



COVID Vaccine boosters for > 65 recommended by CDC.

Special situation for people ages 65 years and older: People ages 65 years and older should receive 1 additional dose of any updated (2023-2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine (i.e., Moderna, Novavax, Pfizer-BioNTech) at least 4 months following the previous dose of updated (2023-2024 Formula) COVID-19 vaccine.

[Clinical Guidance for COVID-19 Vaccination | CDC](#)

Substance Use Disorder, Narcan, Protocol, Drug Screening

- Increasing scrutiny on care for residents with SUD
- Do you have a process for an overdose situation?
- Has your staff been trained on this process?
- Has the process been reviewed in QAPI?
- Does staff know how to use Narcan?
- Do you get resident permission to send a drug screen before you send it?
- See CHCA slides below.....

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Antibiotic Stewardship “Tag Busters” Learning Series: (Optional) Pre-Learning Session | Telligen QI Connect

- 40% of antibiotic stewardship deficiency tags are related to tracking.
- Antibiotics are often prescribed in nursing homes with 70% of residents receiving antibiotics in a single year.
- Up to 75% of antibiotics prescribed in nursing homes may be unnecessary.
- Inappropriate antibiotic use may result in adverse side effects, including *Clostridioides difficile* (*C. diff*) infections, resistant organisms and increased healthcare costs.

Each session of this learning series will feature a new topic during which experts will share key information, tools and resources to support success with improving antibiotic stewardship practices, resident safety and quality of care. This series occurs at 12 p.m. MT/1 p.m. CT on the first Friday of each month. Below are the session dates and topics:

- (Optional) Pre-Learning Series Training: Friday, March 31, 2023 - Let's PDSA!
- [Session 1: Friday, April 7, 2023 - Introductions, Foundations of Antibiotic Stewardship](#)
- [Session 2: Friday, May 5, 2023 - Measuring and Tracking Antibiotic Use in Antimicrobial Stewardship](#)
- [Session 3: Friday, June 2, 2023 - Advancing Stewardship through Data Analysis](#)
- [Session 4: Friday, July 7, 2023 - Quality Improvement Project Design](#)



- [Session 5: Friday, August 4, 2023 – Utilizing and Reporting Antibiotic Use Data for Patient Care](#)
- [Session 6: Friday, September 1, 2023 – Let’s Celebrate Successes!](#)

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[UTI Information for LTC – Urine is NOT sterile. DRAFT](#)

[Changing Talk: Online Training \(CHATO\)](#) [\(kumc.edu\)](#)

<https://www.kumc.edu/school-of-nursing/research/school-of-nursing-research/chato.html>



Currently Recruiting

We are currently recruiting nursing homes to participate in a national NIA-funded research study testing the Changing Talk: Online Training (CHATO).

There is no cost, direct-care staff can earn 3 contact hours, and all staff get a Certificate of Completion for their file.

Benefits to you, your staff, and your residents include:

- A person-centered approach.
- Education about elderspeak and better communication strategies.
- Reduction in resistiveness to care and other behavioral symptoms in residents with dementia.
- Reduction in the need for psychotropic medication.
- Convenient, online educational format for busy nursing homes.
- Qualifies for CMS dementia care training hours requirements.
- A free, nonpharmacological, evidence-based intervention is an excellent addition to a Quality Improvement Plan



If you are interested in taking the training and participating in the research, please enter your name and email address below or contact Carissa Coleman at ccoleman3@kumc.edu for more information.