Antibiotic Awareness Week 2025 Hospital Highlight: Dayton General Hospital

Washington's rural and critical access hospitals are enhancing their stewardship efforts through the University of Washington Centers for Stewardship in Medicine (UW-CSiM) collaborative. We are pleased to be able to highlight their work in our special Hospital Highlights feature for Antibiotic Awareness Week 2025.

1. Tell us about your hospital and the services that it provides to the community

We are a critical access hospital located approximately 30 miles from Walla Walla. We provide outpatient rehabilitation services to our community. We have a palliative care program for our patients with chronic illnesses. We have a wound care department and two hyperbaric changes and have experienced great success in healing chronic wounds. We also provide transportation to CCHS patients who have no other way of getting to their medical appointments in Walla Walla, the Tri-Cities, and other nearby locations.

2. Tell us about your latest stewardship project/endeavor

We performed a yearlong study of antibiotic prescribing for UTI's at our two clinics. We specifically looked to see if the choice of antibiotic and days of therapy prescribed were in line with established guidelines.

3. Tell us about your stewardship team. How did they work together on this project?

Our stewardship team is comprised of me and our assigned medical staff member. For the clinic project, I enlisted the help of our infection prevention nurse and the clinic manager.

4. What has been the most impactful part of your stewardship project?

We were able to decrease the average duration of therapy in all antimicrobial categories save for one.

5. What words of wisdom or advice do you have for your stewardship colleagues?

No matter how small your program is, you can make a meaningful impact.

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