

ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP

This is a Required Organization Practice (ROP) for Accreditation

ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PROMOTES THE APPROPRIATE SELECTION, DOSE, ROUTE AND DURATION OF ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY.

THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF AN ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM IS TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF ANTIMICROBIALS TO ACHIEVE THE BEST PATIENT OUTCOMES, REDUCE THE RISK OF INFECTIONS, REDUCE OR STABILIZE LEVELS OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE, AND PROMOTE PATIENT SAFETY.

INAPPROPRIATE USE OF ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS MAY LEAD TO TOXICITY, SELECTION OF PATHOGENIC ORGANISMS (E.G. C-DIFFICILE), AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANT ORGANISMS (E.G., MRSA).

PHYSICIANS, NURSES AND THE PHARMACY TEAM ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROMOTE SAFE MEDICATION PRACTICES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM.

- The list of Responsibilities can be found [here](#): Antibiotic Stewardship Program CLI.6010.PL.004
- Adult oral and parenteral antibiotic renal dosing chart can be found [here](#): CLI.6010.pl.004.SD.01
- Antibiogram for Southern Health-Santé Sud can be found here: <https://staffnet.southernhealth.ca/wp-content/uploads/Anti-Infective-Therapy-Guide-SH-SS.pdf>
- Shared Health is currently working on creating a provincial antimicrobial stewardship committee

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