



**Electronic Pharmacist Information Consultant**  
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## Antibiotic Stewardship Policy and Procedure

### **POLICY:**

The goal of Antibiotic Stewardship is to address the use of antibiotics in order to improve resident outcomes and possibly reducing adverse events. The Antibiotic Stewardship EPIC can be an added assessment to your Antibiotic Stewardship Program.

### **PROCEDURE:**

**A.** The assigned nurse is responsible to fax the following:

1. The completed Antibiotic Stewardship EPIC Request Form
2. The Antibiotic order (This is required)
3. The Culture and Sensitivity (if ordered and available)

### **B. DO NOT SEND RESIDENT CHARTS OR MEDICAL RECORDS**

**C.** Send only **ONE** resident's information as a single transmission with the **RESIDENT'S NAME** and **FACILITY NAME** clearly printed on **ALL** sheets. **DO NOT GROUP RESIDENTS TOGETHER.** Fax to:

**E.P.I.C. Department**

**Fax: (732) 574-3469 or (732) 574-3926 or 732-943-3571 or 732-943-3572**

**D.** Within 48 business hours of receipt, the E.P.I.C. Consultant Pharmacist will evaluate the information provided and will fax and/or email the review back. The facility needs to provide the fax numbers and/or emails to the E.P.I.C. Department.

**E.** A copy of the E.P.I.C. report must be placed in the appropriate section of the resident's chart and acted upon by the assigned nurse in a timely manner, per facility policy.

**F.** When a response is requested from the attending physician, the facility will contact the attending physician in a timely manner, per facility policy unless it is a **"Clinically Significant"** irregularity which needs to be addressed by **midnight of the next calendar day (24 hours)**. The physician's response needs to be noted on the E.P.I.C. consult sheet. If the response is in the negative, the attending physician will indicate a short statement of the rationale for rejecting the recommendation.

### **KEY POINT:**

The Consultant Pharmacist will have the opportunity to review within 48 business hours if any dosage changes need to be made depending on renal function. Each antibiotic order will be reviewed for completeness (name, dosage form, dose, route, frequency, duration and diagnosis) as well as possible allergic reactions based on the allergy information provided. If provided, the culture and sensitivity report will be reviewed for organism identification as well as susceptibility and resistance based on the antibiotic prescribed.