

# Current Prevention Activities Assessment

Long-term care facilities can use this assessment to see how their current prevention activities compare to best practices.

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|  | Section 1: Knowledge and Competency Assessment | Yes | No | N/A |
| Q1 | Do direct care personnel\* understand how to recognize changes in a resident that might indicate a new infection or other concerning condition? |  |  |  |
| Q2 | Do direct care personnel understand how to communicate information to medical personnel\* when a resident has a change that might indicate a new infection or other concerning condition? |  |  |  |
| Q3 | Do nursing personnel\* receive any periodic training or education about appropriate antibiotic use? |  |  |  |
| Q4 | Are medical personnel given any resources to help guide decisions about when to suspect a resident has an infection or needs an antibiotic? |  |  |  |
| Q5 | Do residents and family receive education about appropriate antibiotic use? |  |  |  |

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|  | Section 2: Infection Prevention Policies and Infrastructure | Yes | No | N/A |
| Q1 | Do direct care personnel document changes in a resident that might indicate a new infection or other concerning condition? |  |  |  |
| Q2 | Do nursing personnel communicate information to medical personnel when a resident has a change that might indicate a new infection or other concerning condition? |  |  |  |
| Q3 | Does the facility have a pharmacist, physician, or other provider who offers guidance or expertise on antibiotic use? |  |  |  |
| Q4 | Does the facility use standardized order forms for antibiotic prescriptions including documentation of indication and anticipated duration of therapy? |  |  |  |

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|  | Section 3: Monitoring Practices | Yes | No | N/A |
| Q1 | Does the pharmacy service provide a monthly report of antibiotic use for the facility? |  |  |  |
| Q2 | Does the facility have a process to perform a follow-up assessment 3 days after a new antibiotic starts to determine if the antibiotic is still indicated and appropriate? |  |  |  |
| Q3 | Does the facility provide feedback on antibiotic prescribing practices to medical personnel? |  |  |  |
| Q4 | Does the laboratory provide the facility with a report of antibiotic resistance in bacteria identified from cultures sent from the facility? |  |  |  |

\***Direct care personnel**: All persons interacting with and/or providing hands-on care for residents; **Nursing personnel**: All persons who provide nursing care to residents including implementing orders and documenting resident condition; **Medical personnel**: All persons who provide and document medical assessments and care to residents including writing orders and prescriptions

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