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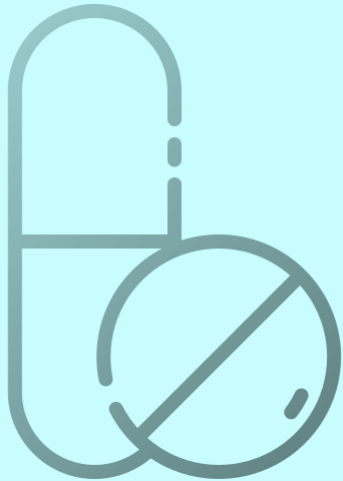
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Congratulations to all 22 consultant pharmacists that completed a year-long training course in August 2024 and earned a certificate of completion in Long-Term Care Antibiotic Stewardship!

The program was sponsored by Nebraska ASAP, UNMC ID Project ECHO, and the Nebraska Pharmacists Association and funded by a CDC grant.

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Congratulations!!



New!!

Antibiotic Use Database for Nebraska LTCF



An opportunity is available for Nebraska long-term care facilities to collaborate with antimicrobial stewardship experts through the Nebraska ASAP program to track and evaluate antibiotic use.


The aim of the Nebraska ASAP Long-Term Care Facility Antibiotic Use Tracking Collaborative is to provide participating long-term care facilities with both facility-specific and benchmarked state of Nebraska antibiotic use information to support their antibiotic stewardship initiatives.

All LTCF in Nebraska are encouraged to participate!
There are just 2 easy steps below.

Questions? Contact Jenna Preusker (jepreusker@nebraskamed.com)

1 [Click here to sign a Commitment Letter](#)

2 [Click here for the Monthly Data Submission Portal Link](#)

NEBRASKA ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP ASSESSMENT AND PROMOTION PROGRAM 

Nebraska Antimicrobial Stewardship Assessment and Promotion Program (ASAP) Long-Term Care Facility Antibiotic Use Tracking Collaborative Commitment Letter

An opportunity is available for Nebraska long-term care facilities to collaborate with antimicrobial stewardship experts at the University of Nebraska Medical Center and Nebraska Medicine through the Nebraska ASAP program. Nebraska ASAP is non-regulatory and is funded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Healthcare Associated Infections and Antimicrobial Resistance (HA/AR) Program through a CDC grant. The aim of the Nebraska ASAP Long-Term Care Facility Antibiotic Use Tracking Collaborative is to provide participating long-term care facilities with both facility-specific and benchmarked state of Nebraska antibiotic use information to guide their antibiotic stewardship initiatives.

_____(Facility Name) is opting to participate in the Nebraska ASAP Long-Term Care Facility Antibiotic Use Tracking Collaborative.

As part of this collaborative, the facility agrees to:

- Submit aggregated monthly facility antibiotic use data to the secure, online database developed by Nebraska ASAP.
 - Minimum** monthly data submission will include:
 - Days of Antibiotic Therapy
 - Number of antibiotic starts
 - Total resident days
 - Optional** monthly data (if chosen by the facility and pharmacist) may include:
 - Short-stay resident numbers
 - Number of infections treated in the facility by indication
 - Appropriateness of antibiotic prescriptions based on consultant pharmacist review
 - Facility antibiotic use by agent

Note: Monthly data submission can be completed by any of the facility's staff members (e.g., infection preventionist, director of nursing, administrator etc.) or their consultant pharmacist.

Check this box if facility agrees to allow their consultant pharmacist(s) to submit the data on facility's behalf

Participating facilities will expect Nebraska ASAP to:


- Develop and maintain the online antibiotic use database
- Provide education, tools, and templates to consultant pharmacists and infection preventionists for antibiotic tracking
- Provide antibiotic use data reports to the facility
- Provide assistance in data analysis and interpretation
- Maintain confidentiality. (The information collected in the antibiotic use database may be used by Nebraska ASAP and HA/AR program for additional quality improvement purposes and only de-identified, aggregated data may be shared outside of the HA/AR program and the submitting facility).

On behalf of _____ (Facility Name), I hereby commit to supporting our facility's participation in the Nebraska ASAP Long-Term Care Facility Antibiotic Use Tracking Collaborative in the above stated ways.

Signature of Facility Representative _____ Title _____

Printed Name _____ Date _____

Please send completed letter to Jenna Preusker, PharmD at jepreusker@nebraskamed.com

NEBRASKA ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP ASSESSMENT AND PROMOTION PROGRAM 

Nebraska ASAP Collaborative: Antibiotic Use in Long-Term Care Facilities

This REDCap antimicrobial use database is used by the Nebraska ASAP collaborative to track antimicrobials prescribed in long-term care facilities. The information collected in the REDCap database may be used by Nebraska ASAP for quality improvement purposes and only de-identified, aggregated data may be shared outside of the submitting facility. By proceeding to enter data in the REDCap database, the user agrees to the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

- Name of the Facility**
* must provide value
- Number of facility beds**
* must provide value
- Submitter Name**
* must provide value
- Submitter Role**
* must provide value
- Contact Email**
* must provide value
- Reporting Month and Year**
* must provide value Today MDY

New Nebraska DHHS and ICAP/ASAP Reference

Multi-Drug- Resistant Organism Cheat Sheet for Infection Preventionists

Use this reference for:

- ✓ Definitions
- ✓ Transmission Based Precautions (TBP)
- ✓ Laboratory evidence for TBP
- ✓ Duration of TBP
- ✓ Nebraska MDRO Tiers
- ✓ Nebraska Public Health Lab Specimen Submission

Organisms included:

- ✓ CP-CRE
- ✓ CRE
- ✓ MDR *Acinetobacter*
- ✓ Resistant *Pseudomonas*
- ✓ *Candida auris*
- ✓ VRSA/VISA
- ✓ ESBL-producing organisms
- ✓ MRSA
- ✓ VRE



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350,000
sepsis deaths per year
in the United States

270,000
in-hospital deaths

80,000
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released to hospice

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September is Sepsis Awareness Month

Check out these resources and links to find out how you can support Sepsis Awareness Month.

- [Sepsis Awareness Month toolkit](#)
- [Sepsis Alliance Summit September 25-27, 2024](#)
- [CDC Blog](#) New Opportunities for Improving Sepsis Care and Outcomes
- [CDC Get Ahead of Sepsis Materials for Healthcare Providers](#)

US Antibiotic Awareness Week is coming soon!



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plan your activities
now! Visit:

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