

Statement of Leadership Commitment for Antibiotic Stewardship

St. Francis Medical Center commits to improving antibiotic use in our facility. Facility leadership is committed to embracing and executing the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention's (CDC) Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Hospitals. The seven core elements for antimicrobial stewardship include leadership, commitment, accountability, drug expertise, action, tracking, reporting, and education.

Our administration has identified an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) Leadership Team at our facility. Our leadership team meets at least quarterly and they are:

1. Our ASP physician champion
2. Our ASP pharmacy champion
3. Our ASP infection prevention champion
4. Our ASP microbiology/laboratory champion
5. Our ASP information technology champion

A St. Francis Medical Center clinical pharmacist serves as the designated lead for the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program who works in collaboration with an infectious disease physician.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

1. We, the administration, are committed to supporting the efforts that improve antibiotic use in our facility, including providing dedicated necessary human, financial, and information technology resources. (Leadership Commitment Core Element)
2. We have appointed co-leaders, an infectious disease physician and clinical pharmacist, to be responsible for program management and outcomes. (Accountability Core Element)
3. We have appointed a pharmacist, co-leader of the stewardship program, to lead implementation efforts to improve antibiotic use. (Pharmacy Expertise Core Element)
4. We will support implementation of interventions, such as prospective audit and feedback or preauthorization, to improve antibiotic use. (Action Core Element)
5. We will work with our ASP leaders and team to create a system that monitors antibiotic prescribing, impact of interventions, and other important outcomes like *Clostridioides difficile* infection and resistance patterns. (Tracking Core Element)
6. We will create an environment that allows the antimicrobial stewardship team to regularly report information on antibiotic use and resistance to prescribers, pharmacists, nurses, and hospital leadership. (Reporting Core Element)
7. We commit to creating a culture for education which promotes antimicrobial stewardship through education of prescribers, pharmacists, and nurses about adverse reactions from antibiotics, antibiotic resistance, and optimal prescribing. (Education Core Element)

CNO, Executive Administration

Leadership Administrator
St. Francis Medical Center

Clinical Pharmacist

ASP Champion
St. Francis Medical Center