

Arizona Antimicrobial Stewardship Collaborative in SNFs

AZ-ASCEND is a grant-funded collaborative that takes a results-oriented approach to antibiotic stewardship. A community physician coach trains staff at participating facilities and Epidemiologists at The University of Arizona work to streamline monitoring and feedback of data for action.

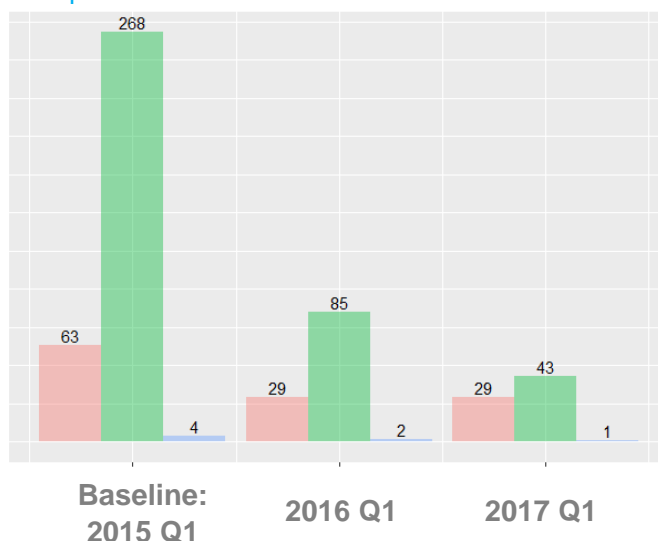
Facility Benefits

Reduced prescribing of unnecessary antibiotics and associated adverse events

Improved quality of life for residents, including fewer unnecessary prescriptions and *C. difficile* infections.

Enhanced readiness for compliance with new CMS regulations

Pilot implementation in an Arizona SNF in 2015 reduced **urine cultures ordered**, **days of antibiotic therapy for UTIs**, and **positive *C. difficile* orders**.



Resources Provided

Technical assistance with data tracking

- Streamlined data entry
- Easy-to-use interface
- Automated quarterly reports

Expert Stewardship Coaching

- Access to physician and pharmacist consultants
- Training for clinical and non-clinical staff
- Resources for residents and families



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