Antibiotic Stewardship is Here to Stay: Are You Ready?

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Learning Objectives

- Describe factors that are driving antibiotic stewardship efforts
- Discuss best practices that can be implemented to improve antibiotic use
- Discuss how antibiotic stewardship can improve patient safety



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Why Do We Need Antibiotic Stewardship?

- Up to 50% of antimicrobial use is inappropriate
- Antibiotics are unlike any other drug, in that the use of the agent in one patient can compromise its efficacy in another.
- Antibiotic overuse has negative consequences
- The antibiotic pipeline has improved but may not be sustained and is limited for highly resistant organisms.





Superbugs Don't Respect Borders

How NDM-1 spread around the world



Source: Pew Charitable Trust

Some Reasons Why We Have a Global Antibiotic <u>Resistance Proble</u>m









Antibiotic Exposure Increases the Risks of Resistance

Pathogen and Antibiotic Exposure	Increased Risk
Carbapenem Resistant Enterobacteriaceae and Carbapenems	15 fold
ESBL producing organisms and cephalosporins	6- 29 fold

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THE MODERN ERA OF ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

CDC Report 2013



Estimated minimum number of illnesses and deaths caused annually by antibiotic resistance*: At least 2,049,442 illnesses, 23,000 deaths

*bacteria and fungus included in this report

7 Core Elements of a Successful Antibiotic Stewardship Program

Antimicrobial stewardship is a coordinated program that promotes the appropriate use of antimicrobials (including antibiotics), improves patient outcomes, reduces microbial resistance, and decreases the spread of infections caused by multidrug-resistant organisms





- Appointing a single leader responsible for program outcomes
- Appointing a single pharmacist leader responsible for working to improve antibiotic use
- Taking individual actions in a patient receiving antibiotics that are known to reduce antibiotic use
- Monitoring antibiotic prescribing and resistance patterns
- Regular reporting information on antibiotic use and resistance to doctors, nurses and relevant staff
- Educating clinicians about resistance and optimal prescribing (and educating patients about their medications)

Antimicrobial Stewardship Partners



The US response (2014-2015)



Antibiotic utilization reduction goals

- By 2020, the United States will
 - Reduce inappropriate antibiotic use for monitored conditions/agents by 20% from 2014 levels
 - Reduce inappropriate outpatient antibiotic use for monitored conditions/agents by 50% from 2010 levels
 - Eliminate the use of medically important antibiotics for growth promotion in animals

White House Antimicrobial Summit – June 2015

 Convened 150 key stakeholders across human and animal health sectors to discuss the increasing problem of antibiotic resistance

Human Health

Session 1: Improving Inpatient Prescribing; Focus on Patients Session 2: Improving Outpatient Prescribing; Focus on Families Session 3: Improving Long-term Care Prescribing; Focus on Aging Population Session 4: Developing New Tools for Stewardship -- Better Therapies, Better Diagnostics





Post 2015 Work

- Harmonizing antibiotic susceptibility testing between FDA approved breakpoints and other agencies (21st Century Cures Act)
- Developing incentives to encourage drug companies to develop antibiotics
 - Patent protection (5 additional years for Qualified Infectious Diseases Products)
 - Accelerated drug approval less clinical trials required
- Veterinary Feed Directive Act
- FDA considering a "licensing fee" for antibiotics
- Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria (PAC CARB)
- National benchmark for antibiotic utilization known as the standardized antibiotic administration ratio (SAAR)
 - Reporting through NHSN

Stewardship Seats At the Table

- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- American Hospital Association
- American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP)
- American Society of Consultant Pharmacists
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO)
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
- IDSA Infectious Diseases Society of America
- The Joint Commission
- Leapfrog Group



- NQF National Quality Forum
- QIO/QINs
- Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)
- PEW CharitableTrusts
- Society of Hospital Medicine (SHM)
- Society of Infectious Diseases Pharmacists
- Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)
- The Joint Commission
- The White House
- U.S. News & World Report– Best Children's Hospital Honor Roll

