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## Antimicrobial Stewardship Across the Continuum of Care

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  - Nothing to disclose

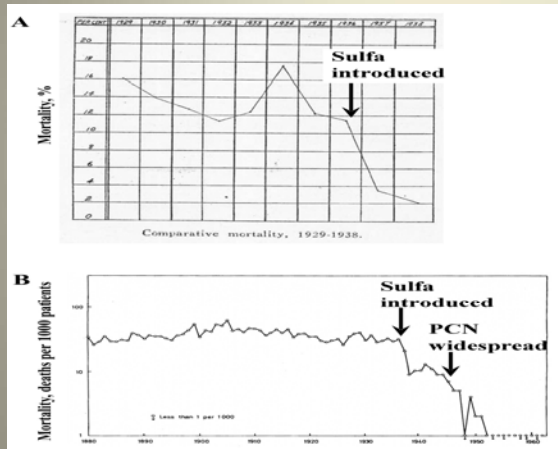
## Objectives

- Describe the forces driving antimicrobial resistance
- Recognize barriers to appropriate antimicrobial use
- Consider implementation of antimicrobial stewardship practices in various healthcare settings

## Antimicrobial Impact

(A) Mortality rates for erysipelas at Cook County Hospital 1929-1938

(B) Mortality of erysipelas from Norwegian national registry



Spellberg, et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2009;49:383-91.

## Bloomberg

### Drug-Defying Germs From India Speed Post-Antibiotic Era

By Jason Gale and Adi Narayan - May 7, 2012  
Bloomberg Markets Magazine



guardian.co.uk

### Antibiotics' efficiency wanes due to global spread of drug-resistant bacteria

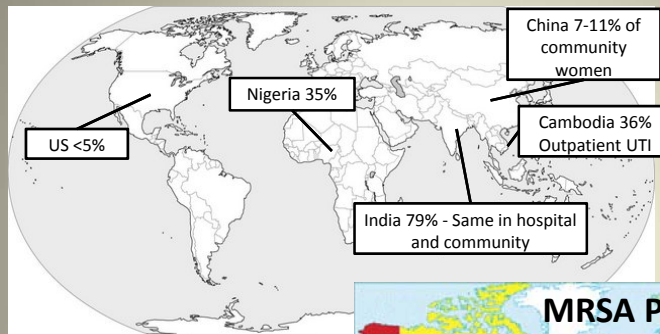
Gene giving high levels of resistance to drugs found in increasingly prevalent intestinal bacteria



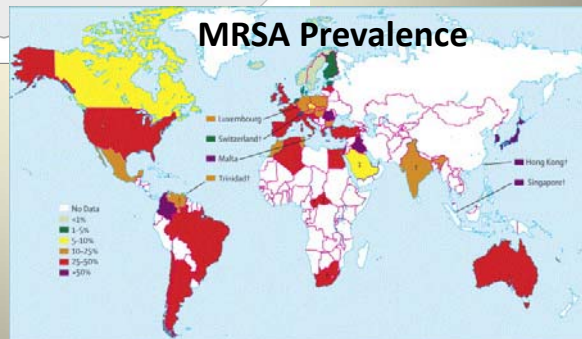
### Drug-resistant superbugs reach 3 states

The Seattle Times

## Worldwide ESBL *E. coli*

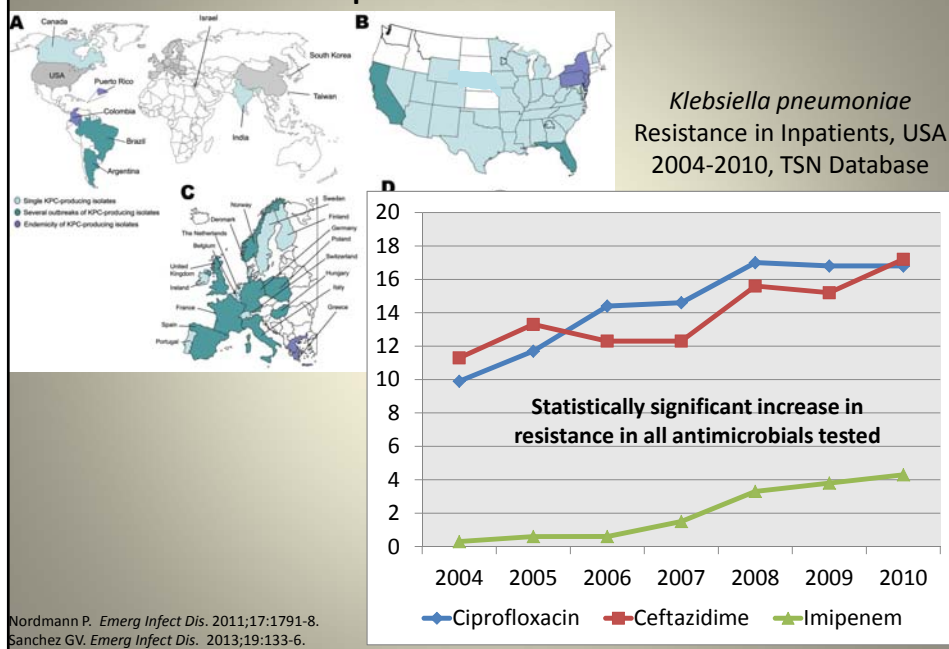


### MRSA Prevalence

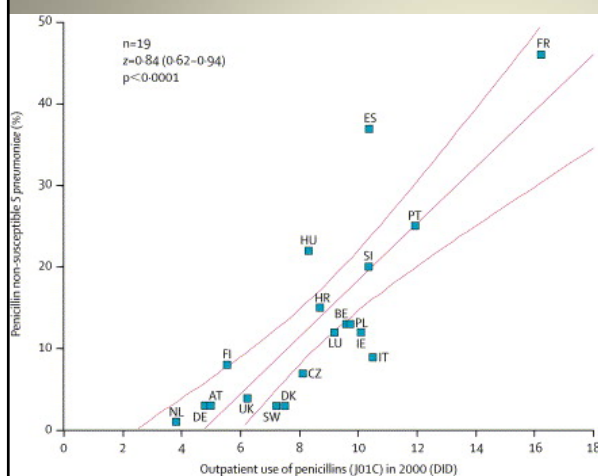


Grundmann. Lancet 2006;368:874.

## Global KPC Spread



## Where Does All This Resistance Come From?



"It is not difficult to make microbes resistant to penicillin... moral: If you use penicillin, use enough."

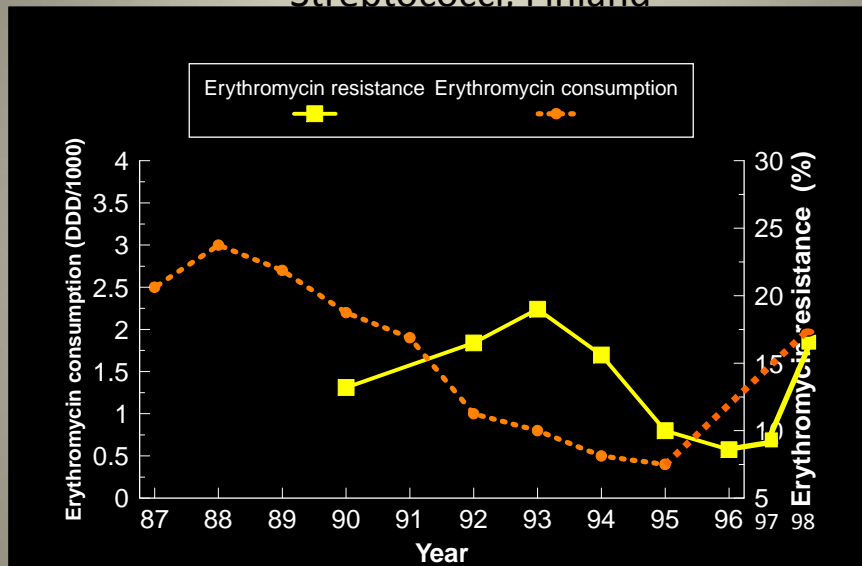
(Alexander Fleming, Nobel Prize Acceptance Speech, 1945)

**"Antibiotic use is the key driver of resistance."**

(WHO Global Strategy for Containment of Antimicrobial Resistance, 2000)

Goossens. *Lancet.* 2005;365:579.

