

Workshop on the role of the nurse and pharmacist in supporting AMS in the Gulf, Middle East & North Africa

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What we have covered in the other workshops

- **AMS interventions:** pre-authorisation & prospective audit & feedback, IVOS, PK monitoring & feedback, short vs long courses
- **Low hanging fruit:** AMS priorities
- **Guidelines:** develop, implement & evaluate & post-prescription review
- **Antibiotic prescribing metrics:** quaLity & quaNtity

What can pharmacists and nurses deliver?



Aims & objectives of workshop

- Aim of this workshop are to explore the roles of pharmacists & nurses in supporting AMS:
- At the end of the workshop, delegates should be able to:
 - Describe how ward or IPC nurses can support AMS
 - List AMS activities that clinical or dispensary based pharmacists can deliver
 - Identify roles for a pharmacist in an AMS team

Who are we?

Hands up if you are:

- **Doctor**

- Infectious diseases
- Microbiologist
- Intensivist
- Other

- **Nurse**

- IPC nurse
- Ward based nurse

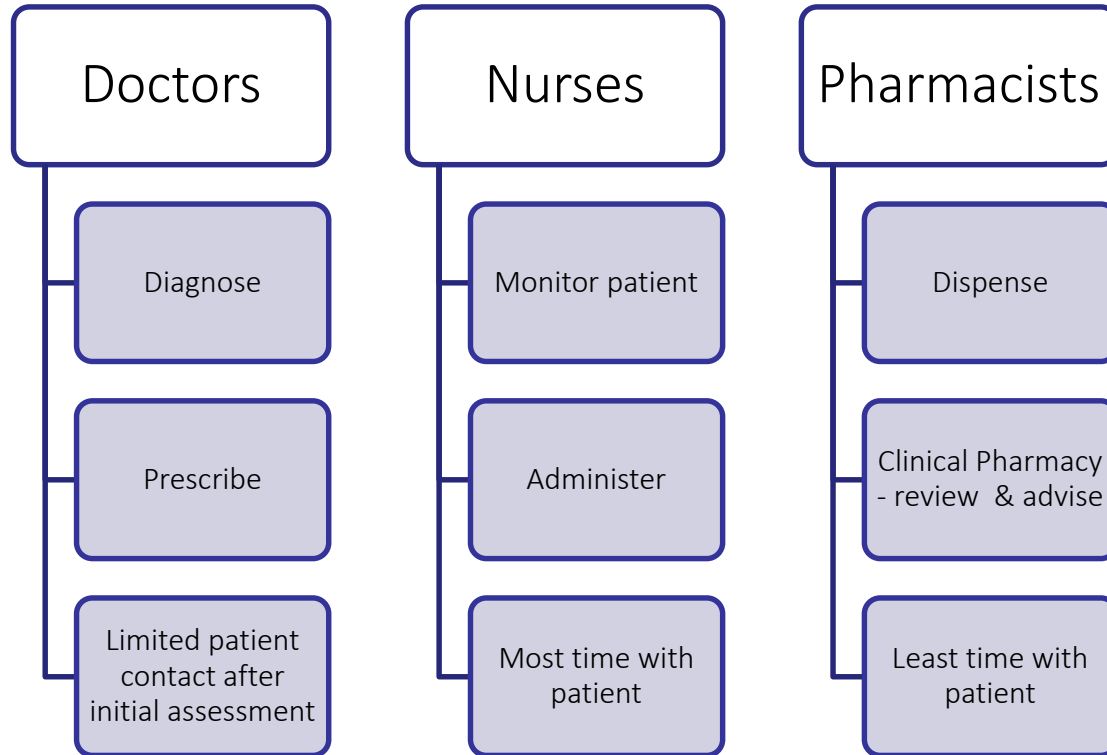
- **Pharmacist**

- AMS pharmacist
- Clinical pharmacist
- Other

What AMS resource do you have?

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Traditional healthcare roles



What is antimicrobial stewardship?

Patient

- Optimise AB Rx to improve outcome & ensure patient safety
- Limit AMR emergence

Multidisciplinary

- Team: physician, pharmacist, **nurse**
- Optimise patients AB Rx

Hospital

- One or more teams
- Co-ordinated by AMS committee

Community

- Primary care clinics, general practice(s), long-term care homes
- Animal health: Farm or farms

National

- Using regulation & legislation to define access to AB
- who can Rx AB

Global

- Co-ordinate national action plans, regional networks

Mendelson. Nature May-17. AMR has a language problem

UK AMS Structure & Governance 2015: Start Smart then Focus

Accountability at hospital executive / board level

- Drug & Therapeutics Committee, IPC & AMS teams

Dedicated resource

- core team of ID or micro doctor and clinical pharmacist

AMS Committee - Core team plus

- Acute care physician, surgeon, anaesthetist, paediatrician
- Senior (chief) pharmacist, senior nurse
- Primary care rep (whole health economy approach).
- Lead IPC doctor & IPC Nurse, Sepsis lead

AMS Strategies

CORE

FORMULARY RESTRICTION WITH RE-AUTHORISATION OF NAMED ANTI-INFECTIVES

PROSPECTIVE AUDIT WITH INTERVENTION AND FEEDBACK

MULTIDISCIPLINARY AMS TEAM

GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

ADDITIONAL

DE-ESCALATION OF THERAPY BASED ON CULTURE RESULTS

DOSE OPTIMISATION

IV TO PO SWITCH

EDUCATION

ANTIMICROBIAL ORDER FORMS

ANTIMICROBIAL CYCLING

COMBINATION ANTIMICROBIAL THERAPY

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE DECISION SUPPORT AND ENHANCED SURVEILLANCE

ANTIBIOGRAMS - AT PATIENT AND ORGANISATION LEVEL

Pharmacists & Nurses already play key AMS roles in hospital

An international cross-sectional survey of antimicrobial stewardship programmes in hospitals

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Table 3. Average AMS programme resource hours per week, *n*=337

