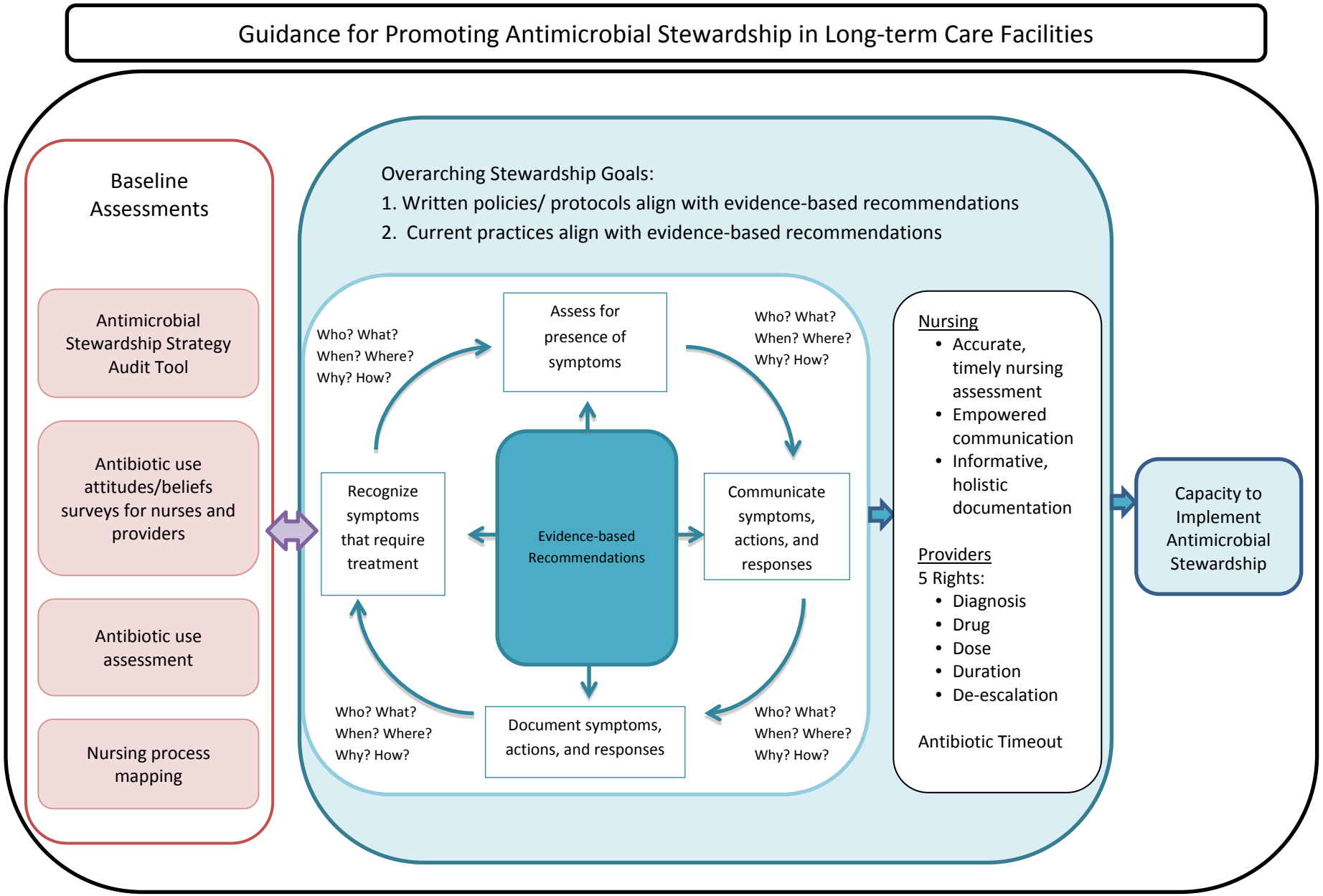
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Baseline Assessments
Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategy Audit Tool
Antibiotic use attitudes/beliefs surveys for nurses and providers
Antibiotic use assessment
Nursing process mapping
Overarching Stewardship Goals:
1. Written policies/ protocols align with evidence-based recommendations
2. Current practices align with evidence-based recommendations
Assess for presence of symptoms
Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?
Recognize symptoms that require treatment
Evidence-based Recommendations
Communicate symptoms, actions, and responses
Document symptoms, actions, and responses
Nursing
Accurate, timely nursing assessment
Empowered communication
Informative, holistic documentation
Providers
5 Rights:
Diagnosis
Drug
Dose
Duration
De-escalation
Antibiotic Timeout
Capacity to Implement Antimicrobial Stewardship