The Joint Commission MM.09.01.01

EP	Description
1	Leaders establish antimicrobial stewardship as an organizational priority.
2	Educate staff and licensed independent practitioners involved in antimicrobial ordering, dispensing, administration, and monitoring about antimicrobial resistance and antimicrobial stewardship practices. Education occurs upon hire and annually thereafter.
3	Educate patients, and their families as needed, regarding the appropriate use of antimicrobial medications, including antibiotics. REMOVED FOR CAH and ACUTE CARE – 10/1/17 <u>https://www.jointcommission.org/issues/article.aspx?Article=YorQ4E0NZh1</u> <u>SOmOxW2H%2FtFFcVyCrphOFImQsZM%2BlvPc%3D</u>
4	The organization has an antimicrobial stewardship multidisciplinary team that includes the following members, when available in the setting: Pharmacist(s), infection disease physician, infection preventionists (part time/consultant staff acceptable)

The Joint Commission MM.09.01.01

EP	Description	
5	The organization's antimicrobial stewardship program includes the following core elements:- Leadership commitment- Action- Accountability- Drug expertise- Tracking- Reporting- Education- Keporting	
6	The organization's antimicrobial stewardship program uses organization- approved multidisciplinary protocols.	
7	The organization collects and analyzes data on its antimicrobial stewardship program, including antimicrobial prescribing and resistance patterns	
8	The organization takes action on improvement opportunities identified in its antimicrobial stewardship program	

Stewardship in Critical Access Hospitals

- Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP)
 - Listed under patient safety/inpatient core improvement initiative
- Required to fully implement an antibiotic stewardship program
 - Follow the CDC Core Elements by August 31, 2022 (4 year lead time)
 - Necessary to receive Flex grant funding
- Encourages to collaborate with health departments and QIO-QINs
- 2018 expectations
 - Enroll in National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)
 - Submit NHSN Annual Facility Survey
 - Become familiar with the CDC's 7 Core Elements

Critical Access Hospitals Use Antibiotics About As Much As Larger Hospitals

Mean Rates of Total Antibiotic Use



ANTIBIOTIC SAFETY

Antibiotics and the Patient Safety Impact

- What if something bad happens without an antibiotic? What is the <u>number needed to treat</u>?
 - Complications to common respiratory infections are very rare
 - Over 4400 patients with colds need to be treated to prevent 1 case of pneumonia
- What if something bad happens with an antibiotic? What is the <u>number needed to harm</u>?
 - Antibiotic adverse events can be severe
 - Life-threatening allergic reactions (e.g., anaphylaxis)
 - Antibiotic-associated diarrhea (e.g., C. difficile infection)
 - 1 in 1000 antibiotic prescriptions leads to an ER visit for an adverse event (~200,000 estimated ER visits/year in U.S.)
 - Antibiotic adverse events have long-term consequences for chronic disease: disruption of microbiota and microbiome linked to chronic disease

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Adverse Events

- 1488 hospitalized patients were given antibiotics
- 20% experienced at least 1 antibiotic-associated adverse event
- 20% of non-indicated antibiotic regimens were associated with an adverse event, including 7 cases of *C. difficile*
- There was a 3% increased risk of an adverse event for every 10 days of antibiotics
- The most common (first 30 days)

Description	Incidence (%)
GI (diarrhea, vomiting, nausea)	42
Renal (> 1.5 times rise in creatinine)	24
Hematologic (anemia, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia)	15

Tamma P, et al. JAMA Intern Med 2017. doi:10.1001/jamainternmed.2017.1938



"Easy Wins" for Antibiotic Stewardship

- Avoiding overtreatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria
- Limiting duration of therapy
- Assessment of antibiotic use at transition of care
- Appropriate testing and treatment of *C. difficile*
- Avoiding duplicate anaerobic therapy

The 5 D's of Antibiotic Stewardship

Goal: Ensure the 5 D's of optimal antimicrobial therapy

Diagnosis	-	Does the condition require antibiotic therapy?
Drug	•	Is the bacteria susceptible?
Dose	+	What is the recommended dose?
Duration	+	What is the recommended duration?
De-escalation	+	Can the antibiotic be switched from IV to oral?