	Africa (<i>n</i> =12)	Asia (<i>n</i> =25)	Europe (<i>n</i> =190)	North America (<i>n</i> =49)	Oceania (<i>n</i> =14)	South and Central America (<i>n</i> =44)	Mean
Antimicrobial or infectious diseases pharmacist (<i>n</i> =320)	6	13	18	32	17	9	18
Infectious diseases doctor (<i>n</i> =284)	3	8	8	15	6	12	10
Medical microbiologist (<i>n</i> =308)	8	6	11	5	1	7	9
Infection control staff (<i>n</i> =220)	9	9	8	6	1	8	8
Nurse (<i>n</i> =199)	8	7	3	4	0	14	6
Administrative support (<i>n</i> =202)	4	6	2	6	2	7	4
Data analyst (<i>n</i> =201)	5	2	3	9	2	5	4
Other pharmacist (<i>n</i> =199)	8	3	2	7	0	9	4
Doctors in training (<i>n</i> =188)	5	3	3	5	8	4	4
Other medical specialty (<i>n</i> =199)	5	5	2	1	0	8	3
Pharmacy technician (<i>n</i> =188)	4	2	2	1	0	8	3
Scientist or laboratory staff (<i>n</i> =179)	7	3	1	2	0	7	3
Surgeon (<i>n</i> =201)	4	5	1	1	0	3	2

Country	FTE / 1000bed	Staff type per 1000 acute care beds (Pulcini CMI 2017, Greene ICHE 2020, Maeda 2019 JInfChemother)
Australia	4	At least 100 hours (3 FTE) of senior pharmacist and 35 hours (1 FTE) of lead clinician time per week
Canada	4.9	Physician: 1.0 FTE, Pharmacist: 3.0 FTE, Project/Programme Admin & Coordination Support: 0.5 FTE & Data Analyst: 0.4 FTE
Austria & Germany	2	At least one ID physician(or clinician with ID training) and an experienced clinical pharmacist/hospital pharmacist, plus a specialist in microbiology.
France	6.7	3.6 FTE infection specialists (medical doctors, ideally ID) 2.5 FTE pharmacists, 0.6 FTE microbiologists
Netherlands	3	Hospital <300 beds: 1.25 FTE, Hospital 300-750 beds: 2.14 FTE Hospital >750 beds: 3.0 FTE per year
USA	4	Hospital >1000 beds. 1 FTE physician, 3 FTE pharmacists
Japan	2.4	>500 beds 0.8 FTE physician, 1.6 pharmacist

Only recommendations for nursing are for infection prevention 0.4-1 FTE/100 beds

Is there evidence for AMS?

Schuts meta-analysis: strong evidence¹

- ↓ mortality: empirical guideline adherence (35%↓ RRR), de-escalation based on C&S (66%↓ RRR), bedside consultation for *S.aureus* bacteraemia)
- IV to oral switch = ↓Length of stay + ↓\$\$\$\$, ↑cure
- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring: ↓ nephrotoxicity
- restricted antibiotics: ↓ use (but ↑ non-restricted) + ↓AMR

Taconelli (Baur) – meta-analysis of AMS on AMR

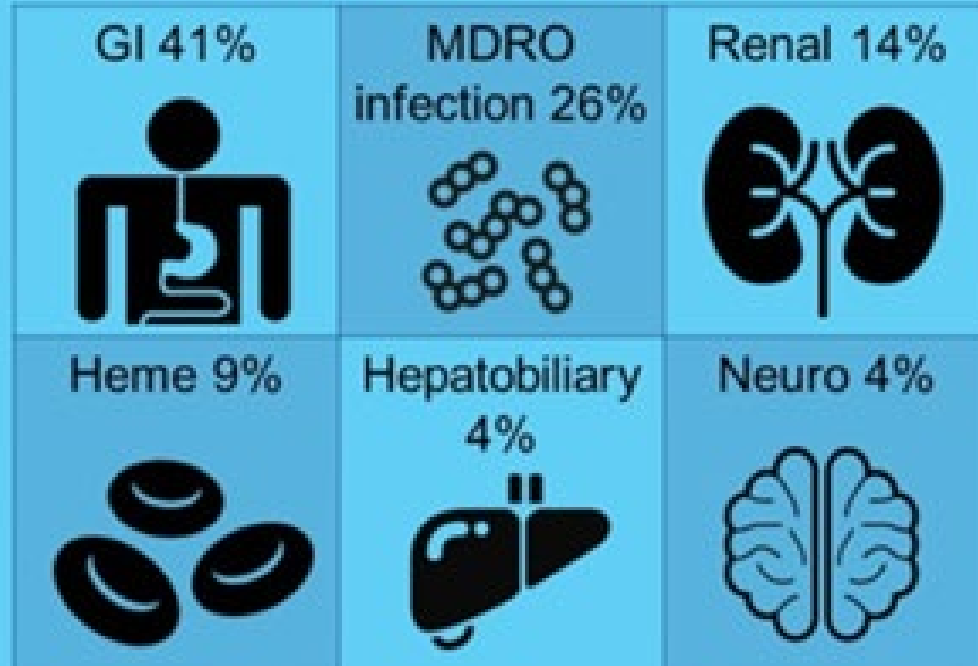
- ↓AMR G+ve -43% (MRSA -49%), G-ve -28% (CRE -48%)

1 in 5 inpatients treated with antibiotics is harmed

Retrospective cohort study of 5,579 adult internal medicine inpatients at Johns Hopkins Hospital

- 27% received antibiotics
- 20% developed at least 1 adverse antibiotic event
- 19% of antibiotic regimens not clinically indicated

