

Terms of Reference

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Purpose:

- The mission and purpose of antimicrobial stewardship is to responsibly and sustainably care for antimicrobial resources, optimizing patients' clinical outcomes and minimizing unintended consequences.

Key Roles of the Committee:

1. Responsible for overseeing the work of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (AMSP). The program enacts the recommendations of the committee and is responsible for ongoing monitoring, intervention and reporting on antimicrobial at Southlake.
2. Work with prescribers to optimize antimicrobial usage for Southlake's patients.
3. Identify and review measures for Antimicrobial Stewardship.
4. Identify educational initiatives to improve antimicrobial usage.
5. Contribute to the development of initiatives and tools based on best practice and expert recommendations to support prescribers and pharmacists in their role in medication safety as it relates to antimicrobials.
6. Review and make recommendations to Drugs and Therapeutics Committee relating to the formulary management of antimicrobials.
7. Monitor antimicrobial surveillance trends and maintain an Antibigram for Southlake, with annual updates.
8. Identify areas for quality improvement and use strategies (e.g. targeted surveillance, drug utilization evaluation) to improve care.
9. Support an Outpatient Parenteral Antibiotic Therapy program

Membership and Voting:

Decisions will be made by consensus.

The diverse responsibilities of the committee will require a core group of members, with guests invited to contribute in their areas of expertise as required.

- Director, IPAC and Research (co-chair)
- Director, Pharmacy (co-chair)
- Manager, IPAC
- Manager, Pharmacy
- ID physician
- Critical Care Physician and other physicians on an Ad Hoc basis
- AMSP Pharmacists
- Manager, Laboratory
- IPAC (ad hoc)
- Quality Representative
- CCAC representative
- IT (ad hoc)
- Pediatric Representative (ad hoc)

Frequency of Meetings:

- Quarterly meetings, with minimum 4 meetings annually

Accountability:

- The Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee reports to Quality of Care Committee.
- [Minutes](#) of the committee will be posted on Southlake's intranet under the Antimicrobial Stewardship Program tab.

References:

- Excellent Care for all Act, 2010 http://www.ontla.on.ca/bills/bills-files/39_Parliament/Session2/b046ra.pdf
- TEGH Antibiotic Stewardship Committee Terms of Reference, 2010
- TOR: Antimicrobial Subcommittee: Ottawa, McGill University Health Centre, UHN,