Providence St. Joseph Health Commitment Letter to antimicrobial stewardship

Providence St. Joseph Health (PSJH), a not-for-profit health and social services system serving more than 23M people annually across seven states, is committed to establishing an antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP) in all clinical settings in order to optimize the treatment of infectious diseases and minimize the adverse consequences of antimicrobial use. By the end of 2017, PSJH will have ASP work in progress in all care settings, and will fully implement the CDC core elements of an ASP in all acute care and skilled nursing facilities, including the following three key improvements: resources sufficient to develop, support and maintain an ASP throughout the system; evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and electronic health record pathways for the most frequent infections; as well as data and education on critical elements of the ASP, including individual prescribing patterns and guideline adherence.

CDC is welcome to summarize our commitments and share the summary online and with other organizations upon request.

Sincerely,

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