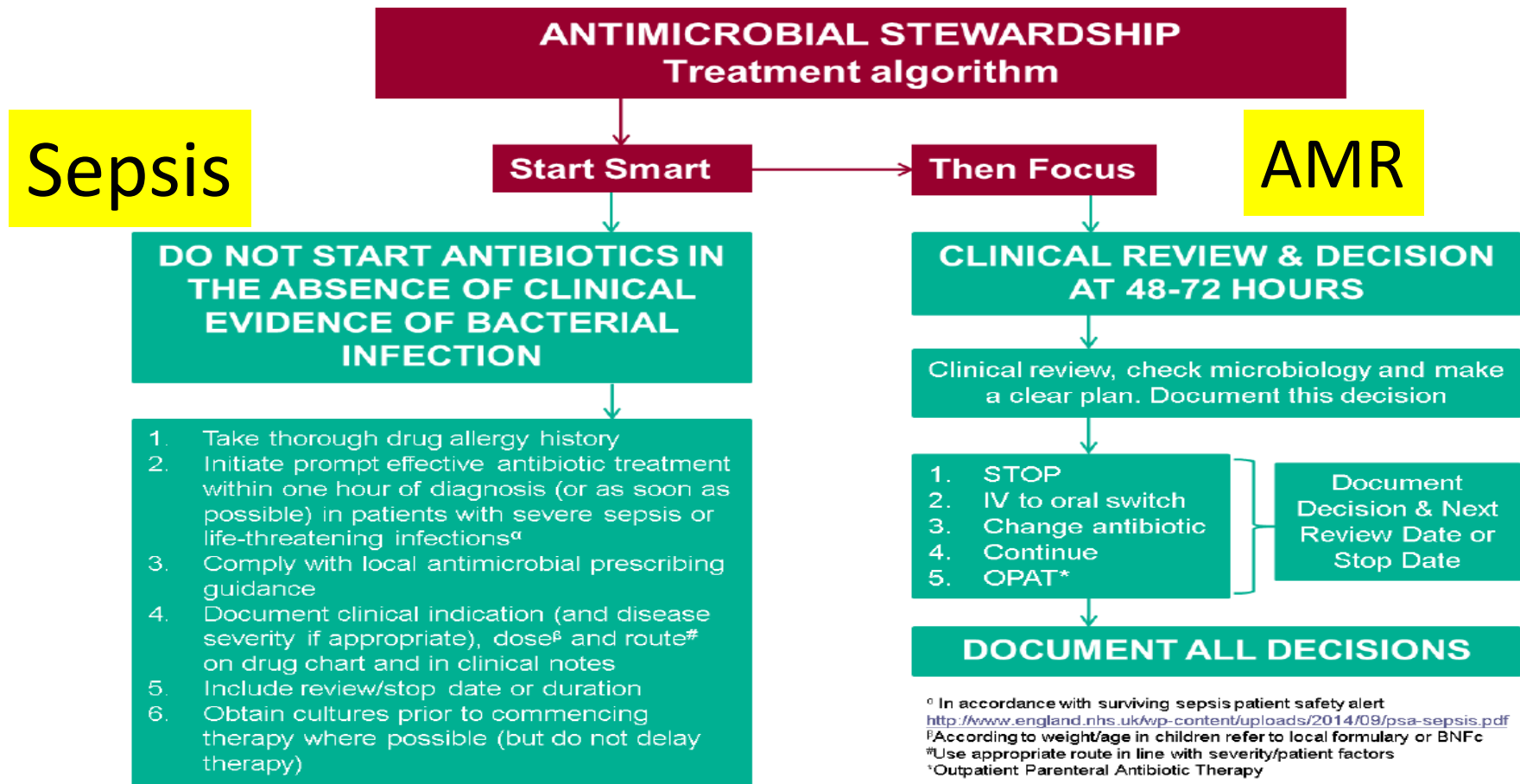
324 antibiotic adverse events:



Leads THT: 30% of 190,000 annual admissions get an antibiotic = 38,000 patients harmed per year

104 patients per day

Figure 1: Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) – Treatment algorithm



Regular audit & feedback of these processes are essential to drive improvement

What AMS roles do your nurses & pharmacists play depending on resources?

From your own hospitals experience what roles do they play?

Spend 7 minutes listing what works well & what are the barriers for different scenarios

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5 min max feedback on AMS roles of nurses & pharmacists play depending on resources?

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Nurses role in AMS

- Duration of treatment (ward rounds)
- Route of antimicrobial administration (IVOS)
- Timing of antimicrobial administration (1st dose)
- Appropriate sampling (eg urine)
- Therapeutic drug monitoring (taking bloods etc)
- Outpatient Antibiotic Therapy (OPAT)
- Education of nurses / ward rounds

Relatively stable work force / organisational memory Edwards JInfPrev 2011

NURSING
AMS FORUM

A professional meeting place for all nurses involved and with an interest in antimicrobial stewardship

www.nursing-ams-forum.co.uk



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Nurse Stewardship & Practitioner Tools/Resources

A theory-informed assessment of the barriers and facilitators to nurse-driven antimicrobial stewardship

Antibiotic Classes

Antibiotic Conversations for Nurses

Antimicrobial Stewardship Workbook for Nurses/Midwives

Assessing knowledge of antimicrobial stewardship

Covering more Territory to Fight Resistance: Considering Nurses' Role in Antimicrobial Stewardship

e-bug

Insights On The Role Of Bedside Nurses In Antimicrobial Stewardship Activities

AMS pharmacy - complimentary roles

AMS strategy	Medical Lead	Pharmacy lead
AMS Committee	AMS Chair – better medical engagement	AMS committee Professional Secretary - Good at organising committees
Guidelines and policies	Diagnosis, investigations, non antimicrobial treatment, local drug choice	Drug dosing, processes eg. IVOS, AMS policy, new AB review
Audit & feedback	Feedback to difficult audiences	Tools, doing & feedback
Education	AMS ward rounds - diagnosis & investigations	Antibiotic related, e-learning
Surveillance	Antimicrobial resistance	Antimicrobial usage
Individual patient advice	Treatment failures Telephone support	Dose optimisation (TDM), ITU infusions, OPAT management
Miscellaneous		Formulary & restriction IT systems: web, Apps, etc Patient safety (incidents, systems, prescriptions), communication, shortages

New world of Infection Teams

- Merge IPC, sepsis & AMS teams to maximise efficacy & increase manpower.
- Senior leadership – ideally medical director
- Joint meetings incorporating all agendas at all levels
- Local ownership of infection (IPC, sepsis + AMS) by specialities
 - Develop champions or antibiotic guardians

