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Southwest Medical Group added to Telligen's Antibiotic Stewardship Champion Honor Roll

CORTEZ, CO- The clinics of Southwest Medical Group were recently recognized as Antibiotic Stewardship Champions. Marc Meyer, R.Ph, BPharm, CIC, FAPIC received word of this honor from Telligen on Friday, July 6th. "On behalf of Telligen QIN-QIO, we would like to highlight the work of our providers who have achieved the goal of implementing all of the CDC Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship. We would like to acknowledge your hard work and dedication to this incredibly important measure aimed at improving antibiotic related patient safety and slowing the spread of antibiotic resistance. As such, we have added you to our Antibiotic Stewardship Champion Honor Roll which is displayed on our corporate website" said Andrea J. Campbell, RN, MSN, program specialist for Telligen. The Telligen Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) strives to create better health, better care and better value for people with Medicare in Colorado, Illinois and Iowa. (Telligen, 2018).

Marc J. Meyer R.Ph, BPharm, CIC, FAPIC who was recently recognized as an APIC (Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology) Hero and has helped the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Quality Forum develop ASM guidance documents has led this effort by instituting a collaborative, education-based guideline-development process. According to Telligen (2018), "healthcare providers on the Telligen honor roll have implemented all four Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship, demonstrating commitment to improve the quality of patient care, slow the development of community antibiotic resistance and reduce adverse drug events caused by unnecessary use of antibiotics."

The CDC states that antibiotic stewardship is the effort to measure and improve how antibiotics are prescribed by clinicians and used by patients. Improving antibiotic prescribing involves implementing effective strategies to modify prescribing practices to align them with evidence-based recommendations for diagnosis and management. (CDC, 2018).

To learn more about antibiotic stewardship, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/community/improving-prescribing/core-elements/core-outpatient-stewardship.html>
For more information about Telligen: <https://telligenqinqio.com/our-work/antibiotic-stewardship/>

About Southwest Health System

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