Infection Control: Reducing Antibiotic Overuse

**Thursday, May 26, 2016 LIVE**
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM Eastern  
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**Program Description**
The Joint Commission joined representatives from more than 150 major healthcare organizations, food companies, retailers, and animal health organizations at the White House Forum on Antibiotic Stewardship to announce their commitment to implementing changes over the next five years to slow the emergence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, detect resistant strains, preserve the efficacy of existing antibiotics, and prevent the spread of resistant infections.

This issue is a high priority for The Joint Commission because the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria represents a serious threat to public health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates at least 2 million illnesses and 23,000 deaths in the United States (U.S.) each year are caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria, and 20% to 50% of all antibiotics prescribed in acute care hospitals in the U.S. are either unnecessary or inappropriate. Inappropriate use of antibiotics includes, but is not limited to:

- Prescribing antibiotics for viral infections.
- Using broad-spectrum antibiotics instead of narrow-spectrum antibiotics.
- Prescribing antibiotics in response to pressure from patients/family.

The Joint Commission currently has 16 standards and 1 National Patient Safety Goal (NPSG) related to antimicrobial stewardship, and has begun reviewing these standards and will be working with accredited organizations and others to identify where new standards may be needed to promote effective antibiotic stewardship. The Joint Commission will develop any new standards as rapidly as possible and simultaneously provide new tools to help providers use antibiotics judiciously.

This 60-minute program features Joint Commission experts who share the new and revised standards, as well as the accreditation process revisions—with practical, up-to-date information to help all levels of hospital staff to maintain a state of constant survey readiness.

**Objectives**
After completing this activity, the participant should be able to:

- Explain the issues that led The Joint Commission to focus on reducing antibiotic overuse.
- Identify the standards and NPSG related to antimicrobial stewardship.
- Provide strategies to meet these standards.

**Target Audience**
This activity is relevant to those responsible for the prevention and control of infections, including managers and supervisors, along with pharmacists, training, infection control, patient safety, and quality improvement professionals.

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Accreditation Information:
The Joint Commission is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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The Joint Commission is provider approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing, provider number CEP 6381, for 1 contact hour.

The Joint Commission is authorized to award 1.0 contact hour of pre-approved ACHE Qualified Education credit for this program toward advancement or recertification in the American College of Healthcare Executives. Participants in this program wishing to have the continuing education hours applied toward ACHE Qualified Education credit should indicate their attendance when submitting application to the American College of Healthcare Executives for advancement or recertification.

This activity has been approved by the National Association for Healthcare Quality (NAHQ) for 1.0 Certified Professional Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) credit.

The Joint Commission Enterprise has been accredited as an Authorized Provider by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET).

Full attendance at every session is a prerequisite for receiving full continuing education credits. If a participant needs to leave early, his or her continuing education credits will be reduced.

Successful completion of this CE activity includes the following:

- View the presentation and read the accompanying Resource Guide.
- Complete the online Evaluation Form and Post Test.
- A CE certificate/statement of credit can be printed online following successful completion of the Post Test and the Evaluation Form.

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