

1. MAKE A COMMITMENT



A commitment from your dental office to prescribe antibiotics appropriately and engage in antibiotic stewardship is critical to improving antibiotic prescribing.

Here are some ways your dental office can demonstrate commitment:

- Submit the enclosed statement of commitment to the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). Providers making a commitment can choose to be recognized on IDPH's Website at www.tinyurl.com/drugsandbugs.
- Display public commitment to antibiotic stewardship in your office (see sample templates on page 7).
- Include antibiotic stewardship-related duties in position descriptions or job evaluation criteria.
- Educate all staff members on how to manage patient expectations about appropriate antibiotic use.

Sample Commitment Poster Templates

Insert organization name here

is committed to being antibiotics aware!



Your health is important to us. As your dental provider, I promise to provide you with the best care possible. I am dedicated to avoid prescribing antibiotics when they are likely to do more harm than good.

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You have a role to play in antibiotic stewardship, too!

Learn more by visiting:
www.cdc.com/antibiotic-use

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Safe Antibiotic Use: An Important Message From Your Providers

Dear Patient,

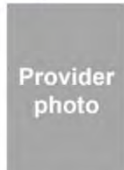



We want to give you some important information about antibiotics.

- ▶ **Antibiotics only fight infections caused by bacteria.**
- ▶ **Antibiotics will NOT help you feel better if you have a viral infection like:**
 - Cold or runny nose
 - Bronchitis or chest cold
 - Flu
- ▶ **If you take antibiotics when you don't really need them, they can cause more harm than good:**
 - You might feel worse
 - You can get diarrhea, rashes, or yeast infections
 - Antibiotics may **NOT** work when you really need them because antibiotics make bacteria more resistant to them. This can make future infections harder to treat.


What can you do as a patient? Talk with me about the treatment that is best for you. Follow the treatment plan that we discuss.

As your healthcare provider, I will give you the best care possible. I am dedicated to avoid prescribing antibiotics when they are likely to do more harm than good. If you have any questions, please ask me, your nurse, or your pharmacist.

Sincerely,

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The best care is the right care.
Only use antibiotics when needed.

Download the customizable template by visiting:

<http://tinyurl.com/drugsandbugsresources>

Sample Commitment Poster Template

A Commitment to Our Patients about Antibiotics

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Antibiotics also give bacteria a chance to become more resistant to them. This can make future infections harder to treat. It means that antibiotics might not work when you really do need them. Because of this, it is important that you only use an antibiotic when it is necessary to treat your illness.

How can you help? When you have a cough, sore throat, or other illness, tell your doctor you only want an antibiotic if it is really necessary. If you are not prescribed an antibiotic, ask what you can do to feel better and get relief from your symptoms.

*Your health is important to us. As your healthcare providers, we promise to provide the best possible treatment for your condition. If an antibiotic is not needed, we will explain this to you and will offer a treatment plan that will help. We are **dedicated** to prescribing antibiotics **only** when they are needed, and we will avoid giving you antibiotics when they might do more harm than good.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us.

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Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
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CHAPTER 1: SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIAL

These materials were compiled by CDPH to supplement the Make a Commitment Section of the IDPH Antibiotic Stewardship Toolkit.

Included:

1. Sample Commitment Posters

Use these posters or create your own to show your facility's commitment to antimicrobial stewardship.

- CDC sample commitment poster
<https://tinyurl.com/cdcommit>
- IDPH sample commitment poster
<https://tinyurl.com/idphdentalcommit>

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