



ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM IMMERSION PROJECT

MHA is pleased to announce the opportunity for Missouri hospitals to join the Antibiotic Stewardship Program Immersion Project beginning November 2016. Immersion projects are topic-focused, time-limited and provide structure to implement evidence-based practices and achieve improved outcomes. Each project engages the Triple Aim framework of better health, better care and lower costs to improve population health.

Antibiotic stewardship programs are expected to improve management and prescription of antibiotics, decrease bacterial resistance and decrease overall pharmaceutical costs. Several toolkits exist with evidence-based science at their core. MHA takes this evidence-based practice and breaks it up into manageable components, while offering additional support and resources to fully implement and execute the interventions.

Important Project Information

- Project timeline: November 2016 to July 2017
- Cohort registration is limited. Pending HIIN award notification, HIIN participating hospitals may register for the project at no cost. Non-HIIN participating hospitals will incur a fee.
- Project support centers on an initial group meeting, followed by quarterly "virtual huddles" and additional resources. Participants also will receive monthly coaching calls and at least one on-site visit to address organization-specific needs.
- Data relevant to the project will be collected and analyzed. Data already collected through other venues/programs will be considered first to avoid additional data entry requirements.
- Along with the ASP guidance, handwashing compliance will be a major component of this immersion project to drive down nosocomial infections.

Feedback from Previous Immersion Project Participants:

"The learning opportunities through a collaborative forum where participants feel safe to ask questions and share experiences is valuable."

"The immersion projects have provided the structure we needed and many resources to help us implement evidence-based care practices."

"The tools provided in the immersion projects have made a big difference for us in understanding where the gaps in care are and how to improve the care we provide."

Regulatory and Legislative Mandates

Recent Missouri legislation will require an ASP be in place for defined hospitals (definition pending) by August 28, 2017. Additionally, hospitals accredited by The Joint Commission will be surveyed on the ASP beginning January 2017.