BEFORE

Results of the six months' pilot from January – June 2016

AFTER

Antibiotics for UTI



2 in 4 people had at least one antibiotic for UTI in six months

Antibiotics for UTI



1 in 4 people had at least one antibiotic for UTI in six months

50%
reduction

Antibiotic prophylaxis



28 people prescribed antibiotic prophylaxis

Antibiotic prophylaxis



5 people prescribed antibiotic prophylaxis

82%
reduction

Antibiotic use



223 antibiotics used over six months

Antibiotic use



70 antibiotics used over six months

67%
reduction

Use of dipsticks in older people

- Inappropriate use of urine dipsticks to diagnose UTI in nursing homes & probably hospitals drive antibiotic use
- Example from Banes & NE Somerset shows how large improvements can be made



Short report

Optimization of the blood culture pathway: a template for improved sepsis management and diagnostic antimicrobial stewardship

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SUMMARY

Laboratory processing of blood cultures has remained static over the past 30 years, despite increasing antibiotic resistance and advances in analyser design. At the study hospital, siting the blood culture analyser in the blood sciences laboratory and optimizing the pre-analytical and analytic phases of blood culture management resulted in a reduction in the time taken to detect most blood culture isolates to <12 h. Fifty percent of positive blood cultures containing *Escherichia coli* were definitively reported with antibiotic susceptibilities in <24 h. More than 85% of blood cultures positive for *E. coli* had antibiotic susceptibilities reported within 36 h of collection, compared with 66 h at a comparator hospital.

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12% higher blood culture positivity rate if taken before antibiotics given vs within 90 minutes after. (31.4% vs 19.4% Cheng 2019 AnnIntMed

<https://annals.org/aim/article-abstract/2751453>

Strategies to improve outcomes in sepsis.

- SMI standard is 4hr from blood culture collection to incubation
- My hospitals struggles with specimens from St James' as pathology at LGI
 - 16% <4hr & 7% >10hr
- Weinbren study showed >85% Ecoli BSI within 36h vs 66h for comparators with effort to improve BC pathway.
- Scheer 2019 CMI 50.6% vs 27.7% blood culture positivity in patients with sepsis rate if taken before antibiotics given.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1198743X1830449X>

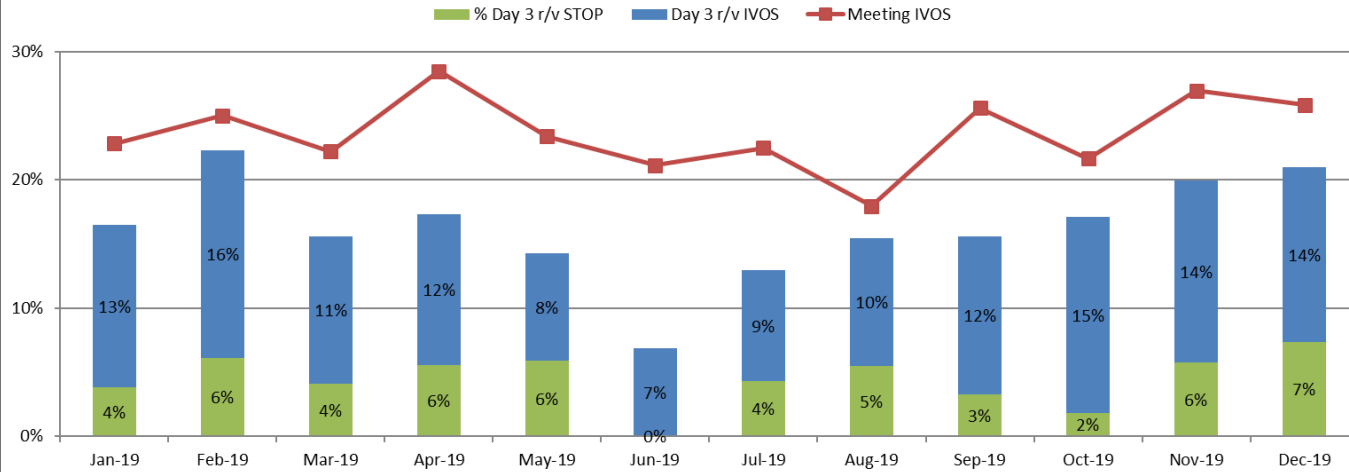
Use data from outcome of day 3 review of empiric antibiotics for efficient hospital working

- **IV to oral switch** ↓ LOS by 6 days, £32/pt = free up beds [Dryden 2012](#)
- **IV antibiotics** take up lots of nursing time & cost more = 6.5 shifts/day & £450k/yr (per 1000 bed hospital) [Smits 2016](#) [Davey 2017](#)
- **C.diff** linked to longer courses of ALL broad spectrum AB (incl piper-tazo & carbapenems). Cdiff **mortality** is ~20% at 28d & 30% at 90d. £4.5k & 3-18 LOS↑/pt & much higher nursing workload
- Less phlebitis (& probably less MSSA/MRSA BSI as 15% device related) [Weber 2003](#)
- **Netherlands**: only 37% continue (vs 65% UK). All pts seen at 48h by A-team. 0.1wte/ward. €475 saved per consultation 6x Return on investment (Dik et al., PLoS One. 2015; 10(5):e0126106)

How do we get physicians to review patients on IV antibiotics?

