

## **Sample Nursing Home Policy:**

### **The Role of the Consulting Pharmacist in Physician Delegated Patient Care Services to Optimize the Facility Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in Management of Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infection**

#### **Purpose**

In 2013, Wisconsin Act 294 was signed into law allowing pharmacists to perform physician delegated patient care services within a nursing home. Additionally, Act 294 defines conditions under which a nursing home may define therapeutic alternate therapeutic drug selections by a pharmacist under conditions of a Collaborative Practice Agreement.

This policy defines our facility process to enable the consulting pharmacist to perform physician delegated patient care services to optimize antimicrobial stewardship within our facility through a collaborative practice agreement (CPA) which will help improve management of uncomplicated urinary tract infection.

#### **Goals**

1. Optimize antimicrobial use, including agent selection, dose, and duration, for our residents.
2. Reduce unnecessary use of antimicrobials in our residents.
3. Facilitate appropriate monitoring and dose adjustment of antimicrobials for our residents.
4. Reduce the risk of adverse drug events in our residents.
5. Mitigate development of multi-drug resistant organisms in our facility.

#### **Duties and Conditions**

1. The consulting pharmacist will be a member of the facility Quality Assurance Committee.
2. The Quality Assurance Committee will annually and when otherwise necessary review and amend the CPA which defines physician delegated patient care services by the pharmacist.
3. The consulting pharmacist and participating physician will each sign the CPA initially and annually or when otherwise revised.
4. The Director of Nursing will communicate participating physicians and conditions of the CPA to clinical nursing staff.
5. Periodic audits will document level of consulting pharmacist participation under the CPA.
6. Pharmacist orders under the CPA will be treated as telephone orders which will be signed by the participating physician.

**Disclaimer: It is the user's responsibility to assure that recommended drug, dosage, dose interval, route of administration, and length of treatment recommendations are current.**