

Antibiotic Stewardship Initiative in the Outpatient Setting

Antibiotics are among the most commonly prescribed drugs and save millions of lives each year. However, widespread, long-term use has led to an alarming rise in antibiotic-resistant bacteria that causes 2 million illnesses and 23,000 deaths each year in the U.S.

If left unchecked, antibiotic resistance may render standard treatments ineffective and force healthcare providers to use less-successful drugs, resulting in prolonged illnesses and an increase in healthcare costs and mortality rates.

A Collaborative Approach

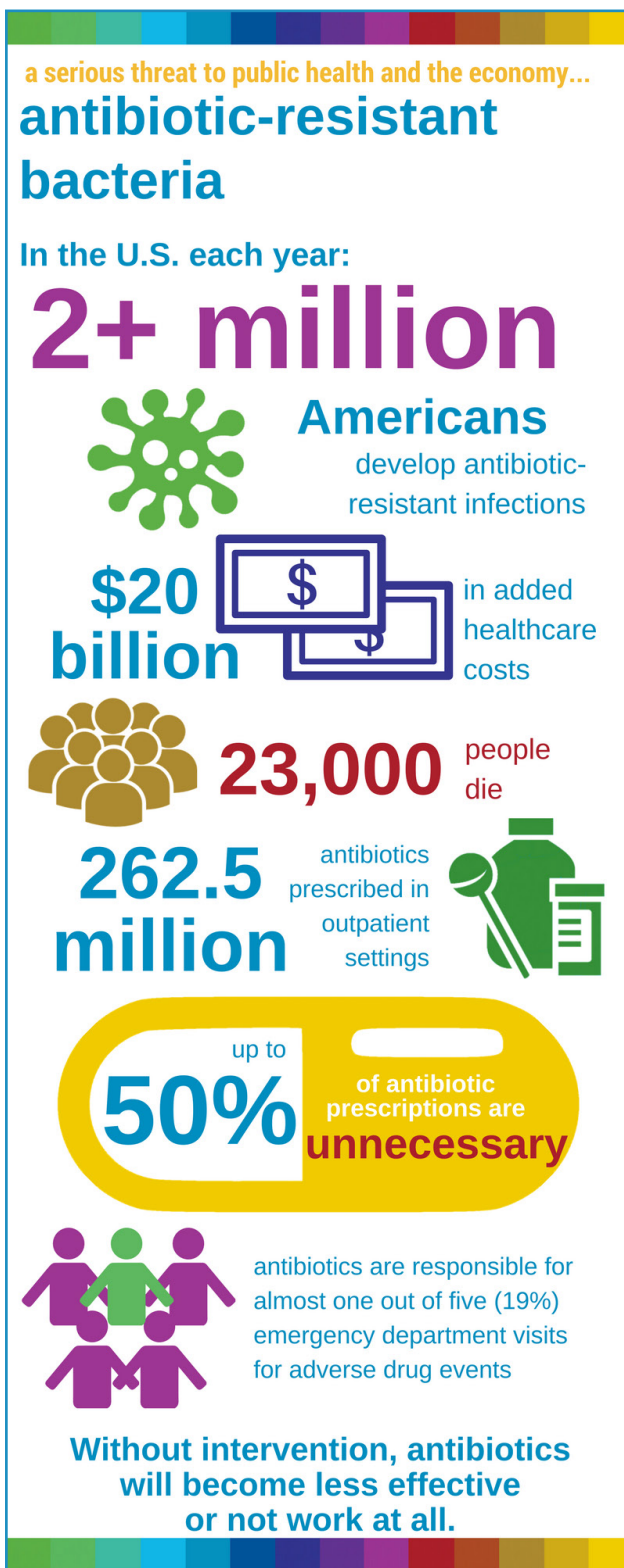
Antibiotic resistance has been identified as a national priority. The Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (PACCARB) was formed to guide efforts in averting a health crisis. Regionally, atom Alliance is leveraging existing relationships with healthcare providers to implement a comprehensive antibiotic stewardship (AS) program. This coordinated initiative promotes the appropriate use of antibiotics, improve patient outcomes, reduce drug resistance and decrease the spread of infections.

Our Goals

atom Alliance assists outpatient providers in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi and Tennessee to strengthen antibiotic stewardship programs by **July 2019**. Our initiative aligns with national goals and the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship as defined by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This project complements ongoing efforts by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to reduce healthcare-associated infections (HAIs), facilitate transitions of care, reduce hospital readmissions and improve sepsis management.

Eligible provider types include:

- Federally qualified health centers (FQHCs)
- Emergency departments
- Outpatient clinics
- Outpatient pharmacies
- Pharmacy-based clinics
- Physician offices
- Public health clinics
- Urgent care



Join our Antibiotic Stewardship initiative and work with industry experts to learn how to combat antibiotic resistance.



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Benefits

atom Alliance will support participants free of charge by offering:

- Education and resources about the fundamentals of AS in outpatient settings
- Information about patterns of antibiotic use in your state, region, and nationally
- Tools to optimize antibiotic use
- Patient education resources
- Up-to-date reports about best practices and research into antibiotics and drug resistant organisms
- Personalized assistance with implementing the core elements of AS
- Ongoing support and networking with peers in your state and nationwide through Learning and Action Network (LAN) activities
- Credit toward Clinical Practice Improvement Activities (CPIAs) under the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) for clinicians

Join the Antibiotic Stewardship Initiative

Additional information about atom Alliance's Antibiotic Stewardship program as well as free online tools, resources and upcoming educational events are available at

www.atomalliance.org/initiatives/coordination-of-care/antibiotic-stewardship/.

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