

# Do you want Antimicrobial Stewardship Experts to assist your Local Team?

The Nebraska Antimicrobial Stewardship Assessment and Promotion Program (ASAP) is seeking facilities interested in antimicrobial stewardship team support from infectious diseases-trained pharmacists and physicians

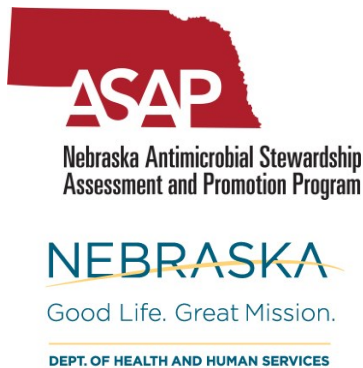
To ask specific antimicrobial stewardship questions or inquire about our program and antibiotic use tracking database, please contact Nebraska ASAP at:

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## TYPES OF PROGRAM ASSISTANCE OFFERED

- ☞ Assessment of current antimicrobial stewardship activities based on the CDC Core Elements of Antimicrobial Stewardship
- ☞ Support for facility compliance with Joint Commission and/or Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services regulatory requirements
- ☞ Assistance with tracking and benchmarking of antimicrobial use and antimicrobial stewardship interventions
- ☞ Support during implementation of facility-directed antimicrobial stewardship tools, policies, and practice changes
- ☞ Answers and guidance for programmatic antimicrobial stewardship related questions

## BENEFITS OF NEBRASKA ASAP COLLABORATION

- ☞ Direct access to pharmacists, infectious diseases physicians, and infection preventionists with expertise in antimicrobial stewardship
- ☞ Access to an antibiotic use tracking database and monthly reports on use trends, antimicrobial stewardship interventions, and antimicrobial resistance, including benchmarking against other de-identified facilities
- ☞ Assistance in developing or expanding antimicrobial stewardship programs that result in:
  - Improved patient outcomes
  - More appropriate antimicrobial use
  - Reduced healthcare costs (e.g., pharmacy or diagnostic expenses)
  - Decreased *Clostridium difficile* infections
  - Decreased rate of antimicrobial resistance

## PROGRAM COSTS

- ☞ There is no monetary cost for services provided by Nebraska ASAP
- ☞ Each participating facility is expected to contribute in the following ways which will support local stewardship efforts:
  - Designate project leadership (including physician, pharmacist, and infection preventionist within facility)
  - Collect and share de-identified antimicrobial usage data
  - Collect and share de-identified culture and susceptibility reports
  - Implement recommendations suggested by ASAP team