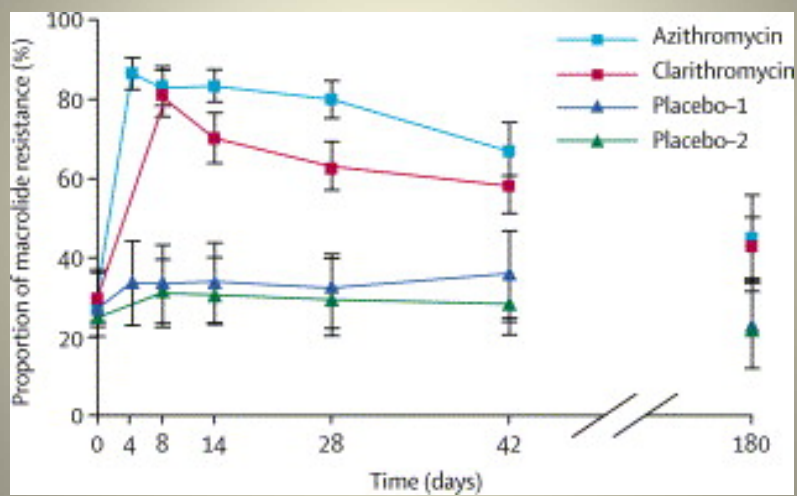
## Controlling Erythromycin Resistance in Group A Streptococci, Finland



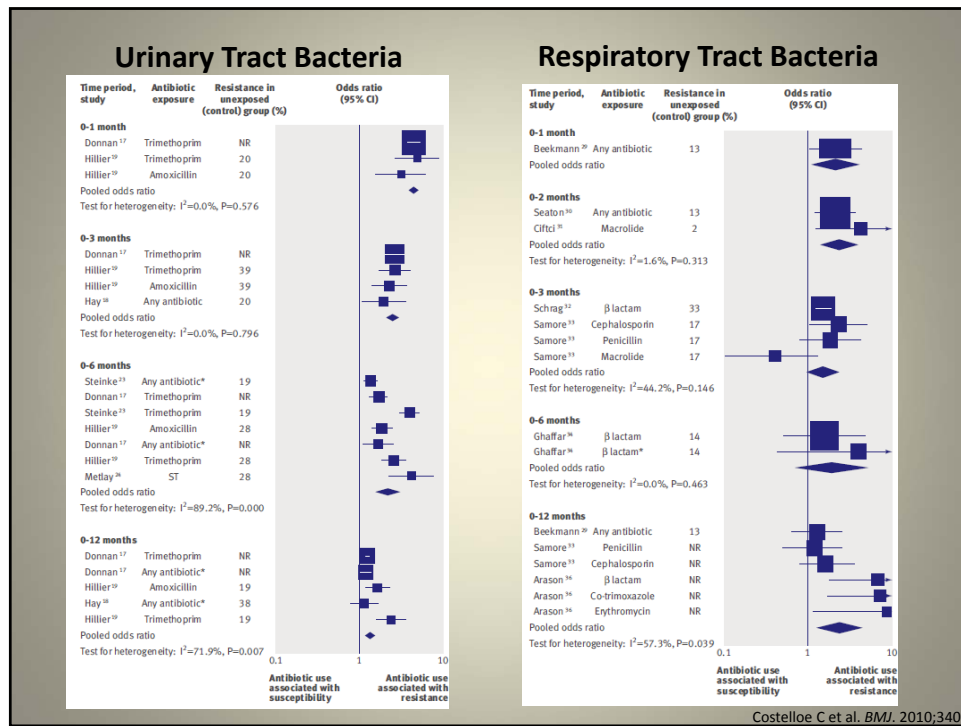
Seppala. *NEJM* 1997;337:441

Post-study data courtesy of Ron Rolk, Pharm.D.

## Temporal changes in the proportion of macrolide-resistant streptococci after azithromycin or clarithromycin use

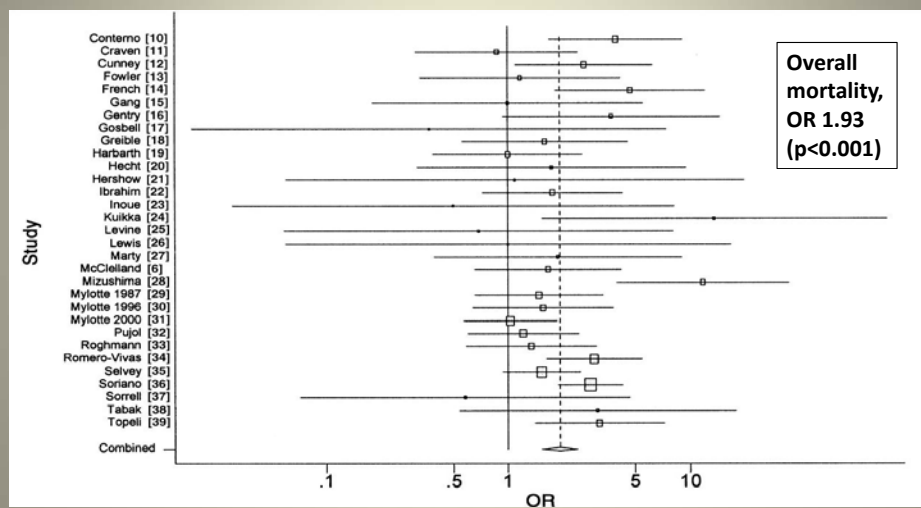


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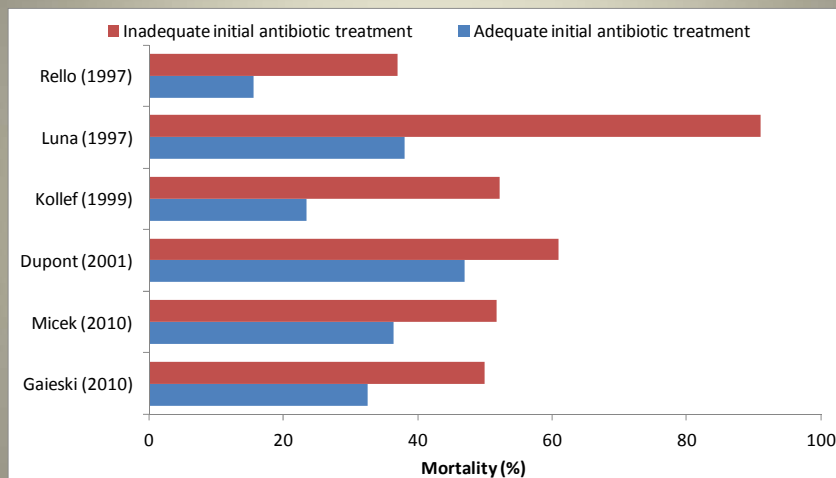
## Does Resistance Matter?

Meta-analysis of 31 Cohort Studies: MSSA vs. MRSA Bacteremia



Cosgrove. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2003;36:53.

## Impact of Antibiotic Resistance



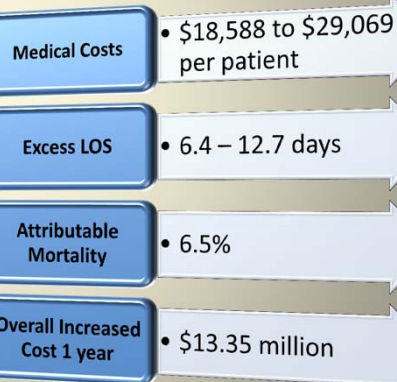
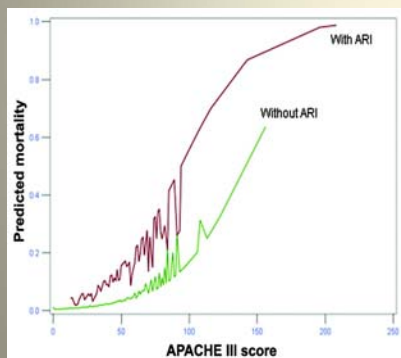
Gaieski DF, et al. *Crit Care Med*. 2010;38:1045-1053.  
 Dupont H, et al. *Intensive Care Med*. 2001;27:355-362.  
 Kollef MH, et al. *Chest*. 1999;115:462-474.

Luna CM, et al. *Chest*. 1997;111:676-685.  
 Rello J, et al. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 1997;156:196-200.  
 Micek ST, et al. *Antimicrob Agent Chemother*. 2010;54:1742-1748.

## The Cost of Resistance: Bad For Patients, Bad for Healthcare

Analysis of 188 patients with antimicrobial-resistant infections in a group of 1391 hospitalized patients

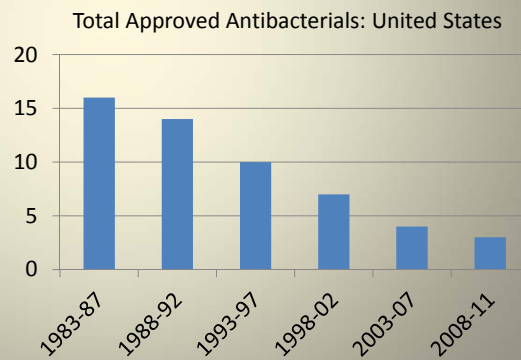
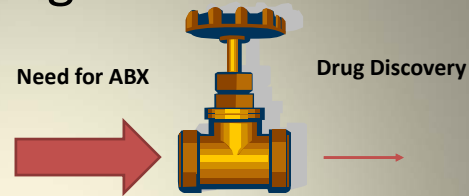
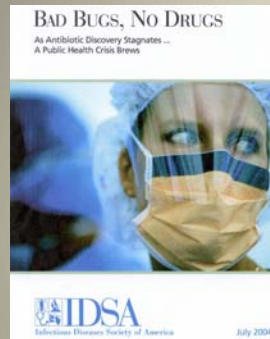
Predicted mortality for patients with/without antimicrobial-resistant infections



Roberts. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2009;49:1175.