Asymptomatic Bacteriuria is Common

Population	% ASB
Healthy pre-menopausal women	<5%
Women 65-90 years old	6-16%
Women ≥90 years old	22-43%
Female long-term care residents	25-50%
Men >65 years old	5-21%
Male long-term care residents	15-35%
Indwelling urinary catheters	100%

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Slide courtesy of P. Tamma, MD

Urine culture on admission increases antibiotic use and length of stay

- Retrospective cohort study of a national dataset from 2009 to 2014 (230 hospitals)
- Total of 88,841 patients included
 - No urine culture (n=47,411) vs urine culture (n=41,070) on admission
- Evaluated admissions based on MS-DRG. Patients were case matched by facility, age, gender, and 3 measures of disease severity
- Obtaining a urine culture on admission led to an increase in days of inpatient antibiotic use (incidence rate ratio, 1.26, p<0.001) and resulted in an additional 36,607 days of inpatient antibiotic treatment
- 2.1% increase in LOS (p=0.004) equaling 6,071 additional bed days





- Cloudy urine
- Foul-smelling urine

Citation: Trautner, B, et al. Infect Dis Clin North Am. 2014 March ; 28(1): 15–31. doi:10.1016/j.idc.2013.09.005



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Mental status changes & UTIs

- Bacteriuria and delirium are both independently common in the elderly
- Although patients with symptomatic UTIs may present with delirium, no evidence that delirium, falls, or confusion are symptoms of a UTI in the absence of urinary symptoms
 - 72 elderly residents without traditional UTI symptoms with and without bacteriuria were evaluated: no differences in insomnia, malaise, fatigue, anorexia between the two groups
- If a patient has signs of systemic infection and delirium, empiric antibiotic therapy may be warranted

McKenzie, et al. Am J Med. 2014;127:255-7. Boscia, et al. Am J Med 1986;81:979-82. Nicolle, et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol. 2000;21:537-45.

Summary: Asymptomatic bacteriuria

- Treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria is common
- Educate both nurses and prescribers
 - Foul-smelling urine, cloudy urine, pyuria, or mental status changes alone ≠ urinary tract infection
- Keep algorithms simple and available at point of care
- If education not enough, consider discontinuing reflex urine culture results reporting

Example from a large health system (2018) *Current:* Greater or equal to 5 WBC, any nitrites, any leukocyte esterase *Changing to:* Greater or equal to 10W/BC with symptoms of a UTI

Greater or equal to 10WBC with symptoms of a UTI

Nitrites and leukocyte esterase not used

Antibiotic Stewardship and Duration

- The right drug at the right dose for the right duration
- Objectives:
 - Optimize patient safety
 - Right <u>duration</u> maximizes cure and minimizes antibiotic exposure thus reducing adverse drug events such as CDI and other toxicities
 - Facilitates earlier removal of invasive devices
 - Improves drug compliance
 - Reduce resistance shortest <u>duration</u> needed for cure reduces selection of resistance
 - Decrease costs optimizing <u>duration</u> can save money

Historical Perspective on Duration

- Staphylococcal sepsis treated in 1941 with PCN over 4 days with clinical improvement but when drug ran out, succumbed to infection – prolonged treatment need to avoid failure?
- Meads et al. administered PCN for PNA until definite clinical improvement and Temp < 100°F x 12 hours, then another 2-3 days of treatment
 - Need to treat beyond resolution of symptoms driven by desire to prevent relapse; however in further case series analysis, not relapses but reinfections with distinct bacterial serotypes
- Unclear how desire to prevent reinfection transformed into dogma that antibiotic resistance can be prevented by continuing therapy beyond resolution of sxs

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Prolonged Antibiotic Course Increases Resistance