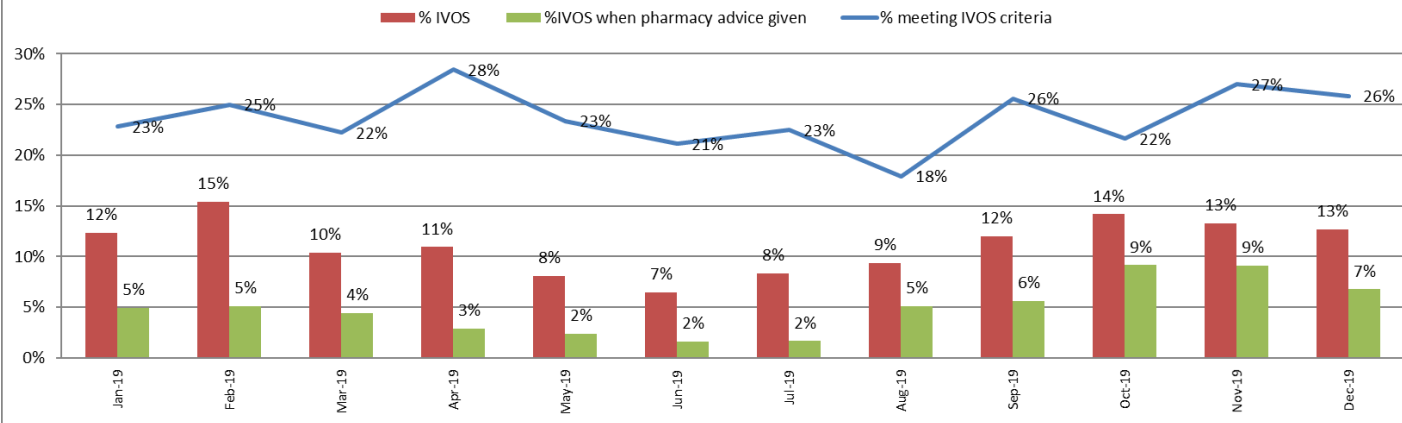
- Nurses or eRx report (duration, indication) of patients on IV antibiotics for ward / board rounds especially those eating and drinking.
 - ITU 20% ↓ AB use with nurse prompting review Raybardhan 2020 AJCC
<https://aacnjournals.org/ajconline/article-abstract/29/1/71/30623>
- Policy to document justification of those remaining on IV AB after day 3 & evidence of local IV – oral switch tool applied. State final diagnosis eg sepsis unknown origin is
- Audit by ward pharmacists / nurses of outcome of day 3 review and % meeting IVOS but not switched.
 - 50% of IVOS initiated by clinical pharmacists in my hospital

Outcomes of Day 3 Review of Empiric IV Antimicrobials -- Jan-19 - Dec-19 [LTHT]



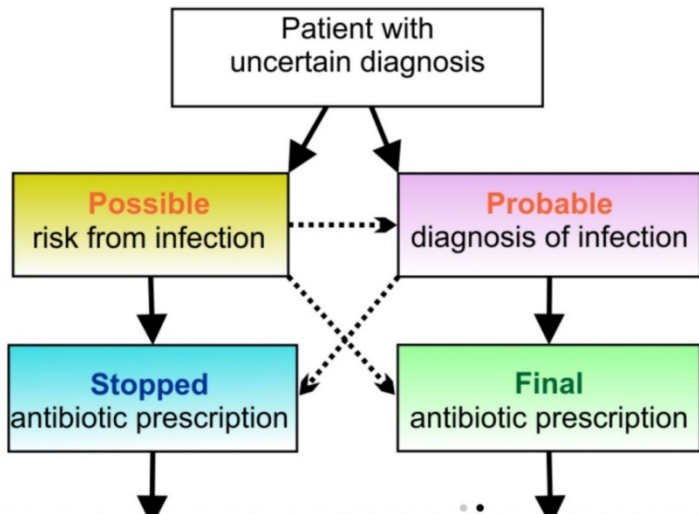
Example of a ward pharmacist audit each month. Could be done by a AMS nurse, ward nurse or pharmacy technician.

Outcome of day 3 review of empiric IV antibiotics Jan-19 - Dec-19 [LTHT]



Daily review to day 3 (ARK study)

Decision Aid Categories Flowchart



Protecting patients by supporting safe and effective antibiotic prescribing.

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Welcome to the Antibiotic Review Kit (ARK) Hospital Forum

ACUTE ANTIMICROBIAL PRESCRIPTIONS					
INITIAL ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIPTIONS:		POSSIBLE = Infection is not the most likely diagnosis but you want to use antibiotics as a precaution PROBABLE = Infection is the most likely diagnosis but diagnosis and treatment needs to be reviewed daily			
DRUG (APPROVED NAME)	Dose	Notes		Circle administration times or write preferred alternative	
Prescriber name	Start Date	Route	Date & Administration		
Prescriber Signature	Bleep	Frequency			
Category of Initial Prescription	POSSIBLE	PROBABLE	Indication	Stop <input type="checkbox"/> Continue: IV to oral <input type="checkbox"/> OPAT <input type="checkbox"/> No change <input type="checkbox"/>	
				06 00	00
				08 00	00
				12 00	00
				14 00	00
				18 00	00
				22 00	00
				Pharmacist check	

Tells everybody that the diagnosis is not finalised

<http://stage.antibioticreviewkit.org.uk/>

Patients on IV antibiotics, is an oral switch possible? 4 Yes's = oral switch strongly encouraged

A - Afebrile >24hours

No Yes

C - Clinically improving over the past 24hours

A. Improving signs and symptoms of infection B. No unexplained tachycardia C. Blood pressure stable with no unexplained hypotension D. Respiratory rate normal E. High white cell count is falling F. C-reactive protein (CRP) is falling

No Yes

E - Eating suitable (oral antibiotic available and the patient is able to take it)

A: Can tolerate oral fluids or have fluids via a tube into the gut B: No signs of malabsorption

No Yes

D - NOT suffering from certain Deep-seated/high-risk infections

A. Liver abscess B. Osteomyelitis, septic arthritis C. Inadequately drained abscesses or empyema D. Cavitating pneumonia E. Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia F. Severe necrotising soft tissue infections G. Severe infection during chemotherapy related neutropenia H. Infected implants/prosthesis I. Meningitis/encephalitis J. Intracranial abscesses K. Mediastinitis L. Endocarditis

No Yes

Antibiotic plan: (please ensure the antibiotic is correctly prescribed on the drug chart, with indication and duration, plus a microbiology code is needed for a restricted antibiotic)

Antibiotic(s):

Route (PO/IV)

PO

Review/Stop Date

Format MM/dd/yyyy

+ Add

Microbiology Code?

N/A Yes


Advice from:

- Micro / infectious diseases
- Antimicrobial pharmacist
- Guidelines
- Other

Consider stopping antibiotics if no clinical and no microbiological evidence of infection.

Reason for continuing same IV AB e.g. N/A or Reason

Antibiotic stewardship **ACED**

 **A**febrile >24hrs
Clinically Improving
Over last 24hrs
Eating
NOT - **D**eep seated infection
Consider IVOS

Pharmacist / nurse driven IVOS

All guidelines should have oral switch antibiotic if no +ve micro

Cancel

Submit

Antibiotic course durations: shorter is better?

