

# Comprehensive Antibigram Toolkit: Phase 3 Sample Procedures<sup>1</sup>

[NURSING HOME NAME]

[DATE]

## Purpose and Scope

This procedure covers the use of an antibiogram at [NURSING HOME NAME]. Antibiotics are among the most commonly prescribed pharmaceuticals in long-term-care settings, yet reports indicate that a high proportion of antibiotic prescriptions are inappropriate. The use of antibiograms can help reduce inappropriate prescribing and lead to fewer clinical failures of antibiotics that are first prescribed.

## Responsibility for Implementing the Antibiogram

[IDENTIFY WHO WILL IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURE]

## Procedures [ADD DETAILS SPECIFIC TO FACILITY]

1. Development of the initial and subsequent antibiograms
2. Initial and ongoing training for nurses
3. Introduction and ongoing communication with prescribers
4. Monitoring the use of the antibiogram

## Documentation

[List any documents that will be used. Attach the antibiogram, training materials, and quality-improvement tracking documents.]

## Records

[List any records that will be kept in conjunction with the program (for example, the infection-control log).]

[NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER]      [DATE]

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<sup>1</sup>Dyson M, Australian Council for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled. How and when to write policies and procedures. Ashgrove, Australia. 1999. <http://www.safework.sa.gov.au/contentPages/docs/labrWritingPolicy.pdf>

