




# Antimicrobial Stewardship – The Joint Commission

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# Disclosure

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- I have no actual or potential conflict of interest in relation to this program or presentation.

# Pretest Question #1

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- ▶ The Joint Commission’s “Speak Up: Antibiotics” campaign is aimed at \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ▶ a. hospital CEOs
  - ▶ b. patients and their advocates
  - ▶ c. physicians
  - ▶ d. pharmaceutical industry

# Pretest Question #2

## True or False?

- The Joint Commission's Antimicrobial Stewardship Standard is under development/approval for upcoming implementation.

# The Current State

- Antibiotic-resistance represents a serious threat to public health and safety
- Misuse of antibiotics contributes to antibiotic-resistance
- CDC estimates 2 million illnesses and 23,000 deaths annually occur in the U.S. that are caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria

# Background

- September 2014: President Obama issued an Executive order on combating antibiotic resistance
- March 2015: release of 5-year National Action Plan for Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB)
- June 2015: Joint Commission Joins White House Effort to Reduce Antibiotic Overuse

# The Joint Commission

- ▶ Nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care
- ▶ Accredits and certifies over 21,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States
  - IL: 1,000+ accredited organizations/programs

# The Joint Commission & Antimicrobial Stewardship


- Review and identify where new Standards are needed to promote appropriate, safe antibiotic use
- Working with key stakeholders
- Current Standards & National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG)



# Current Standards & National Patient Safety Goal

- Leadership (LD)
- Infection Prevention and Control (IC)
- Medication Management (MM)
- Performance Improvement (PI)
- Preventing Multidrug-Resistant Organism Infections (NPSG)

# The Joint Commission Status Update

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- Conducted a field review survey on its proposed antimicrobial stewardship standard from November 18 through December 30, 2015
    - Hospitals
    - Critical Access Hospitals
    - Ambulatory Care
    - Office-Based Surgery
    - Nursing Care Centers (Long Term Care)

# The Joint Commission Status Update

- Data from the settings thus far has indicated the following:
  - Scientific evidence supports the antimicrobial stewardship standard
  - The antimicrobial standard would contribute to patient safety
  - The ambulatory setting would support a phased-in approach of this standard

# The Joint Commission Status Update

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- Antimicrobial Stewardship Standard approved in May 2016
  - To be published in *Perspectives* in July, 2016
  - Implementation January 1, 2017

# Educational Efforts


- JCR Quality + Safety Network
  - “Infection Control: Reducing Antibiotic Overuse”


[info@JCRQSN.com](mailto:info@JCRQSN.com)

- Speak Up Campaign: Antibiotics  
*Speak Up: Antibiotics – Know the Facts*

[https://www.jointcommission.org/topics/speakup\\_antibiotics.aspx](https://www.jointcommission.org/topics/speakup_antibiotics.aspx)

# Post-test Question #1

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# Answer to Question #1: B. *Speak Up* is a Joint Commission Patient Safety Program targeted to patients and their advocates

**Speak up** if you have questions or concerns.

**Pay attention** to the care you get.

**Educate yourself** about your illness.

**Ask a trusted family member or friend** to be your advocate (advisor or supporter).

**Know what medicines you take** and why you take them.

**Use a health care organization** that has been carefully checked out.

**Participate in all decisions** about your treatment.


# Post-test Question #2

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# Answer to Question #2: TRUE.



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# QUESTIONS

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