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**SUBJECT: Antimicrobial Stewardship Program**

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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 outcome 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.

**Structure:**

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee has been established to provide support and oversee activities of the ASP. This committee and the ASP will be part of the Infection Prevention and Control Program (IPCP). The IPCP will directly report all ASP-related activities and outcomes to the Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Committee. QAPI Committee will in turn report all ASP activities and outcomes to nursing staff, prescribing clinicians, and other relevant staff.

**Procedure:**

1. Membership of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee
	1. Medical Director (required)
	2. Director of Nursing (required)
	3. Infection Preventionist (required)
	4. Consultant Pharmacist (required)
	5. Additional member as deemed appropriate by the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee which may include Nurse representative, Nursing Aide representative, QAPI Director, Administrator or other healthcare workers

2. Meetings

 Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee will meet at least quarterly to review ASP-related activities and outcomes. The committee will also report its activities along with antibiotic use and resistance data to QAPI Committee at least on an annual basis.

3. Responsibilities

1. Ensure appropriate use of antimicrobials through development and implementation of institutional policies, procedures, treatment algorithms, or other relevant initiatives
2. Monitor facility antimicrobial use, antimicrobial resistance patterns, and compliance to ASP-related processes
3. Report outcomes of ASP activities to QAPI Committee and healthcare workers
4. Identify opportunities for improvement in facility antibiotic prescribing practices along with developing and implementing action plans to make these improvements
5. Provide education to healthcare workers, residents and families on appropriate use of antimicrobial agents