## The Impending Crisis!



## What Do We Do?

- Options
  1. ~~Create new drugs~~
  2. Learn to use what we have more wisely

**ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP**



## Antibiotics Are Unique

- They are the only drugs that lose efficacy over time & must be continually replaced
- They are the only drugs that need to be used sparingly to prolong their efficacy
- They are the only drugs that we actively discourage use of when new drugs are approved
- **They are the only drugs where how I use them affects your patients**

## Antimicrobial Facts

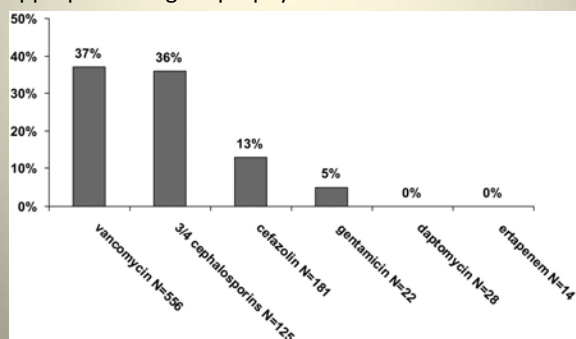
- Nearly 60% of all hospitalized patients will receive an antimicrobial
  - Up to ½ of which are inappropriate or unnecessary
- Inappropriate use leads to
  - Resistance
  - Collateral Damage (*C. difficile*, etc)
  - Toxicity/Side Effects
  - Increased Cost

## Antimicrobial Use in Outpatient Hemodialysis Units

*Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2013;34:349-57.


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J. Kevin Tucker, MD;<sup>4</sup> Erika M. C. D'Agata, MD, MPH<sup>1</sup>

- Two outpatient HD units, 278 patients, 12 mo.
- 1,003 antibiotic doses
  - 29.8% inappropriate
    - No criteria for infection 53%
    - Inappropriately broad 27%
    - Inappropriate surgical prophylaxis 20%



## Barriers to Appropriate Use

## What is Antimicrobial Stewardship?

- Antimicrobial Stewardship refers to processes designed to optimize the use of antimicrobials
    - Includes interventions to guide clinicians in:
      - Determining **when** antibiotics are needed
      - **What** agent(s) to use
      - **How to** dose, what route and what duration
    - Focus is on **patient and public health** with goals:
      - Cure or prevent infection
      - Minimize toxicity
      - Minimize resistance
-  Reduce treatment costs

Dellit TH. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2007;44:159-77.  
 SHEA/IDSA/PIDS. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol*. 2012;33:322-7.

## ASP Strategies

### Primary Strategies

- Multidisciplinary involvement
- **Restriction**
- **Pre-authorization**
- **Prospective audit-feedback**

#### Additional

- **Use of CPOE/CDS**
- Indication/Duration

### Secondary Strategies

- Education
- Institutional guidelines and clinical pathways
- Antimicrobial order forms
- De-escalation
- Dose optimization
- IV to PO conversion
- Antimicrobial Cycling

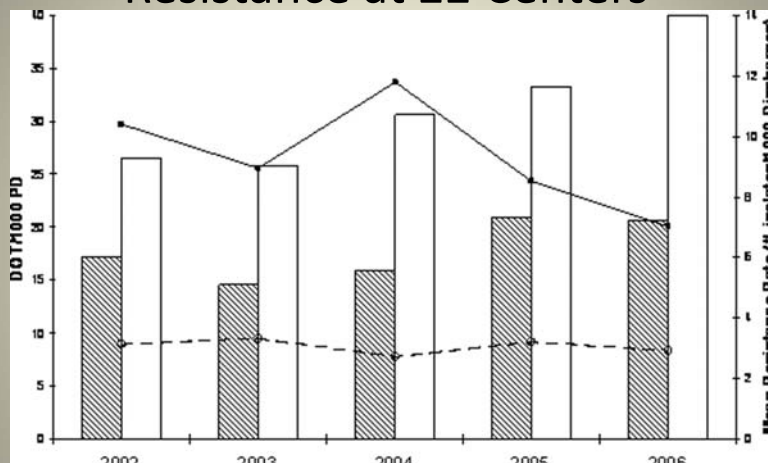
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## Restriction

- 88% of programs use restrictions in some form
- Advantages
  - Minimal personnel needed, will decrease use
- Disadvantages
  - Restrictive, “squeezing the balloon”
- Examples
  - Meropenem is only carbapenem available on formulary
  - Daptomycin is only able to be ordered by ID physicians
  - Vancomycin stopped after 72 hours unless culture positive for MRSA

Johannsson B, et al. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol.* 2011;32:367.

## Carbapenem Restriction and Resistance at 22 Centers



Mean carbapenem use (DOT/1,000 PD) was significantly lower in hospitals that restricted (shaded bars) versus did not restrict (open bars) carbapenems ( $P = 0.04$ )

Pakyz, et al. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother.* 2009;53:1983.

## UNMC Restriction

- Allow physicians at bedside to make initial treatment decisions
- Formulary restrictions
  - Ambisome
  - Cephalosporins
- Specific agent restrictions – need to know how to use
  - Fosfomycin
  - Colistin
  - Tigecycline
  - Daptomycin
  - Posaconazole
  - CMV IG

## Pre-Authorization



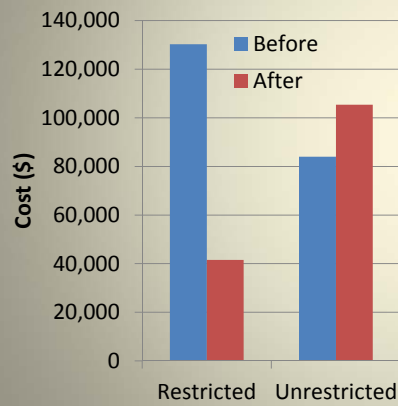
- Advantages
  - Targeted, effective, feedback to clinicians
- Disadvantages
  - Painful, time consuming, info reliability, circumventing

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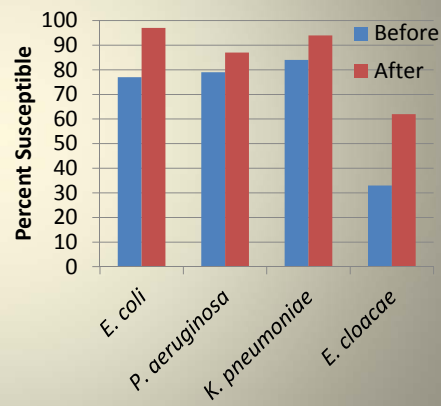
## Pre-authorization 24 hours a day by ID faculty:

Amikacin, Ceftazidime, Pip/tazo, Imipenem, Ofloxacin, Ciprofloxacin, Fluconazole, Aztreonam

**Average Monthly IV Antibiotic Expenditure Before and After Pre-authorization**



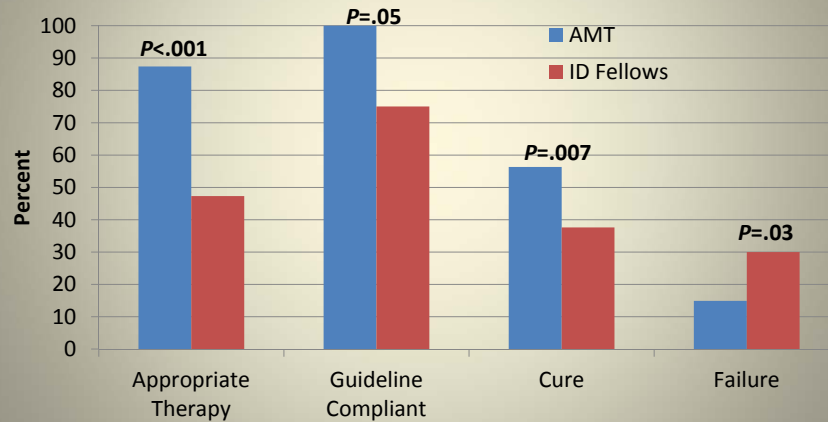
**Percent of Isolates Susceptible to Restricted Antibiotics Before and After Pre-authorization**



White AC, et al. *Clin Infect Dis.* 1997;25:230.

## Impact of a Hospital-Based Antimicrobial Management Program on Clinical and Economic Outcomes

Primary Intervention was Pre-approval



Gross R, et al. *Clin Infect Dis.* 2001;33:289.

## Prospective Audit with Intervention and Feedback

- Process of reviewing patients who are receiving antibiotics and giving “unsolicited” advice
- Requires process for identifying patients
  - Software, micro reports, problem areas or units
- Advantages
  - Customization
  - Educational
  - No delays in therapy
- Disadvantages
  - Optional
  - Time intensive
  - Requires broad-based knowledge depending on how applied

## Impact

- Single center ICU patients on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> day of broad-spectrum therapy audit/feedback from ID pharmacist
  - Monthly DOT/1000 PD decreased 644→503 ( $P=.0054$ )
  - No increase mortality
- Inpatients with suspected infection randomized to usual care vs. audit/feedback by ID MD and microbiologist
  - 89% acceptance rate
  - No difference in mortality

	Control (N=125)	Intervention (N=127)	P
LOS from randomization	9 days	5.7 days	<0.001
Antibiotic Costs (\$)	2683	2078	0.038
Lab and Radiology Costs (\$)	3293	2496	0.032

Elligsen M. *Infect Control Hosp Epi.* 2012;33:354-61.  
Gums JG. *Pharmacotherapy* 1999;19:1369-77.



