

Implementation of an antibiotic stewardship program in long-term care facilities across the US.

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[Overuse of antibiotics](#) has been common in nursing homes; therefore, antibiotic stewardship programs (ASPs) have been emphasized by experts. To assist facilities, the [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality \(AHRQ\) Safety Program for Improving Antibiotic Use](#) developed programs and a [toolkit](#) to improve the appropriate use of antibiotics. This quality improvement program found that a focused educational initiative to establish ASPs in nursing homes was associated with reduction in antibiotic use in those facilities with high levels of engagement.