



Kansas Quality Improvement Partnership

MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 15, 2019
 TO: Kansas healthcare organizations and providers, animal and human
 FROM: Kansas Quality Improvement Partnership (KQIP)
 RE: KQIP recommendation for all healthcare settings and providers to actively promote the appropriate use of antibiotics

The Kansas Quality Improvement Partnership (KQIP) is a group of leading Kansas healthcare organizations dedicated to improving quality and eliminating or reducing duplication of effort by Kansas providers.

Among its current priorities, KQIP has established a goal that all Kansas healthcare settings and providers, animal and human, will actively promote the appropriate use of antibiotics through their antibiotic/antimicrobial stewardship programs and activities. Antibiotics have been a critical public health tool since the discovery of penicillin in 1928, saving the lives of millions of people around the world. Today, however, the emergence of drug resistance in bacteria is reversing the miracles of the past eighty years, with drug choices for the treatment of many bacterial infections becoming increasingly limited, expensive, and, in some cases, nonexistent.

As such, KQIP commits to lead a statewide effort to elevate widespread, appropriate use of antibiotics across all care settings in Kansas. KQIP further commits to support healthcare organizations in developing and/or enhancing antibiotic stewardship programs through the implementation of the foundational CDC Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship:

- Designate clinical leadership
- Allocate necessary resources
- Develop local expertise
- Educate patients

Therefore, we challenge all Kansas healthcare providers to take the [#OneHealthKS Pledge](#) and commit to working on this effort within your organization. Expert assistance is available to help your organization develop and implement these core elements. For assistance contact Bryna Stacey, KDHE (Bryna.Stacey@ks.gov or 785-296-4090); Nadyne Hagmeier, KFMC (nhagmeier@kfmc.org or 785-271-4174); or Michele Clark, KHC (mclark@khconline.org or 785-235-0763).

Sincerely yours,

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Recommendation:

Among its current priorities, the Kansas Quality Improvement Partnership (KQIP) has established a goal that all Kansas healthcare settings and providers, animal and human, will actively promote the appropriate use of antibiotics through their antibiotic/antimicrobial stewardship programs.

KQIP commits to lead a statewide effort to elevate widespread appropriate use of antibiotics across care settings in Kansas. KQIP further commits to support healthcare organizations to develop and enhance antibiotic stewardship programs through the implementation of the CDC Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship:

- Designate clinical leadership
- Allocate necessary resources
- Educate consumers
- Develop local expertise

Background:

In 2012, the Kansas Quality Improvement Partnership was established. This partnership was established to maximize resources dedicated to improving quality and to eliminate or reduce duplication of efforts by Kansas providers. KQIP includes the Kansas Healthcare Collaborative, the Kansas Foundation for Medical Care, the Kansas Hospital Association, the Kansas Medical Society and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The partnership convenes regularly to discuss and coordinate events, activities and opportunities to maximize effectiveness and efficiency for health care providers. The partnership fosters a transparent, positive and cooperative working relationship and seeks opportunities to share knowledge to improve the patient experience.

One of the purposes of KQIP, a group of leading Kansas health care organizations, is to coordinate, support and simplify when possible, patient safety and quality improvement activities for health care providers across Kansas.



The Kansas Quality
Improvement Partnership

#OneHealthKS Pledge to Act to Actively Promote Appropriate Use of Antibiotics

I, _____ on behalf of
Name, Title

_____, _____ in _____ county.
Organization Name City County

pledge our commitment toward the achievement of the Kansas Quality Improvement Partnership's Call to Action goals, as outlined below:

We pledge to develop and/or enhance an antibiotic stewardship program, through the implementation of the first four CDC Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship in the **next 12 months**. Below is the suggested timeline for addressing each area, but can be modified based on your needs:

- **By the end of month one (from your elected start date)**, designate clinical leadership, a single leader who will be responsible for program outcomes.
- Allocate necessary resources **by the end of month six**, including necessary human, financial and information technology resources. Consider including stewardship-related duties in job descriptions and annual performance reviews. Ensure staff from relevant departments are given sufficient time to contribute to stewardship activities.
- Develop local expertise: **By the end of month nine**, identify and provide training for stewardship leaders on antibiotic stewardship through on-line or in-person training. KQIP partners are available to assist you in tailoring these core elements to your environment (i.e. developing multi-organization, collaborative efforts).
- **By the end of month 12**, complete education for clinicians and patients about both resistance and optimal prescribing/antibiotic use.

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