



Our Commitment to Antibiotic Stewardship

Antibiotics save lives, but are frequently prescribed unnecessarily. Harms from antibiotic overuse can be significant, especially for frail older adults. Potential harms include adverse drug events, drug interactions, and antibiotic-resistant and *Clostridioides difficile* infections.

As part of our continuing commitment to provide the best quality care to our residents, we are dedicated to improving antibiotic use through antibiotic stewardship implementation. **Antibiotic stewardship** refers to a set of commitments and activities designed to “optimize the treatment of infections while reducing the adverse events associated with antibiotic use.”

We are committed to improving antibiotic prescribing practices. We will provide staff and resources to support antibiotic stewardship implementation. We are confident that with the support of front-line staff, prescribing clinicians, and residents and families, we will continue to provide residents with the best quality care by improving antibiotic use, and protecting them from the unintended harms of inappropriate antibiotic use.

Sincerely,

To learn more about appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.



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