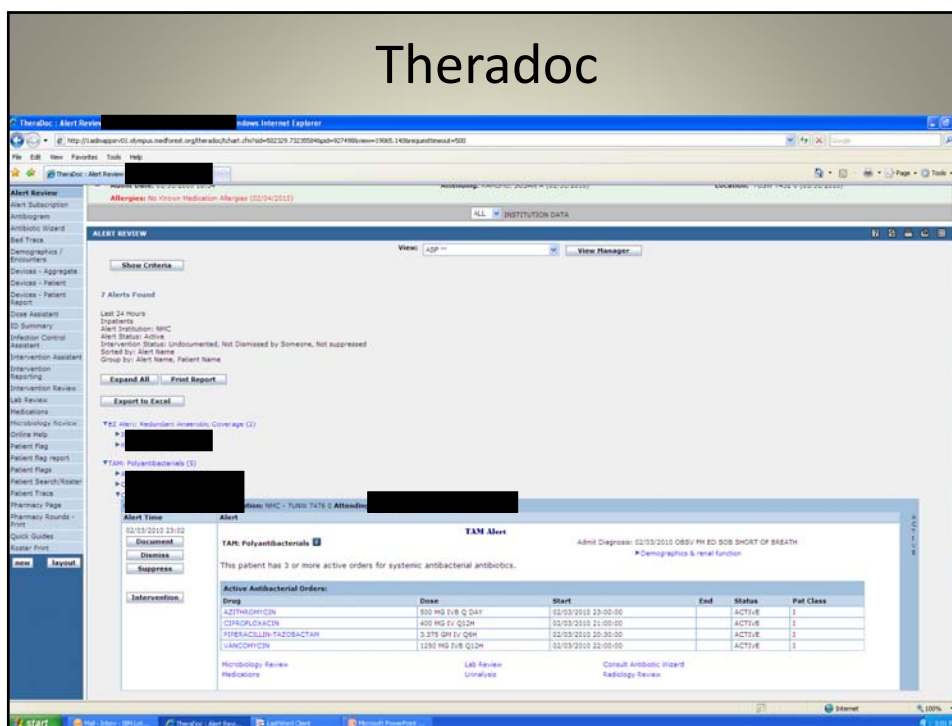
## How to Go About Auditing

- What process is used to identify patients?
- Increasing use of computerized physician order entry (CPOE) and electronic medical records
- Clinical decision support software (CDSS) such as Theradoc™ and MedMined™ incorporate microbiology, treatment, and patient-specific information to identify patients requiring intervention
  - Eliminates need for manual review of microbiology and drug reports
  - Can be used for tracking interventions and as a communication tool

## Clinical Decision Support Software (CDSS)

- For example, patients can be identified based on:
  - Susceptibility mismatches
    - No therapy
    - Inactive therapy
    - Vancomycin for MSSA
    - Micafungin for fluconazole-susceptible *Candida* spp.
  - Redundant therapy (e.g. double anaerobic coverage)
  - Patients on  $\geq 3$  anti-infectives
  - Vancomycin for CoNS
  - IV to PO
  - Custom alerts

# Theradoc



## CDSS in Action

- Real-time microbiology coupled with antibiotic decision support implemented in an ICU

Table 2 Unadjusted odds ratios (ORs) comparing the proportion of patients prescribed antibiotics in the pre-intervention and intervention groups

	Proportion of patients treated (%)			
	Pre-intervention	Intervention	OR (95% CI)	P-value
Third-generation cephalosporins	39.1	31.7	0.72 (0.56–0.93)	0.01
Carbapenems	13.4	10.3	0.74 (0.51–1.08)	0.12
Vancomycin	22.1	19.4	0.84 (0.63–1.13)	0.27
Metronidazole	23.3	21.2	0.86 (0.62–1.19)	0.37
First-generation cephalosporins	19.8	20.7	1.02 (0.88–1.18)	0.72
Penicillins <sup>1</sup>	16.2	15.3	0.93 (0.67–1.29)	0.68
Gentamicin	7.0	7.2	1.17 (0.70–1.96)	0.54
Extended spectrum penicillins <sup>2</sup>	3.4	5.0	1.49 (0.81–2.74)	0.20
Ciprofloxacin	4.2	6.0	1.45 (0.83–2.53)	0.19
Macrolides	10.4	17.9	1.83 (1.27–2.64)	0.001

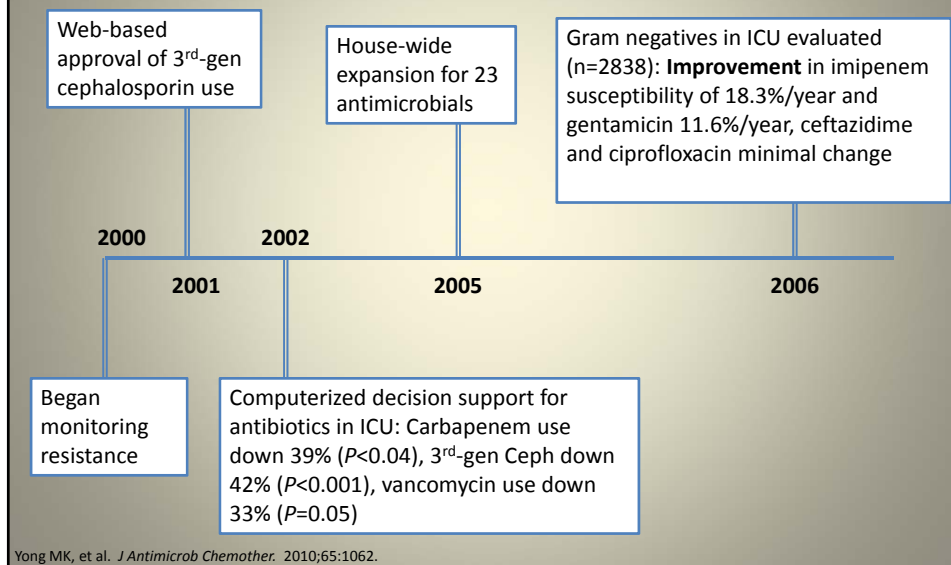
95% CI, 95% confidence interval.

<sup>1</sup>Includes benzylpenicillin, amoxicillin, and flucloxacillin.

<sup>2</sup>Includes ticarcillin/clavulanate and piperacillin/tazobactam.

Thursky KA. *Int J Qual Health Care*. 2006;18:224–31.

## CDS and Pre-authorization



## The Problem with CDSS

- Implementation of CDSS at TNMC

Alert	Actionable	Intervention	Intervention Accepted
Polyantibacterial	157/2888 (5%)	118/157 (75%)	102/118 (86%)
Redundant Anaerobic Coverage	68/758 (9%)	60/68 (88%)	50/60 (83%)
Drug-bug Mismatch	85/1688 (5%)	70/85 (82%)	66/70 (94%)
Vancomycin for CoNS	13/259 (5%)	12/13 (92%)	12/12 (100%)
Vancomycin for MSSA	10/139 (7%)	9/10 (90%)	8 /9 (89%)
Overall	333/5732 (6%)	269/333 (81%)	238/269 (88%)

- There is a lot of noise



Hermesen ED. Infect Control Hosp Epi. 2012;33:412-5.

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## IV-PO Switch

- Patients who meet certain criteria changed to oral form with enhanced bioavailability
- Agents
  - Fluoroquinolones
  - Linezolid
  - Metronidazole
  - Clindamycin
  - Trimethoprim-Sulfamethoxazole
  - Fluconazole
- Mechanisms – what is the process and who is in charge of it
  - Computer reminders
  - Automatic switches
    - Based on pre-determined criteria
  - Pharmacist review


## Major Opportunities Exist

- 128 VA medical centers 2006-2010
  - Assessed FQ use (>1.6 million FQ days therapy)
  - Considered IV avoidable if taking oral medication
  - 46.8% FQ days avoidable
  - 90.9% IV FQ days avoidable
  - Estimated cost savings \$4 million
- Single center pharmacist lead conversion of IV levofloxacin to oral
  - 37% vs. 92% conversion
  - IV duration 3.5 days shorter
  - LOS 3.5 days shorter

Jones M, et al. *Infect Control Hosp Epi.* 2012;33:362.

Kuti JL, et al. *Am J Health Sys Pharm.* 2002;59:2209.