Stewardship: Shorter = Better

Diagnosis	Short (d)	Long (d)	Result	#RCTs
CAP	3 or 5	7-14	Equal	9
VAP	8	15	Equal	2
Pyelo	7 or 5	14 or 10	Equal	7
Intra-abd	4	10	Equal	2
GNB Bacteremia	7	14	Equal	1*
AECB	≤5	≥7	Equal	>20
Cellulitis	5-6	10	Equal	4*
Chronic Osteomyelitis	42	84	Equal	2
Septic Arthritis	14	28	Equal	1
Ortho Implant w/removal	28	42	Equal	1
Neutropenic Fever	AFx72 h	+ANC>500	Equal	1
<i>P. vivax</i> Malaria	7	14	Equal	1

*GNB bacteremia also in UTI/cIAI RCTs; 3 cellulitis RCTs equal, 1 (low dose oral flucox) ↑relapses; refs at <https://www.bradspellberg.com/shorter-is-better>

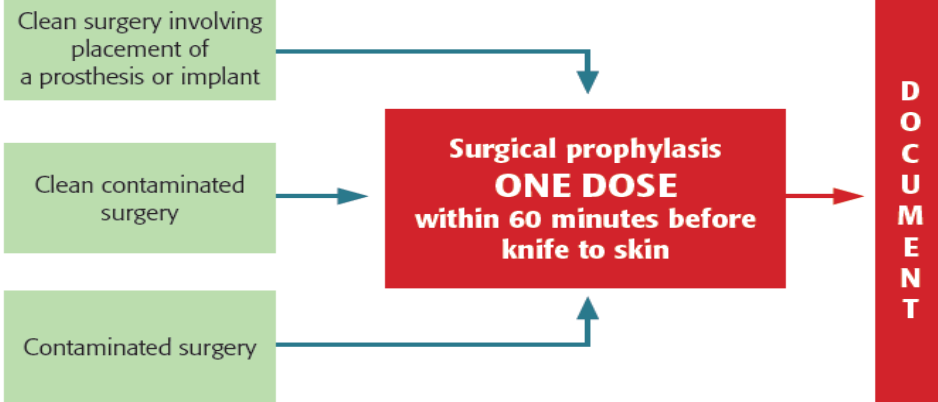
- Spellberg JAMA Intern Med 2016
- Royer JHospMed 2018 In-Patient
- Anakpoya PLoSOne 2018 Out-patients

“One more day” in ITU = extra 8% resistance with cefepime / pip-tazo & 2% in meropenem (Teshome 2019)

Use shortest proven course.

- Stop extra 5, 7 or 10 days being prescribed on IVOS
- only remaining course on discharge

SINGLE DOSE SURGICAL PROPHYLAXIS*



* A repeat dose of prophylaxis may be required for prolonged procedures or where there is significant blood loss. A treatment course of antibiotics may also need to be given (in addition to appropriate prophylaxis) in cases of dirty surgery or infected wounds. The appropriate use and choice of antibiotics should be discussed with infection specialists for each case.

Prosthesis (hip/knee) – 24 hours or teicoplanin.

Cardiac – dose at end of surgery.

<http://sign.ac.uk/pdf/sign104.pdf>

Re-dose after 2 half-lives of antibiotic
eg 2 hours for most cephalosporins

Excess SSI proph	2 days	3 days	>3 days
NNH AKI	9	6	4
NNH Cdiff	2000	90	50

Branchelliman 2019 JAMA Surg.

Audit & feedback

- 5 patients / month
- Nurse /pharmacist audit
- 95% target for timing, AB vs guideline, duration of 1 dose or 24h
- England 2016 PPS 40% >24hr, Scot 5%
- Do run charts

Using safety huddle for education on AMS/AMR – the druggie or buggle



- Based on safety huddle – multidisciplinary 5 minute structured meeting each day to improve safety
- Medication issues (including antibiotics), equipment malfunction, falls, wounds, infection prevention & control issues, behaviours, safety / security.
 - Include patients on IV antibiotics each day
- 4 slides: hot topic, prescribing discussion of the week, highlight good prescribing, weekly prescribing run chart.

Regular Medicines		Month & year: Oct '07	Date:	1/10	2/10	3/10	4/10	5/10	6/10	7/10	8/10	9/10	10/10
Drug (1)	Dose	DAY	1	2	3	4	5						
TRIMETHOPRIM	200mg	\$ 9											
Route	Additional instructions	Date											
PO	Uncomplicated UTI 3 day course	1/10/07	13-14										
Sign (NAME & Sexp)	Pharm	Supply	17-18										
Doctor DOCTOR1234			21-22										

An Indication | Duration or Review Date

Assessing penicillin allergy labels

20-85 extra
deaths per year in
my hospital

- 10-20% claim beta-lactam allergy. (6% in UK GP records) – probably ~1%
- Risk factor for *C.diff* (35%), MRSA (55%) in UK. Higher costs
- ↑ meropenem usage 7% vs 1.1% where allergy label in a single hospital (Powell 2018)
- Higher mortality & ITU admission. Extra 6 deaths/1000 people in next year
Alternatives: ↑ADE: CV deaths with macrolides, quinolones – liver, CV, skin, tendons
- Increasing *Strep pneum* resistance to macrolides / doxycycline
- RCT shows safe to use oral amoxicillin challenge test without skin-prick testing in adults where non-life threatening reaction >7 to 10yr ago
- Pharmacist led delabelling. (1) 24% ↓ restricted AB use. (2) 80% delabelled by interview, 16% uneventful oral challenge. 98% remained de-labelled at 12month

