Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
Antimicrobial Stewardship

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
Challenge 3B - Antimicrobial stewardship

How Many Hospitals Will This Commitment Represent
38

Commitment Summary

Patient Safety Movement Foundation | patientsafetymovement.org
Antimicrobial use has been noted to be over prescribed and has led to increased resistance and unwarranted patient exposure to side effects. The CDC and WHO have vast efforts in reducing the inappropriate use of antimicrobials and our efforts align with these agencies.

**Commitment Description & Detail**
Dignity Health as established a system approach to support antimicrobial stewardship. We have developed a system steering committee to lead the efforts to reduce the over use of antimicrobials that include leadership support, standardization in the EHR, standard protocols, and a strategic plan to continue a system focus.

**Action Plan**
- System P & T support
- System White Paper
- Restrictions for fluoroquinolones – quality metric
- Required indications
- 48hr time out
- Therapeutic interchanges
- IV to PO interchange
- System Database to track Days of Therapy
- Quarterly monitoring for adherence to CDC Core Elements
- NHSN AU/ AR data submission

**Commitment Timeline**
These strategies will be completed and new efforts started....this will be an on-going process.