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Office of Clinical Standards & Quality/Survey & Certification Group

**DATE:** October 14, 2011

**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey & Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** Survey & Certification Focus on Patient Safety and Quality - Draft Surveyor Worksheets

REF: S&C: 12-01-Hospital

No citation		
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1. C.2.d There is a mechanism in place to prompt clinicians to review antibiotic courses of therapy after 72 hours of treatment.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> N/A	<input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3 <input type="radio"/> 4 <input type="radio"/> 5
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## Potential Quality Measures

1. C.2.a Facility has a **multidisciplinary process** in place to **review antimicrobial utilization**, local susceptibility patterns, and antimicrobial agents in the formulary *and* there is evidence that the process is followed.
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1. C.2.c Antibiotic orders include an **indication for use**.
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## Proposed National Antimicrobial Stewardship Measure: Time Out

- All antimicrobial orders need:
  - Dose
  - Duration (stop date)
  - Indication
- Get cultures before starting
- Once the culture data comes back, take an antimicrobial time-out: Reassess therapy



<http://blogs.cdc.gov/safehealthcare/?p=1026>; accessed 3/2/11

## Indication (and Duration)

- Indication data use
  - Communication
  - Use patterns
    - Drug or indication
  - Stewardship analytic tool
  - Prompt therapeutic consideration
  - Regulatory??
- Duration
  - Pre-specified based on indication
  - Ordering physician specified
  - Indefinite

## Required Indication and Duration

**Test John H**  
CSN: 69886 C01, C01-0 MRN: 214587 Problem List: None Allergies: Not on File HT: None BSA: None Wt (kg): None CCl: None

**Place orders**  
Reports Interactions Settings Providers Order Set Link Order End Orders Sign & Hold Sign & Verify Sign Orders New i-Vent

New order: [Search] [Next]

Order mode: Standard New order defaults: Not using defaults

**ceftriaXone (ROCEPHIN) 1,000 mg in sterile water IV syringe** [Accept] [Cancel] [Link Order]

Order Inst: 1,000 mg, intravenous, for 30 Minutes, Every 24 hours, First Dose Today at 0930, For 5 doses

Reference: Use 2 gram dose if patient greater than 80 kg

Links: 1. ceftriaXone IV Card

Dose: 1,000 mg [1,000 mg] [2,000 mg]

Administer Dose: 1,000 mg

Administer Amount: 10 mL

Route: Intravenous [Verify]

Frequency: Every 24 hours [Q12H] [Q24H]

For: 5 [Doses] [Hours] [Days]

Starting: 6/18/2012 [Today] [Tomorrow] At: 0930

First Dose: Today 0930 Last Dose: Fri 6/22 0930 Number of doses: 5

Scheduled Times: Hide Schedule

6/18/12 0930  
6/19/12 0930  
6/20/12 0930

Based on system settings, only 3 days of scheduled times are shown.

**Indications:**

<input type="checkbox"/> BACTEREMIA/FUNGEMIA	<input type="checkbox"/> BONE/JOINT INFECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE
<input type="checkbox"/> CNS INFECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> FEBRILE NEUTROPENIA	<input type="checkbox"/> GENITAL TRACT INFECTION
<input type="checkbox"/> IMMUNOCOMPROMISED HOST PROPH...	<input type="checkbox"/> INTRA-ABDOMINAL INFECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> LOWER RESPIRATORY TRACT INFE...
<input type="checkbox"/> PEDIATRIC FEVER, NO SOURCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PNEUMONIA, COMMUNITY-ACQUIRED	<input type="checkbox"/> PNEUMONIA, HCAP/HAP/VAP
<input type="checkbox"/> SKIN SOFT TISSUE INFECTION	<input type="checkbox"/> SURGICAL PROPHYLAXIS	<input type="checkbox"/> URINARY TRACT INFECTION

Additional clinical indications

**Questions:**

Prompt	Answer	Comments
1. Suspected Pathogen:		



## Pathogen Specific Information

new order defaults. Not using defaults

Weight Type: **Actual** | Ideal | Adjusted | Dosing

Weight: 83.2 kg | 52.4 kg | 64.7 kg

Actual weight: 83.2 kg (recorded 6 days 3 hours ago)

Administer Dose: **500 mg** 6 mg/kg × 83.2 kg (Net)  
= 499.2 mg × 10 mL/500  
= 10 mL × 500 mg/10 mL  
= 500 mg

Administer Amount: **500 mg**

Route: **Intravenous** | Intramuscular

Frequency: **Every 24 hours** | Q12H

For: **1** Doses | Hours | Days

Starting: 10/24/2012 | Today | Tomorrow | At: 11

First Dose: **Today 1130** | **11:00 Discontinued**

Scheduled Times: Hide Schedule  
10/24/12 11:00

Order has no end date (or number of doses, so more in)

Duration: **30** Minutes

Admin. Inst.: [Click to add test](#)  
Comments (F1): [Click to add test](#)  
Priority: **1**

Indications: ☐ BACTEREMIA/SEPTICEMIA  
☐ CNS INFECTION  
☐ IMMUNOCOMPROMISED HOST PROPH.  
☐ PEDIATRIC FEVER, NO SOURCE  
☐ SKIN SOFT TISSUE INFECTION  
☐ Additional clinical indications

Questions: **1** Suspected Pathogen.  
Multiple response

Additional Order Details

**Item Select**

Search:

Title
Acinetobacter baumannii
Bacteroides fragilis
Candida albicans
Candida spp (other than albicans)
Citrobacter freundii
Cytomegalovirus
Enterobacter aerogenes
Enterobacter cloacae
Enterococcus (Vancomycin Resistant)
Enterococcus (Vancomycin susceptible)
Escherichia coli
Group A Streptococcus
Group B Streptococcus
Herpes Simplex
Klebsiella oxytoca
Klebsiella pneumoniae
Other (See Comments)
Proteus mirabilis
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
Serratia marcescens
Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)
Staphylococcus aureus (MSSA)
Staphylococcus epidermidis
Stenotrophomonas maltophilia
Streptococcus pneumoniae
Streptococcus viridans
Varicella Zoster Virus
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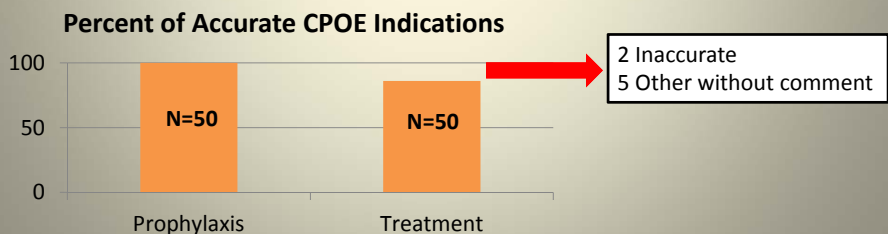
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## Is the Data Accurate?

- How is data entered
  - Computerized
  - Form
  - Level of Detail
  - Use of Other/fever/sepsis

### Use of CPOE Indications at US Medical Center

- Clinical Review Accuracy of Prophylaxis and Treatment Indications



Patel JA, et al. *Infect Control Hosp Epi.* 2012;33:1066.

## Use of CPOE to Improve Antimicrobial Selection

- Information can be integrated at the point of prescribing
  - Links to institutional/national guidelines
  - Indication/duration prompts consideration of reason and needed duration of antimicrobials
  - Integration of institutional guidelines
    - E.g. order sets for pneumonia, sepsis

## Institutional sepsis order set, CPOE integration

**Empiric Antibiotic Selection Pathway**

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Sepsis Clinical Pathways

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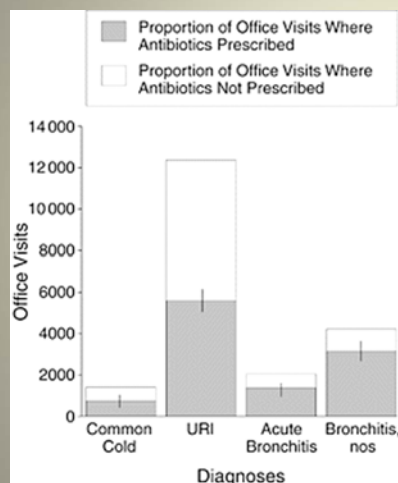
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Route of administration: Intravenous

☐ Vancomycin IV, Cefepime IV +/- Tobramycin IV

☐ Severe Beta-Lactam Allergy (anaphylaxis, hives) - Vancomycin IV, Aztreonam IV +/- Tobramycin IV

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## Antibiotic Prescriptions for Children with Colds, URI, and Bronchitis

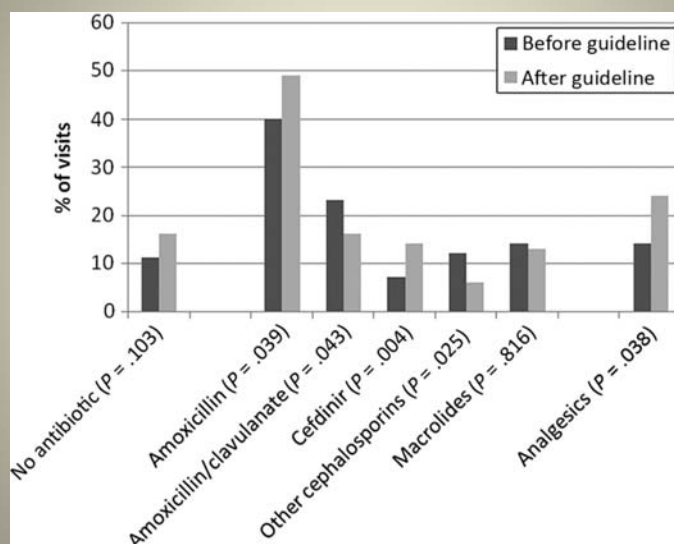


Rate of Antibiotic Prescriptions in Children and Adolescents

- Pediatric office visits for colds, URIs, and bronchitis
  - Antibiotics given in
    - 44% colds
    - 46% URI
    - 75% bronchitis
- Extrapolated to US
  - 6.5 million antibiotic prescriptions for colds and URIs
  - 4.7 million antibiotic prescriptions for bronchitis

Nyquist AC, et al. *JAMA* 1998;279:875-877.

