**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.

References:

For Additional References, Please Visit the Website.

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