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Antimicrobial Stewardship

During the 2013-2014 legislative period, SB 1311 Hospitals: Antimicrobial Stewardship was introduced, and it has been signed into law, and added to the California Health and Safety Code.

Deadlines for Acute Care facilities are arising in a few months in relation to this new law. Here is the law's text (bold print is mine):

1288.85.

Each general acute care hospital, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 1250, **shall do all of the following by July 1, 2015:**

(a) Adopt and implement an antimicrobial stewardship **policy** in accordance with guidelines established by the federal government and professional organizations. This policy shall include a process to evaluate the judicious use of antibiotics in accordance with paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 1288.8.

(b) Develop a physician supervised multidisciplinary antimicrobial stewardship **committee**, subcommittee, or workgroup.

(c) Appoint to the physician supervised multidisciplinary antimicrobial stewardship committee, subcommittee, or workgroup, at least one physician or pharmacist who is **knowledgeable** about the subject of antimicrobial stewardship through prior training or attendance at continuing education programs, including programs offered by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America, or similar recognized professional organizations.

(d) **Report** antimicrobial stewardship program activities to each appropriate hospital committee undertaking clinical quality improvement activities.

From July 1 onward, expect surveyors to request to see:

- Your facility Antimicrobial Stewardship policy
- Continuing education certificate for at least one physician or pharmacist referencing antimicrobial stewardship education, from a recognized organization
- Minutes from your facilities Antimicrobial Stewardship committee meetings
- Evidence (reports) of antimicrobial stewardship activities taken by the facility

An Act Relating to Livestock Drugs

AB 49, as introduced, Mullin. Livestock drugs: antibiotics.

Under existing law, the Department of Food and Agriculture is responsible for enforcing provisions relating to the importation of animals, milk and milk products, produce dealers, and other agricultural regulations. Existing law requires the Secretary of Food and Agriculture to make and enforce provisions relating to the manufacture, sale, and use of livestock drugs.

This bill would make various legislative findings and declarations relating to the nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock, and would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would address the overuse of antibiotics in livestock production.

Of interest to Infection Preventionists because of the postulated impact of antibiotics in our food chain on the development of multiple drug-resistant antibiotics.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit

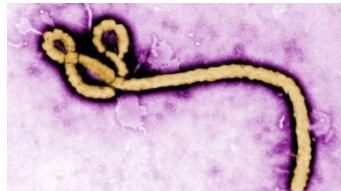


Click the image to the left to access the American Hospital Association's Antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit.

See also the several links to the antimicrobial stewardship page of key organizations:

- CDC
 - SHEA
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APIC Testimony on US Response to 2014 Ebola Outbreak



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