## Comparison of prescribing for AOM before and after publication of the AAP/AAFP 2004 clinical practice guideline (N = 1114)



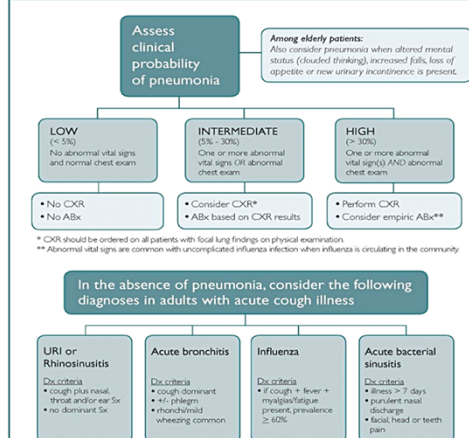
Coco A, et al. *Pediatrics* 2010;125:214-220

## Clinic Guidelines/Education/CDS for Treatment of Bronchitis

- Primary care practices (N=33) randomized to usual care, printed CDS and electronic CDS
  - Intervention groups had education, performance feedback, clinic champion
  - Electronic CDS had specific template, order set to improve history elicitation, documentation and testing
- Adults with bronchitis during Oct-Mar for 3 years (N=9808 visits) before intervention compared to post-intervention period (N=6242 visits)

Gonzales R. JAMA Intern Med. 2013;173:267-73.

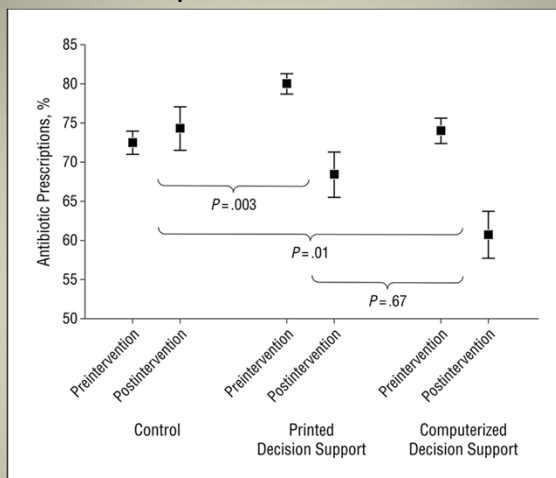
### EVIDENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE RESPIRATORY TRACT INFECTIONS



The above algorithm is derived from clinical practice guidelines endorsed by the AAFP/ACP/ASIM, CDC and IDSA.

This algorithm is designed to assist the clinician in the management of acute cough illness. The recommendations herein are not intended to replace a clinician's judgement or to establish a protocol for all patients with a particular condition.

## Antibiotic Prescription Rates for Acute Bronchitis



- Odds of antibiotic prescription decreased 36-43%
- Order set used in 20.5% encounters in CDS group
- Rates of pneumonia were low (~1%) as were ED visits and return visits within 30 days and were not different between groups

## What's the Problem?

### Acute Cough Illness (Acute Bronchitis)

Acute bronchitis is an acute respiratory infection with a normal chest radiograph that is manifested by cough with or without phlegm production that lasts for up to 3 weeks (*Chest* 2006;129:95S-103S).

#### Treatment

- Empiric antibiotic treatment is **not** indicated for acute bronchitis.
- Meta-analyses of randomized, controlled trials all concluded that routine antibiotic treatment is not justified (*BMJ* 1998;316:906; *Chest* 2006;129:95S-103S).



<http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/campaign-materials/info-sheets/adult-acute-cough-illness.pdf>

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#### CLINICAL PRACTICE

2006;355:2125-30.  
Acute Bronchitis

Richard P. Wenzel, M.D., and Alpha A. Fowler III, M.D.

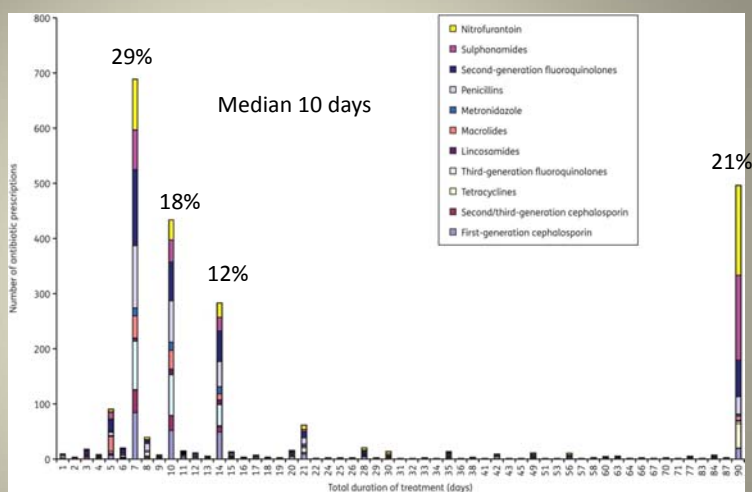
#### TREATMENT

##### Antimicrobial Therapy

Antimicrobial agents are not recommended in most cases of acute bronchitis. Systematic analyses of

## Antibiotic Use in LTCF

- 5-fold difference in prescribing across facilities
- Longer course more common in high prescribing facilities



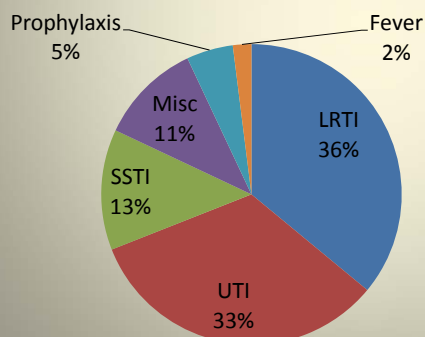
- Review of 100 antimicrobial regimens VA LTCF (1351 DOT)
  - 42 regimens considered completely unnecessary
  - 43% of DOT unnecessary

Daneman N. *J Antimicrob Chemother.* 2011;66:2856-63.  
 Peron EP. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 2013;61:289-90.

## Appropriateness of Antibiotics

- 22 LTCF over 1 year
  - 9373 antibiotic course in 2408 patients

### Antibiotic Indications



### Most Used Agents

#### LRTI:

Ciprofloxacin  
 Amoxicillin  
 Cefuroxime

#### UTI:

TMP/SMX  
 Nor/ciprofloxacin  
 Amoxicillin

#### SSTI:

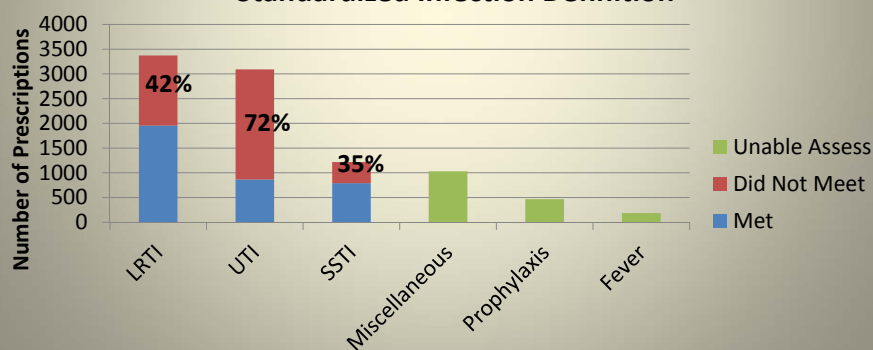
Cloxacillin  
 Cephalexin  
 Ciprofloxacin

Loeb M. *J Gen Intern Med.* 2001;16:376-83.

## Were Those Antibiotic Appropriate?

- 22 LTCF over 1 year
  - 9373 antibiotic courses in 2408 patients
  - 49% met surveillance definitions of infection

**Indications for Antibiotic Prescriptions and If Met Standardized Infection Definition**



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## Education

- Education is key component
- Who to educate
  - Prescribers
  - Nurses (especially in LTCF)
  - Patients??
- What method to use
  - Seminars, lectures, information sheets, guidebooks
  - Academic detailing/social marketing
  - Case-based
  - Clinical pathways



## Educational Intervention at a Single LTCF

- Developed and published guidelines for asymptomatic bacteriuria
- Educated
  - Nurses regarding criteria for urine culture
  - MD's regarding appropriate situations for empiric therapy and diagnosis of symptomatic UTI

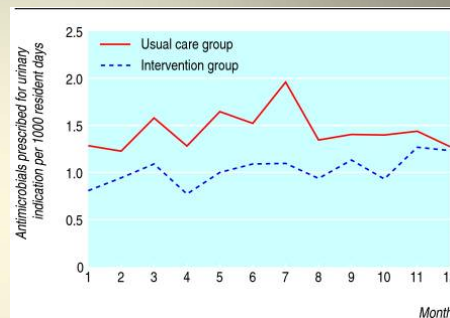
	3-Month Pre-intervention	Initial 6 months post-intervention	7-30 months post-intervention
IC %	69.4%	60.5%	45.7%
IC/1000 pt-days	2.6	0.9	0.6
ASB treated (%)	67.9%	69.2%	44.0%
ASB treated/1000 pt-days	1.7	0.6	0.3

IC=inappropriate culture, ASB=asymptomatic bacteriuria

Zabarsky. *Am J Infect Control*. 2008;36:476-80.

