

Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes: Webinar Series



Antibiotics are frequently prescribed in nursing homes and can cause serious harms to residents, including *Clostridium difficile* infections. Antibiotic stewardship activities promote appropriate antibiotic use by optimizing antibiotic selection, dosing, route and duration of therapy.

California Senate Bill 361 mandates all skilled nursing facilities to adopt and implement an antibiotic stewardship policy by January 1, 2017.

To support California skilled nursing providers preparing for this new mandate the Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program in the California Department of Public Health is partnering with the California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) and the Quality Care Health Foundation (QCHF) to offer a **free 6-part webinar series**.

Each interactive **one-hour** webinar will address a topic area that aligns with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention “**Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes**,” and will feature different presenters and panelists from key stakeholder organizations around the state. **The webinars will emphasize practical strategies; examples of implementation and tools will be shared.** 1 hour of CE credit (BRN/NHAP) is available for each webinar.

Participants can register for sessions at QCHF’s website: <http://www.qchf.org/>

Schedule and Topics

Date	Topic
March 30, 2016	Overview of New California Legislative Requirements for Stewardship in Nursing Homes and the CDC’s Core Elements, featuring Dr. Nimalie Stone of CDC
May 18, 2016	Leadership Support for Nursing Home Antimicrobial Stewardship
July 27, 2016	Drug Expertise for Nursing Home Antimicrobial Stewardship - Partnering with the Consultant Pharmacy
September 29, 2016	Antimicrobial Stewardship Actions and Interventions in the Nursing Home Setting
November 30, 2016 (tentative date)	Tracking Antimicrobial Use and Outcomes in the Nursing Home Setting
December 14, 2016 (tentative date)	Reporting and Education of Nursing Home Staff on Antimicrobial Use and Outcomes



Roughly
40–75%
of antibiotics are
prescribed **Incorrectly**.

Nearly
50%
of antibiotics prescribed
in nursing homes
may be given
longer than necessary.¹