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AHA Issues Antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit for Hospitals

The American Hospital Association, along with six national partners, recently released a toolkit to help hospitals and health systems enhance their antimicrobial stewardship programs.

The toolkit, developed in conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is composed of three sections:

Hospital and Health System Resources include a readiness assessment tool, the starting point in developing or enhancing a successful Antimicrobial Stewardship Program.

Clinician Resources include Webinars, clinical evidence supporting appropriate use of antibiotics, implementation guides and related articles.

Patient Resources include frequently asked questions, pamphlets and handouts on how patients can best engage in their care and resources on appropriate use of antibiotics.

CMS Launches Partnership for Patients Web Site

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has launched its Partnership for Patients (PfP) [Web site](#).

The site offers information on the goals of PfP; Hospital Engagement Networks; Community-based Care Transitions Program; and Patient and Family Engagement. In addition, the site covers each of the HACs and provides a multitude of valuable [resources](#) for providers and patients.

Save the Date

Please note: While the information below is a list of planned programs for 2014, at this time not all programs can be accessed online for registration.

Sept. 18 Adverse Drug Events

Sept. 22 Annual Leadership Summit

Sept. 29 Geriatric Emergency Department Guidelines

[Click here to register.](#)