## Randomized Trial of Education

- 24 LTCF in US, Canada
  - Randomized usual care vs. intervention
  - Targeted UTI
    - Implementation of UTI diagnostic algorithm
    - Small group training nurses
    - Written material
    - Outreach visits
    - One-on-one MD visits



- 28% reduction abx use and number of antibiotic courses

Loeb. *BMJ*. 2005;331:669-73.

## Education + Prospective Review

- Single-center patients with CAP
  - Goal improve choice and duration therapy
- Survey followed by education
  - Local performance data and evidence supporting shorter duration therapy
  - Prospective review CAP with oral feedback

	Preintervention (N=56)	Intervention (N=63)	P
Length of Stay, median, days	4	5	
Duration of Therapy, days	10	7	<.001
Excess Antibiotic Days	241	93	<.001
30-day Readmissions (%)	9 (14.5)	5 (7.7)	.22
<i>C. difficile</i> infection	3 (4.8)	1 (1.5)	.28

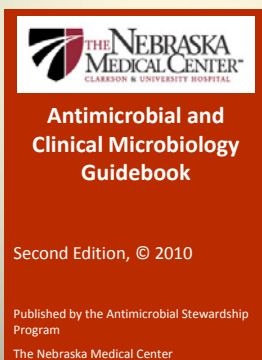
Avdic E, et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2012;54:1571.

## Web-based

The screenshot displays the ASP News website interface. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Find a Physician', 'One Chart Patient', 'Contact Us', '800.922.0000', and 'For Providers'. The main header features the Nebraska Medical Center logo and a 'Did You Know...?' banner. The left sidebar lists various services and programs. The central content area provides updates on ASP News, including new antibiotic guidelines and dosing protocols. The right sidebar contains links for making appointments and paying bills online.

## Antimicrobial Guidebook

- Joint venture with microbiology
- Now web-based
  - [www.nebraskamed.com/asp](http://www.nebraskamed.com/asp)

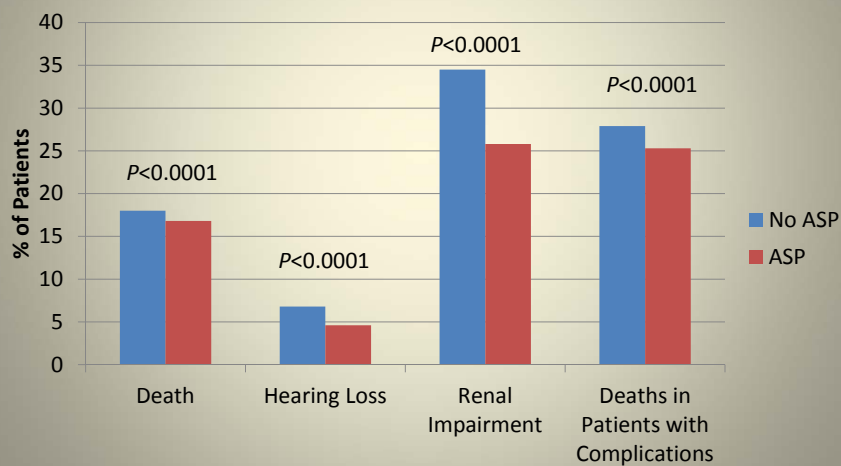


## Dosing protocols

- Dose Adjustment Protocols
  - Pharmacy PK consult
  - Once-daily aminoglycoside dosing
  - Anti-infective renal dose adjustment
    - Pharmacist lead
  - Dose substitution
    - Alternate dose of cefepime, meropenem
  - Prolonged infusion
    - Piperacillin/tazobactam

## Decreased Toxicity and Improve Clinical Outcomes

Clinical Outcomes for Patients Treated with Aminoglycoside or Vancomycin with and without a Pharmacist-led Antimicrobial Stewardship Program



Bond CA, Raehl CL. *Am J Health-Sys Pharm.* 2005;62:1596-1605.

## Local clinical guideline development

- Multidisciplinary
- Evidence-based and integrating local microbiology
- Numerous clinical guidelines
  - Pneumonia, *C. difficile*, sepsis, skin and soft tissue infection, candidemia, surgical prophylaxis, procalcitonin guidance
  - Guidelines can address local prescribing problems

## Decreased Antibiotic Utilization After Implementation of a Guideline for Inpatient Cellulitis and Cutaneous Abscess

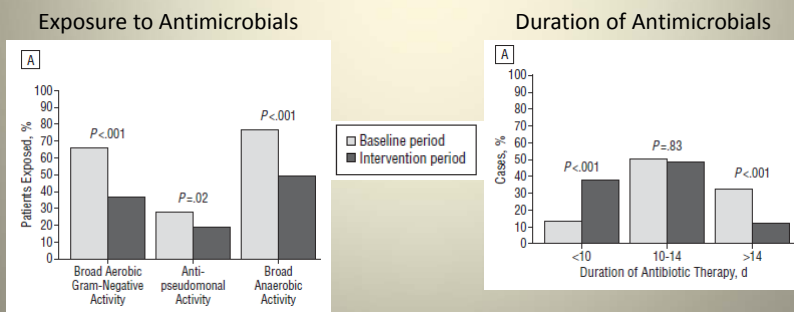
*Arch Int Med.* 2011;171:1072-9.

Timothy C. Jenkins, MD; Bryan C. Knepper, MPH, MSc; Allison L. Sabel, MD, PhD, MPH; Ellen E. Sarcone, MD; Jeremy A. Long, MD, MPH; Jason S. Haukoos, MD, MSc; Steven J. Morgan, MD; Walter L. Biffl, MD; Andrew W. Steele, MD, MPH, MSc; Connie S. Price, MD; Philip S. Mehler, MD; William J. Burman, MD

- Streptococci and *Staphylococcus aureus* major pathogens
  - Gram-negative, anaerobic, anti-Pseudomonal antibiotics overuse
  - Duration >14 days unnecessary
- Developed treatment guideline
  - Disseminated and educated major users
  - Created CPOE order set
  - 12 months of audit and feedback
- Pre-implementation compared to post
  - Cellulitis and skin abscesses

## The Impact

- Staphylococci and Streptococci >95% cultures
- Imaging of cellulitis 94% → 80% ( $P=.03$ )
- Median duration therapy 13 → 10 days ( $P<.001$ )
- Clinical failure no different 7.7% vs. 7.4% ( $P=.93$ )



Jenkins TC. *Arch Int Med.* 2011;171:1072-9.

## Get local data!

Other studies suggest FQ do not contribute meaningfully to the spectrum of antipseudomonal beta-lactams...

...What about at TNMC?

Pogue JM, et al. *Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol* 2011;32(3):289-292

### Combination Antibigram

- All ICU's
- 7/08 to 7/11
- Pathogens resistant
  - Piperacillin/tazobactam
  - Cefepime
  - Meropenem
  - Aztreonam

Percentage Susceptible to ciprofloxacin or aminoglycosides if resistant to one of the following beta-lactams			
	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>
<b>If resistant to piperacillin/tazobactam</b>	<b>(n=25)</b>	<b>(n=24)</b>	<b>(n=23)</b>
Ciprofloxacin	28%	17%	35%
Gentamicin	52%	71%	100%
Amikacin	76%	92%	100%
Tobramycin	88%	63%	96%
<b>If resistant to cefepime</b>	<b>(n=52)</b>	<b>(n=11)</b>	<b>(n=6)</b>
Ciprofloxacin	39%	0%	17%
Gentamicin	42%	82%	100%
Amikacin	77%	91%	100%
Tobramycin	89%	70%	100%
<b>If resistant to meropenem</b>	<b>(n=37)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Ciprofloxacin	22%	-	-
Gentamicin	30%	-	-
Amikacin	81%	-	-
Tobramycin	89%	-	-
<b>If resistant to aztreonam</b>	<b>(n=148)</b>	<b>(n=22)</b>	<b>(n=35)</b>
Ciprofloxacin	43%	5%	37%
Gentamicin	49%	86%	100%
Amikacin	73%	-	100%
Tobramycin	86%	76%	100%

## *E. coli* Susceptibility 2011

Organism	Drug	Inpatient % Susceptible	Outpatient % Susceptible
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Amikacin	99.50%	99.70%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Ampicillin/sulbactam	50%	60.10%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Aztreonam	93.20%	96.80%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Cefepime	95%	98%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Ceftriaxone	92.40%	96.70%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Cephalothin	32.20%	44.30%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Ciprofloxacin	68%	82.30%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Ertapenem	100.00%	99.90%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Gentamicin	90%	91.80%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Piperacillin/tazobactam	89.70%	95.60%
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	Trimeth/sulfa	77.70%	92.20%

## Conclusions

- Addition of FQ does not add much coverage (0-43%)
- Tobramycin is the most active agent against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (86-89%)
- With *E. coli* (and other *Enterobacteriaceae*) gentamicin and amikacin are more active
  - Amikacin is on shortage and thus gentamicin is recommended



