The Antimicrobial Stewardship Program showed a positive impact on clinical outcomes with a lower rate of infection-related diagnoses for hospital admissions. The program showed a significant cost savings in hospital admission cost avoidance for the past 3 years. The program was well received by all involved, particularly our Long-Term Care Facility (LTCFs) physicians. Impact on antimicrobial resistance is yet to be determined.

CONSIDERATIONS
- The CDC is now emphasizing that LTCFs take steps to improve antibiotic prescribing practices and reduce inappropriate use.
- There is an urgent need and tremendous opportunities for ID or consultant pharmacist to improve patient care and safety.
- Consider implementing an ASP at your facility.
- Our program can be used as a best practice, scaled, and spread.

REFERENCES

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