive to reduce antimicrobial resistance.

The Antibiotic Stewardship Committee will oversee the ASP and will consist of the following members: Infection Preventionist Nurse, Medical Director or Physician Designee, Consulting Pharmacist, Nursing Operation Specialist, Educator, Director of Nursing, and Administration. or any other designee as needed.

Procedures:

The Antibiotic Stewardship Committee will:

1. Support and promote the use of antibiotic guidelines
2. Develop systems to monitor antibiotic use upon admission in conjunction with Consulting and/or Dispensing Pharmacist
3. Review a subset of antibiotic prescriptions for appropriateness of dose, duration, and indication
4. Review antibiotic use data by Medical Providers
5. Provide written report annually to the QAPI Committee
6. Meet quarterly to look for opportunities for improvement to decrease the use of unnecessary antibiotics and to help reduce antibiotic resistance
7. Review Facility Antiobiogram at least annually