**SUBJECT:** Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

 [Hospital Logo]

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**Policy Statement**

The goal of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) is to promote the appropriate use of antimicrobials in order to maximize treatment outcomes and minimize unintended consequences of antimicrobial therapy. The ASP aims to improve antibiotic prescribing practices through the development and implementation of antibiotic use protocols and a system to monitor antibiotic use. The Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee has been established to provide support and oversee activities of the ASP.

**Policy**

1. Membership [identify program leader or co-leaders]
	1. ASP Physician
	2. ASP Pharmacist
	3. Infection Preventionist
	4. Quality Improvement Director
	5. Nurse or Nurse Leadership
	6. Information Technology Analyst (if able)
	7. Clinical Laboratory Director (if able)

[h. Additional member as deemed appropriate by ASP]

2. Meetings

 The Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee will meet [monthly/quarterly].

[Other options: The Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee will meet X times per year as part of the Infection Control Committee or Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee agenda]

3. Responsibilities

a. Ensure appropriate use of antimicrobials through development and implementation of institutional policies, procedures, treatment algorithms, and other relevant initiatives

b. Monitor institutional antibiotic use and antibiotic resistance patterns

c. Engage in quality improvement projects focused on optimizing antibiotic use, reducing unnecessary prescribing,

 preventing adverse events and combating antibiotic resistance within the institution

d. Report outcomes of ASP activities to Quality Improvement Committee and institutional staff

e. Provide education to institutional staff on appropriate use of antimicrobial agents

f. Evaluate requests for formulary addition of antimicrobial agents and provide recommendations to the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

**Oversight**

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee is fully supported by the Chief Nursing Officer, Chief Medical Officer, [other senior administration staff] and Board of Directors. It will directly report all ASP-related activities and outcomes to the Quality Improvement Committee [or Infection Control Committee, Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee]. The ASP activities and outcomes will in turn be reported by Quality Improvement Committee [or Infection Control Committee, Pharmacy and Therapeutic Committee] to Medical Staff Committee and Board of Directors.