- Prospective, randomized double-blind clinical trial in 51 French ICUs of adults with VAP (n=401)
- Randomized to 8 days vs. 15 days of therapy
- No difference in mortality or recurrent infections
 - More recurrences in 8-day arm for NLFGN
- MDROs emerged less frequently in patients receiving 8 days



	Treatment, Days	
Disease	Short	Long
Community-acquired pneumonia ¹⁻³	3-5	7-10
Nosocomial pneumonia ^{6,7}	≤8	10-15
Pyelonephritis ¹⁰	5-7	10-14
Intraabdominal infection ¹¹	4	10
Acute exacerbation of chronic bronchitis and COPD ¹²	≤5	≥7
Acute bacterial sinusitis ¹³	5	10
Cellulitis ¹⁴	5-6	10
Chronic osteomyelitis ¹⁵	42	84

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Transitions of Care – Denver Health

- 53% of discharge antibiotic prescriptions were inappropriate
 - UTI, CAP, SSTI accounted for 67% of inappropriate prescriptions
- Excessive duration of therapy 33%
- Suboptimal antibiotic selection 17%

Transitions of Care – Hospital of University of Pennsylvania

- 70% of discharge antibiotic prescriptions were inappropriate
- 76% of those inappropriate were due to absence of an acceptable indication and inappropriate duration

Scarpato et al. Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2017;38:353-355.

CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE ASSOCIATED DISEASE

Antibiotics and Risk For C. difficile

Very Commonly Related to CDI	Less Commonly Related to CDI	Uncommonly Related to CDI
Clindamycin Ampicillin Amoxicillin Cephalosporins (3 rd and 4 th generation higher risk) Fluoroquinolones	Other penicillins Sulfonamides Trimethoprim Trimethoprim- Sulfamethoxazole Macrolides Carbapenems	Aminoglycosides Metronidazole Rifampin Chloramphenicol Tetracyclines Daptomycin Tigecycline Vancomycyin

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Diagnostic testing stewardship

- 1. Only test symptomatic patients (3 or more unformed stools within the last 24 hrs)
- 2. Evaluate the consistency of the stool. Only test diarrheal stools
- 3. Do not test stools of patients who have been on laxatives
- 4. Do not retest for at least 7 days during the same episode of diarrhea
- 5. Cancel order if > 24 hours old
- 6. Do not test stool from asymptomatic patients
- 7. Empower nursing to obtain order
- 8. Empower laboratory to discontinue order



Bristol Stool Chart

Duplicate Anaerobe Therapy

- Anaerobes are normal flora of the intestinal tract
 - Most intestinal anaerobes are gram-negative organisms (e.g., *Bacteroides* spp., *Prevotella* spp., etc.)
- Routine double coverage of βL-βLI or carbapenems with metronidazole is not recommended given the excellent anaerobic activity of these agents

Exceptions for Duplicate Coverage

- *C. difficile* infections
 - Addition of metronidazole to clindamycin, βL-βLl, or carbapenems in patients who cannot receive oral vancomycin or fidaxomicin based on 2017 guidelines
- Necrotizing fasciitis
 - Addition of clindamycin to βL - βLI
- Parasitic infections
 - Addition of metronidazole for *Trichomonas, Giardia, Entamoeba histolytica* to clindamycin, βL-βLl, or carbapenems

What's The Harm?

- Resistance is rare and not a major clinical concern
- Metronidazole is relatively inexpensive (<10 USD/day)
- Can have side effects: Generally not serious but still cause discomfort
 - Peripheral neuropathy when administered in high doses and over prolonged periods of time
 - Headache (18%)
 - Metallic taste (9%)
 - Nausea (10%)
 - Disulfiram-reaction
 - Abdominal cramps, nausea, emesis, headaches, flushing

How Can You Change This Practice?

- Likely a knowledge gap
 - Educate clinicians that use of multiple drugs active against anaerobes is not necessary and puts patients at risk for additional drug toxicities
- When conducting post-prescription review on piperacillintazobactam or carbapenems, look out for metronidazole!
- Consider educating nurses on surgical wards
- Engage staff pharmacists and clinical pharmacists

