

Checklist for Core Principle Implementation - Intermediate

Core Principle 1: Commit to stewardship 	Target date	
 <p>Form an ASC. Identify members, meet regularly, and educate staff.</p>		
 <p>Identify an AS Champion. Draft a written statement and have a poster identifying the Champion.</p>		
 <p>Make a public commitment to clients. Send letters or email, use talking points, display commitment posters, write a commitment statement, and celebrate USAAW.</p>		
 <p>Define hospital AS priorities. Find priorities for initial action, identify protocols to support priorities, educate staff on these issues.</p>		
 <p>Draft an AS policy. Draft a document to guide facility action, define staff roles, educate staff about policy, and meet regularly.</p>		
 <p>Formalize AS Champion Role. Include AS responsibilities and effort time in the Champion's job description.</p>		
 <p>Actively promote responsible AU to clients and public. Celebrate USAAW, and download awareness graphics.</p>		
 <p>Define hospital AS priorities. Identify gaps in practice, set AS priorities for intervention, identify supporting protocols, and educate staff.</p>		
Core Principle 2: Prevent common diseases 	Target date	
 <p>Educate clients on preventative care. Promote wellness care and vaccination, empower owners to keep pets healthy.</p>		
 <p>Prevent healthcare-associated infections. Review your infection prevention plan with staff.</p>		
 <p>Develop prevention protocols for high-priority conditions. Identify conditions, develop protocols, and educate staff.</p>		
Core Principle 3: Select and use antimicrobial drugs judiciously 	Target date	
 <p>Provide clinical guidance for responsible AU. Share broad concepts of responsible AU, use ISCAID guidelines, develop protocols for surgical AU, and identify antibiotic alternatives.</p>		
 <p>Develop protocols for use of clinical diagnostics. Ensure best practices for specimen collection.</p>		
 <p>Provide clinical guidance for responsible AU. Define additional prescribing guidelines, including for prophylaxis, create a supportive environment for prescribers.</p>		
 <p>Implement AS actions to prevent inappropriate prescribing. Incorporate watchful waiting and antibiotic time-outs.</p>		

Core Principle 3: Select and use antimicrobial drugs judiciously			Target date	
	Review antimicrobials, and identify opportunities for formulary-level action. Set criteria for use of third-line antimicrobials.			
	Develop protocols for use of clinical diagnostics. Utilize all available diagnostics, draft protocols to guide C&S recommendation.			
Core Principle 4: Evaluate antimicrobial use practices			Target date	
	Inventory antimicrobials in your facility. Develop a list (formulary) of antimicrobials, indicate which are considered first-line for common conditions, and discuss among veterinarians.			
	Read about and participate in continuing education activities to learn about tracking AU.			
Core Principle 5: Educate and build expertise			Target date	
	Require staff training. Educate on problem of AMR and antibiotic misuse, and stay up-to-date with email bulletin subscriptions.			
	Communicate with pet owners. Use veterinary AU talking points, non-antibiotic prescription pad, and fact sheets.			
	Provide information about safe medication disposal. Hang a poster with information about local take back locations.			
	Train all staff on AS practice and policy. Incorporate progress discussion into staff meetings, train new employees, encourage AS continuing education.			