

Vernon Memorial Healthcare Antimicrobial Stewardship

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Vernon Memorial Healthcare in Viroqua, WI

25 bed critical access hospital with four rural health clinics, infusion center and three retail pharmacies.



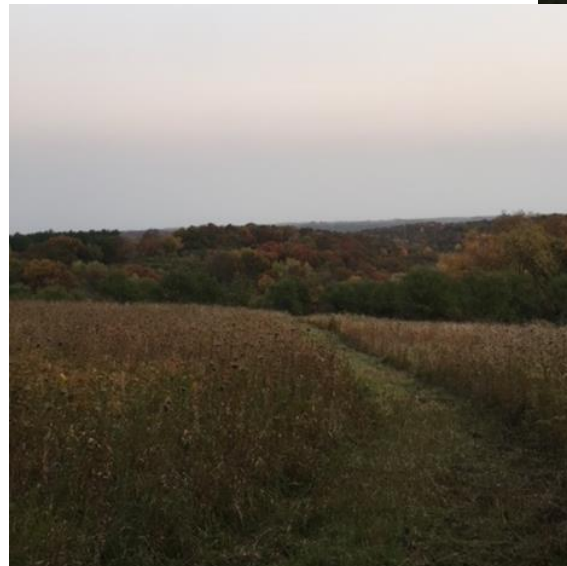
How did I come to Vernon Memorial?

Education:

- BS in Microbiology from UW-L
- PharmD from UW-Madison

Employment:

- Abbott Diagnostic Division
- Vernon Memorial Healthcare



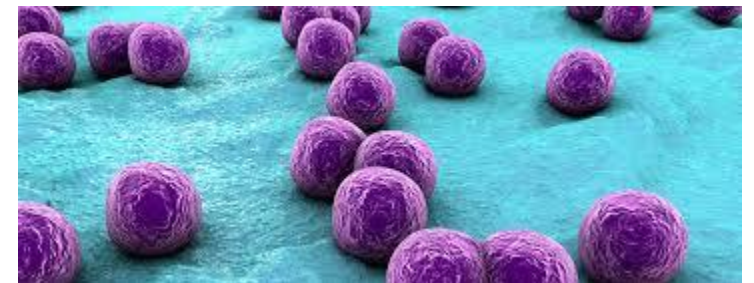
Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee

- Started in 2014 by Infection Prevention, Quality Coordinator & Pharmacy
- Members: Frontline nursing staff, nursing leadership, providers, marketing, community health education, lab/micro, senior leadership,



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- Infection Prevention and inpatient pharmacist obtained a certificate in Antimicrobial Stewardship from the Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists.
 - Drafted guidelines for UTI, Skin and Soft Tissue, Neutropenic fever, Pneumonia
 - Restricted antibiotics
 - Order sets and smart sets
- Antibigram useful tool for pharmacists
- Reporting of Susceptibilities



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- Education
- Quarterly audits: Clinic prescriptions, ED orders/prescription, Hospital Use
- Sepsis antibiotic review
- Review trending of positive cultures – *C. difficile audit*

Thank You!





So much care, so close.