## Conclusions

- Most patients do not require empiric combination Gram-negative therapy
  - Decision to use should be based on severity of illness, the likelihood of resistance, and potential for drug toxicity
    - Appropriate in severe illness (septic shock), history or resistance
  - Aminoglycoside nephrotoxicity reversible and infrequent with short courses (<5 days)
    - Extended-interval dosing reduces toxicity and maximizes efficacy
  - Fluoroquinolones, while less toxic are less active and associated with *C. difficile* colitis
- Combination therapy should be routinely deescalated to a single agent once susceptibility results are known

## Conclusions

- From our local combination and single drug antibiograms, ciprofloxacin should never be used empirically!!!
- Local data is very compelling to prescribers!
- Guideline development and education of key groups

## Sepsis Treatment Guidelines

Suspected Source of Infection	Suggested Antibiotics
<b>Unknown (includes catheter related blood stream infection) ‡</b>  ‡Consider Micafungin 100mg IV qday in patients at high risk for invasive candidiasis. Major risk factors predicting candidemia at TNMC include: 1) Broad-spectrum antibiotics, 2) Central venous catheter, 3) Receipt of TPN, 4) Abdominal surgery, and 5) Steroid use. Presence of 2 or fewer of the risk factors suggests a 99.4% chance of not developing candidemia, while patients with >2 risk factors have a 4.7% risk of developing candidemia. See Institutional Guidelines for the Treatment of Invasive Candidiasis for further information	Vancomycin IV per pharmacy consult (initial 25mg/kg loading dose) <b>PLUS EITHER</b> Piperacillin/tazobactam 4.5g IV q8h, infused over 4 hours <b>OR</b> Cefepime 1 gm IV q6hr <b>+/-</b> Tobramycin 7 mg/kg IV EIAD  <u>Severe beta-lactam allergy (anaphylaxis, hives):</u> Vancomycin IV per pharmacy consult (initial 25mg/kg loading dose) <b>PLUS</b> Aztreonam 2 gm IV q8h <b>+/-</b> Tobramycin 7 mg/kg IV EIAD
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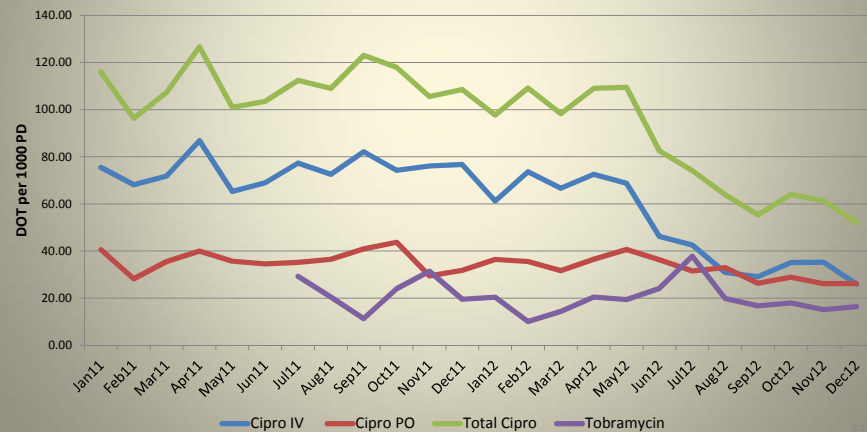
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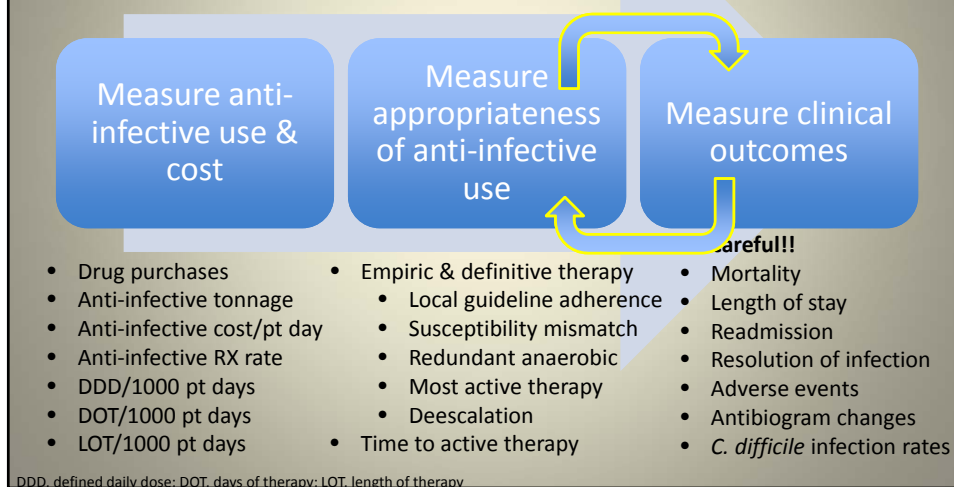
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## Effect of combination antibiogram, education & new guideline implementation

### Antimicrobial DOT per 1000 Patient Days

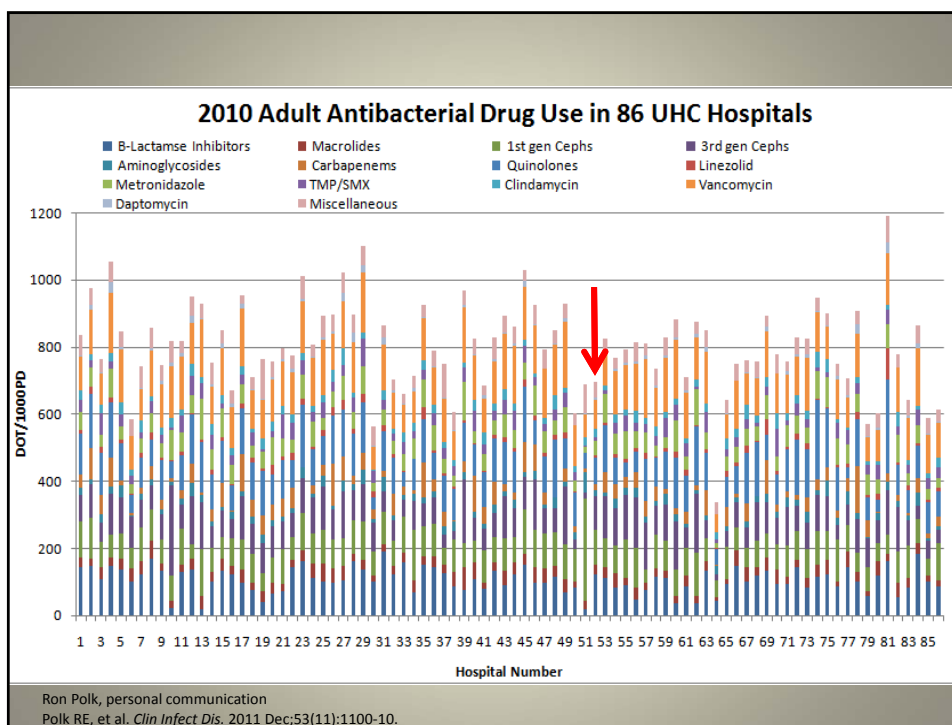


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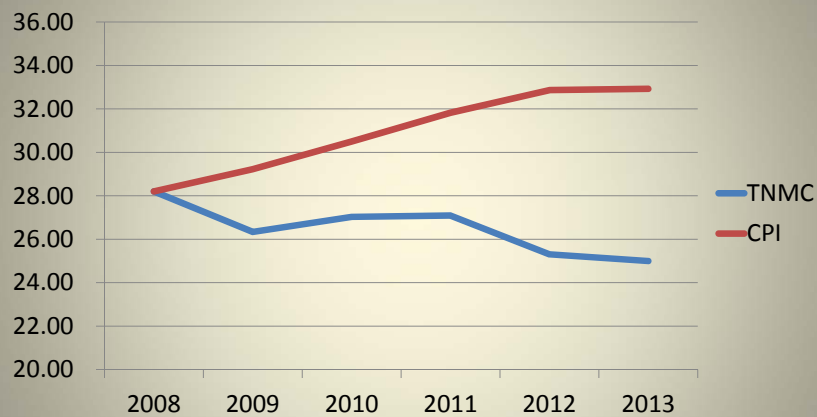


## Benchmarking

- Tracking local antimicrobial usage and comparing to hospitals with similar patient populations
  - Ideally incorporates risk adjustment
    - Bed size, case mix, patient populations
- DDD/1000 patient days or DOT/1000 patient days
- CDC/NHSN AUR module
  - Goal to provide risk-adjusted intra- and inter-hospital antimicrobial usage benchmarking in DOT/1000 pt days
  - Administered level data
  - No manual data entry



## Antimicrobial cost per patient day



- FY 2012 roughly \$3,700,000 spent on antimicrobials
- Estimated \$1,080,000 in antimicrobial costs compared to CPI (~\$8 per PD)

## Conclusions

- Antimicrobials use drives resistance and antimicrobial stewardship is essential to maintaining their activity
- Numerous opportunities exist to improve antimicrobial use across the spectrum of care
- Implementation of antimicrobial stewardship practices can improve use