Dermatological			Respiratory or Systemic			Unknown reaction		
Clinical manifestation		Recommendation & Resultant allergy type	Clinical manifestation		Recommendation & Resultant allergy type	Clinical manifestation		Recommendation & Resultant allergy type
Childhood exanthem (unspecified) <i>Details of rash timing unknown and no severe features or hospitalisation</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely to be significant (non-severe)	Laryngeal involvement ("throat tightness" or "hoarse voice")		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (severe)	Unknown reaction ≤ 10 years ago		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely significant (non-severe)
Immediate diffuse rash ("itchy immediate rash") <i><2 hours post dose</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (non-severe)				Unknown reaction > 10 years ago or family history of penicillin allergy only		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely significant (non-severe, low risk)
Diffuse rash or localized rash with no other symptoms <i>> 24 hours post starting antibiotic</i>	≤ 10 years ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed hypersensitivity (non-severe)	Respiratory compromise ("wheeze or shortness of breath")		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (severe)	Renal		
	> 10 years ago	<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed hypersensitivity (non-severe, low risk)	Fever ("high temperature") - <i>Not explained by infection or other cause</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed hypersensitivity (severe)			
Rash & mucosal ulceration ("mouth, eye or genital ulcers") <i>Be alert for history of SCAR</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed hypersensitivity (severe)	Anaphylaxis or unexplained hypotension or collapse		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (severe)	Renal impairment (Does not meet criteria for renal failure or severe injury [see box above])		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely immune mediated (non-severe, low risk)
			Haematological			Liver		
Pustular, blistering or desquamating ("skin shedding") rash <i>Be alert for history of SCAR</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed hypersensitivity (severe)	Platelets < 150 x10 ⁹ /L or unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Potential immune mediated (severe)	Severe liver injury or failure (≥2x upper limit of normal (ULN) for ALT or AST, or 23x ULN for ALT with 22x ULN for bilirubin, or 22x ULN for ALP, or transplant)		<input type="checkbox"/> Potential immune mediated (severe, if DILI)
Angioedema ("lip, facial or tongue swelling")		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (severe)	Neutrophils < 1x10 ⁹ /L or unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Potential immune mediated (severe)	Hepatic enzyme derangement (Does not meet criteria for liver failure or severe injury [see box above])		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely immune mediated (non-severe, low risk)
Swelling (outside of angioedema)		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (severe)	Haemoglobin < 100 g/L or unknown		<input type="checkbox"/> Potential immune mediated (severe)	Neurological, gastrointestinal or other		
Urticaria ("wheals and hives")		<input type="checkbox"/> Immediate hypersensitivity (non-severe)	Eosinophilia (>0.7 x 10 ⁹ /L or unknown) <i>Examine history for DRESS</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Delayed hypersensitivity (severe, if DRESS)	Gastrointestinal symptoms ("nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea")		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely immune mediated (non-severe, low risk)
						Mild neurological or CNS manifestation ("headache, confusion, depression, mood disorder")		<input type="checkbox"/> Unlikely immune mediated (non-severe, low risk)
Appropriate for direct de-labelling - removal of allergy label without testing oral rechallenge if required						Severe neurological or CNS manifestation ("seizures or psychosis"),		<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown or unclear mechanism – Contact ID pharmacist for advice
Appropriate for supervised direct oral rechallenge ^a						Other, OR :		
Refer to ID – May be appropriate for skin testing followed by oral rechallenge ^b						Anaphylactoid/infusion reaction		
Appropriate for outpatient antibiotic allergy assessment +/- testing								

Abbreviations: SCAR, severe cutaneous adverse drug reactions; DRESS, drug reaction with eosinophilia & systemic symptoms; AIN, acute interstitial nephritis; DILI, drug-induced liver injury; ULN, upper limit of normal

^a In the appropriate setting a direct oral rechallenge may be performed under specialist guidance ^b Skin testing followed by oral rechallenge can be performed in the outpatient or inpatient setting

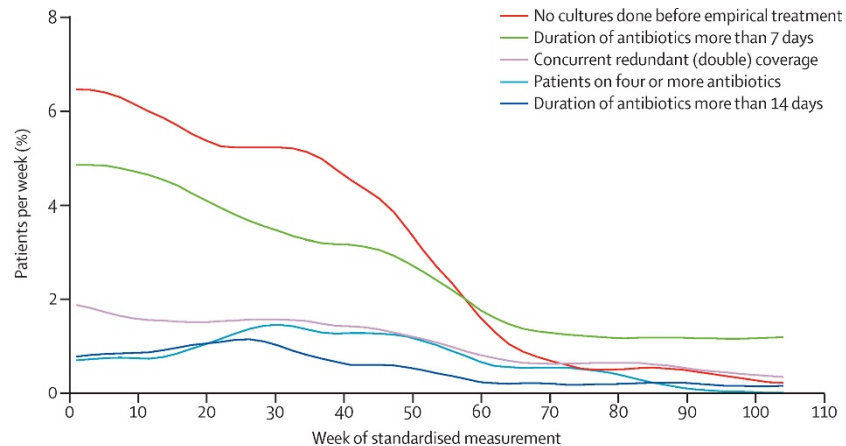
Allergy label assessment tool

- De-label
- Oral challenge
- ID referral for skin testing
- Out patient allergy assessment

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Training South African pharmacists to deliver AMS

- Trained hospital pharmacists in AMS
- Work alongside doctors and nurses
- Focus on cultures before starting antibiotics, AB >7d and 14d, >4 antibiotics at same time, recurrent
- Expanded to 47 Netcare hospitals
- Seen decreases in AMR



Formularies and restricted antibiotics

New antibiotics

- Need approval before use. ASP should review ALL new antibiotics before DTC
- Consider restricting access by Pharma in hospitals or tight policy on visits
- Declarations of competing interest should be routine. National register.

Restricted antibiotics – most rapid control but replaced by unrestricted antibiotics

- Restrict dispensing of targeted antimicrobials to approved indications
- Fully restricted (always needs authorization) or partial restriction (authorization outside of guidelines OR beyond a certain duration eg 3 days).
 - Eg codes 1st or 2nd dose in hospitals depending on staffing (24/7) using a code usually eg ABCDDMMXNN (ABD = Dr initials, DDMM = date, X = random letter, NN = days of approval)
- Pharmacist re-authorization after day 3 reduced LOS by 2 day (8 to 6) & 28%↓ in restricted AB beyond 4 days. Eljaaly 2018 JAC <https://academic.oup.com/jac/article/73/2/527/4565580>

Dose optimisation by clinical pharmacists

WHEN IS PK/PD CLINICALLY RELEVANT?

