# Champion Antimicrobial Stewardship as a Team

**Fight The Resistance Together!**

## Key Steps for a Multidisciplinary Antimicrobial Stewardship Team:

1. **Seek administrative backing and institutional support by articulating the benefits of a successful antimicrobial stewardship program.**

2. **Actively engage all the major stakeholders: infectious disease specialists, hospitalists, clinical pharmacists, lab technicians, infection control, nursing, IT and Quality Improvement.**

3. **Utilize the expertise of clinical pharmacists in antimicrobials as a valuable resource in addition to infectious disease specialists when available.**

4. **Explore educational funding opportunities through national, regional, state or local resources for members of the team.**

5. **Identify measures — baseline measures, process measures and outcome measures — to determine the effectiveness of stewardship interventions.**

6. **Collect and analyze antimicrobial usage data from your institution and observe antimicrobial resistance trends in order to identify opportunities for improvement.**

7. **Present a business plan for personnel reimbursement through highlighting potential cost savings, improved patient outcomes, core measures compliance and anticipated Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services penalties for hospitals lacking an antimicrobial stewardship program.**

8. **Implement concrete steps to implement an antibiotic time-out policy, develop practices for reviewing antibiotic choices upon patient transfer, revise all Intensive Care Unit antibiotic prescriptions and review broad-spectrum antibiotic selection.**

9. **Organize educational activities for hospital clinicians on antimicrobial stewardship.**

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**References:**


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