

**Antibiotic Stewardship Pharmacist**

AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center

Job Summary:
**AMITA Health**(AMITAhealth.org) is an integrated health system serving communities in western and northwestern suburban Chicago. AMITA Health is a Joint Operating Company formed in February 2015 by Adventist MidwestHealth, based in Hinsdale, Ill., and Alexian Brothers Health System, based in Arlington Heights, Ill., encompassing nine hospitals and an extensive physician provider network of more than 3,000 physicians. AMITA Health is committed to delivering the most efficient, highest quality, faith-based care possible and respecting the faith traditions of all people.

We offer a rewarding career opportunity for an Antibiotic Stewardship Pharmacist reporting to the Clinical Pharmacy Manager located at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, IL.

**PRIMARY PURPOSE:**
The Antibiotic Stewardship Pharmacist (ASP) is responsible for the development, implementation, and documentation of the antimicrobial stewardship program for the Alexian Brothers Hospitals. This position, in collaboration with the Infectious Disease Division of the Dept of Medicine, the Clinical Staff Pharmacists, and the Pharmacy Management Team, will improve antimicrobial drug use and therapeutic outcomes, reduce antimicrobial resistance, and reduce drug costs associated with prevention and treatment of infectious diseases.

**KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**:
In conjunction with the Antibiotic Stewardship committee of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the ASP is responsible for the oversight of all antimicrobial drug use as specified below (but not limited to):

**Improve Antimicrobial Drug Use and Therapeutic Outcomes**

* Ensure the use of best practices with regards to pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic utilization/dosing of antimicrobials.
* Promote the conversion of intravenous to oral antibiotics when appropriate.
* Assist in the development of infectious disease related protocols and orders.

**Reduce Antimicrobial Resistance**

* Appropriate prophylaxis, empiric, and therapeutic treatments of patients.
* De-escalation of antimicrobial agents to narrow spectrum, pathogen based treatment.

**Increase Patient Safety**

* Review formulary and determine which agents to include based upon efficacy, safety, and cost.
* Facilitate safe medication practices to reduce error and adverse drug reactions.
* Continuously review drugs of choice and monitor utilization.
* Document improvement in patient well-being and consumer satisfaction by shortening length of stay, preventing secondary infections, and ensuring positive patient outcomes.
* Support the use of Sentri 7 for clinical decision support related to antibiotic stewardship. The ASP is also responsible for the following:

**Other Duties**

* Data collection and analysis associated with the position, and demonstration of cost-benefit associated with the program.
* Inservices and lectures to medical staff as well as other healthcare providers. The ASP will serve as a preceptor for PharmD students.
* Developing, implementing, and evaluating Pharmacy services in both an inpatient and outpatient arena and will be a key member of the Antibiotic Stewardship Program.
* Serve as Antibiotic Stewardship Committee coordinator
* Provide operational support to the Pharmacy Department.

**MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Education, Experience, and Professional Licensure**

* Bachelor’s degree from an ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy and/or Doctor of Pharmacy degree from an ACPE accredited College of Pharmacy
* Formal residency training (PGY1, PGY2-Infectious Disease, or I.D. Fellowship) or 5 or more years in an acute hospital setting as an ID/infectious disease pharmacist work experience preferred
* Board Certified Pharmacotherapy Specialist preferred (BCPS AQ-ID or BCPS).

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

* Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills.
* Works effectively and productively with shared responsibilities. Supports teamwork in the department and hospital by including participants in the communication of projects and/or activities.
* Listens effectively and communicates ideas and opinions clearly.
* Appreciates differences and protects the privacy of others.

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