Medication Stewardship

These resources may be helpful to utilize as reading material for learners. Each cited article provides background information on various types of medication stewardship programs.

Medication Stewardship Principles


- *Choosing Wisely* represents 415 evidence-based recommendations developed by more than 70 professional organizations to support the safe and effective use of diagnostics and treatments. The recommendations are intended to be used by clinicians in discussions with patients to support decision-making related to the overuse of tests, procedures, and treatments in situations in which evidence does not support any benefit and the care may in fact cause harm.

Antimicrobial Stewardship


- ASHP believes that pharmacists have a responsibility to take prominent roles in antimicrobial stewardship programs and participate in the infection prevention and control programs of health systems. This statement outlines the society’s key beliefs and principles for antimicrobial stewardship.


- This website houses the CDC’s core elements for antibiotic stewardship in multiple settings: hospital, outpatient, nursing home, small and critical access hospital, resource limited setting.

For more articles focused on antimicrobial stewardship, you can visit [AJHP: Antimicrobial Stewardship](https://www.ashp.org/)

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Pain Medications

- This article describes the development of a pain medication stewardship program at a large academic medical center.

For more articles and resources focused on pain medication stewardship, you can visit:

- AJHP: Pain Medication Stewardship Journal Articles
- ASHP Pain Management Toolkit
- ASHP Opioid Management
- ASHP Controlled Substances Management

Anticoagulation

- This best practice resource provides 7 Core Elements of Anticoagulant Stewardship Programs and a checklist to assess the current environment at an individual health system, among other resources.

For more information focused on anticoagulation, you can visit ASHP’s [Anticoagulation Resource Center](https://www.ashp.org/Content/Practice/Anticoagulation.aspx).

Pharmaceutical Stewardship

- This issue brief summarizes mandatory local drug take-back programs in several states, which are referred to as Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) or pharmaceutical stewardship programs that are funded by the producers of pharmaceutical products.

For more information on disposal of pharmaceutical products visit ASHP’s [Pharmaceutical Waste Resource Center](https://www.ashp.org/Content/Practice/PharmaceuticalWaste.aspx).

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