	Potential altered PK/PD	Example
Obesity	Reduced tissue penetration	Quinolones
	Shorter mean $T_{1/2}$ *	Vancomycin
	Increased Vd**	Aminoglycosides
	Increased clearance	Aminoglycosides
Renal insufficiency	Decreased clearance	Aminoglycosides
Neonates	Decreased clearance	Aminoglycosides Glycopeptides
Children	Increased clearance	Aminoglycosides
Critical illness	Increased Vd	Aminoglycosides Beta lactams Glycopeptides Colistin
	Increased clearance	Beta lactams
Pregnancy	Increased clearance	Aminoglycosides Cefuroxime
	Increased Vd	Hydrophilic agents
Cystic fibrosis	Increased clearance	Aminoglycosides

* $T_{1/2}$ half life, **Vd volume of distribution)



PATIENT FACTORS

- volume of distribution
- renal function
- reduced protein binding
- Site of infection

ANTIBIOTIC FACTORS

- hydrophilic
- Lipophilic
- static
- cidal

OPTIMAL PK/PD

- Bespoke dosing

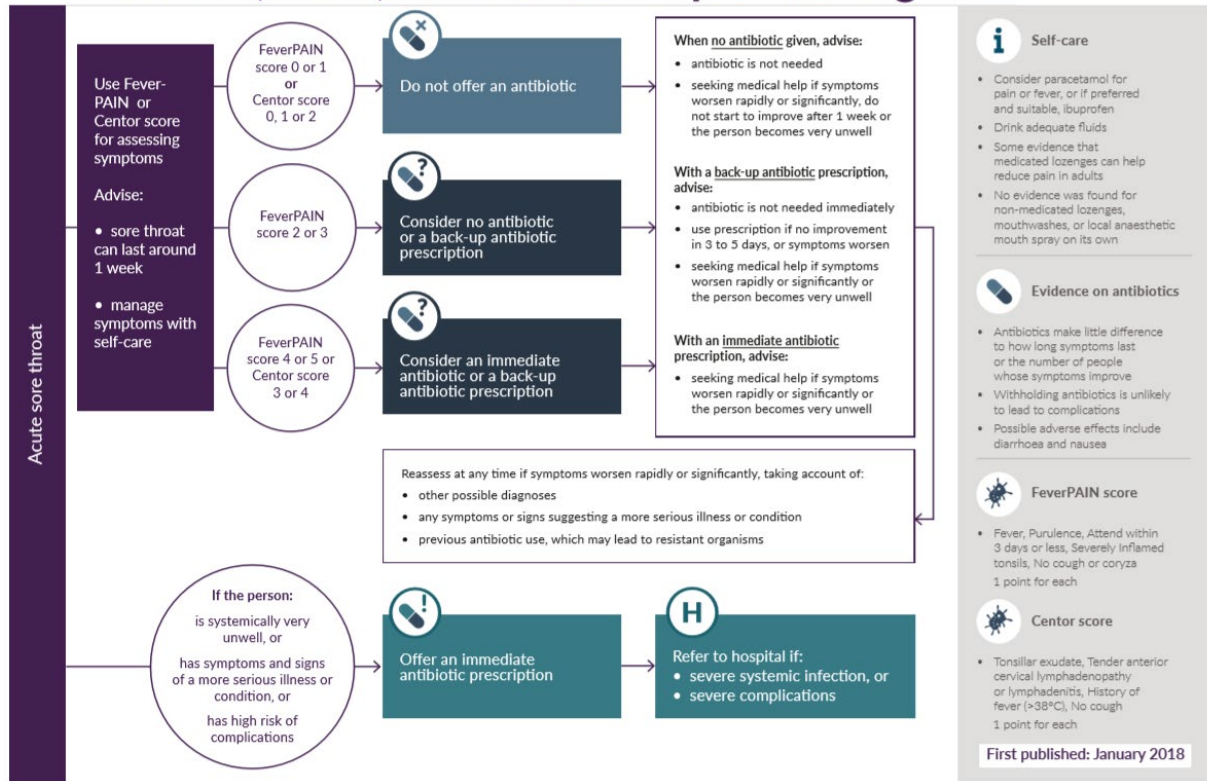
Key role of the hospital pharmacist is TDM of glycopeptides and aminoglycosides. Dose optimisation in difficult populations eg obese, ITU, renally impaired.

Community pharmacists should only supply antibiotics when appropriate

UK NICE guidelines show where antibiotics should not be supplied, where to get patients to return in a few days (with safety netting) and when to supply antibiotics

Sore throat (acute): antimicrobial prescribing

NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence



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KEY PRINCIPLES OF PRUDENT ANTIMICROBIAL PRESCRIBING

Modern medicine would not be possible without antibiotics (Figure 2). These amazing drugs have revolutionised how we care for patients in the 21st century. We are able to care for premature babies, critically ill patients with sepsis, transplant solid organs and provide chemotherapy to patients with cancer among other miracles. Unfortunately, the appropriate and inappropriate use of these drugs has consequences.

As global rates of antibiotic resistant infections increase antibiotic research and development has been dwindling, resulting in a catastrophic lack of weapons to use in this public health crisis. In response to this challenge, healthcare workers on the front lines have been tasked with minimizing unnecessary and inappropriate prescribing of antibiotics in order to prevent

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FIGURE 1

Add here the systematic review. [COULD ADD PDF IN THE RESOURCE BOX]

Modern Medicine Is Not Possible Without Antibiotics

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AMS Pharmacy Technicians FORUM

A professional meeting place for all pharmacy technicians involved and with an interest in antimicrobial stewardship



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Would a AMS Pharmacist forum be useful? Perhaps link with FIP.

Summary: how nurses & pharmacists can support AMS

- Nurses are present on all hospital wards & have a low turnover
- AMS activities can decrease nursing workload
 - less IV administration with IVOS.
 - Less antibiotic associated diarrhoea = less cleaning
- IPC nurses can incorporate AMS education / audit into IPC roles
- Pharmacists can do much of the process design and administrative roles in AMS & antibiotic restriction.
 - Use expertise for dose optimisation & IVOS where staff available
- Start small but think big! Be seen as a “can do” pharmacist / nurse.