



All Aboard the (Steward)Ship!

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Let's get to know one another!

- In which setting do you work?
 - A. Inpatient Acute Care Hospital
 - B. Inpatient Critical Access Hospital
 - C. Long-Term Acute Care Hospital
 - D. Skilled Nursing Facility
 - E. Other

I am a...

- A. Nurse
- B. Advanced Practice Provider
- C. Physician
- D. Pharmacist
- E. Other

How much of your time is dedicated to direct antimicrobial stewardship activities?

- A. 100% - I lead AMS efforts at my practice sites
- B. 75%
- C. 50%
- D. 25%
- E. I do not practice in AMS efforts

What do you hope to learn today?

- A. The fundamentals of antimicrobial stewardship
- B. How to start an antimicrobial stewardship program
- C. How to maintain & improve existing antimicrobial strategies
- D. How to collaborate with existing antimicrobial stewardship programs
- E. Everything!

Objectives

- Define antimicrobial stewardship
- Review the importance and role of antimicrobial stewardship in various healthcare settings
- Describe effective strategies for implementing and maintaining antimicrobial stewardship programs
- Discuss collaboration efforts of antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention programs

The 5W1H of the Stewardship

Who

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What is Antimicrobial Stewardship?

Stewardship:

the job of supervising or taking care of something

Antimicrobial Stewardship:

Consensus definition (IDSA, SHEA, PIDS):

“Coordinated interventions designed to improve and measure the appropriate use of [antibiotic] agents by promoting the selection of the optimal [antibiotic] drug regimen including dosing, duration of therapy, and route of administration.”

What is Antimicrobial Stewardship?

Right antimicrobial for the right pathogen, at the right dose & route, for the right duration

Promoting appropriate use of antimicrobials

Benefits of antimicrobial stewardship

Reduces:

- Development of multi-drug resistant organisms
- Adverse drug events
- Hospital length of stay
- Collateral damage (including *Clostridioides difficile* infections)
- Healthcare costs

What's the problem?



Lackluster antimicrobial prescribing

- ~**30%** of antibiotics prescribed in U.S hospitals are unnecessary or suboptimal



Increasing antimicrobial resistance

- Antimicrobial resistance is a **global** threat
 - > 2.8 million AR infections/year
- In 2019, U.S observed decrease in AR deaths by 18% overall and 30% in hospitals
- Lost progress due to COVID-19, but rebounding

What's the problem?



Adverse drug events

Estimating Daily Antibiotic Harms

Umbrella Review and Meta-Analysis

Public
Health
Ontario

Santé
publique
Ontario

 **35** Systematic Reviews



92% studies evaluated respiratory tract and urinary tract infections



71 Short vs. Long Antibiotic Duration Trials



23,174 patients evaluated



Adverse Events

N=20,345

4%↑

odds ratio/day



Antibiotic Resistance

N=2,330

3%↑*

odds ratio/day



Super-infections

N=5,776

2%↓*

odds ratio/day

* Non-statistically significant difference

Each Additional Day Can Cause Harm

5 vs 3
Days



9%↑ odds ratio
Of adverse events

7 vs 3
Days

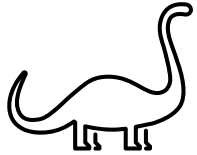


19%↑ odds ratio
Of adverse events

Source: Curran J et al. Estimating daily antibiotic harms: An Umbrella Review with Individual Study Meta-analysis Clin Micro Infect. 2021



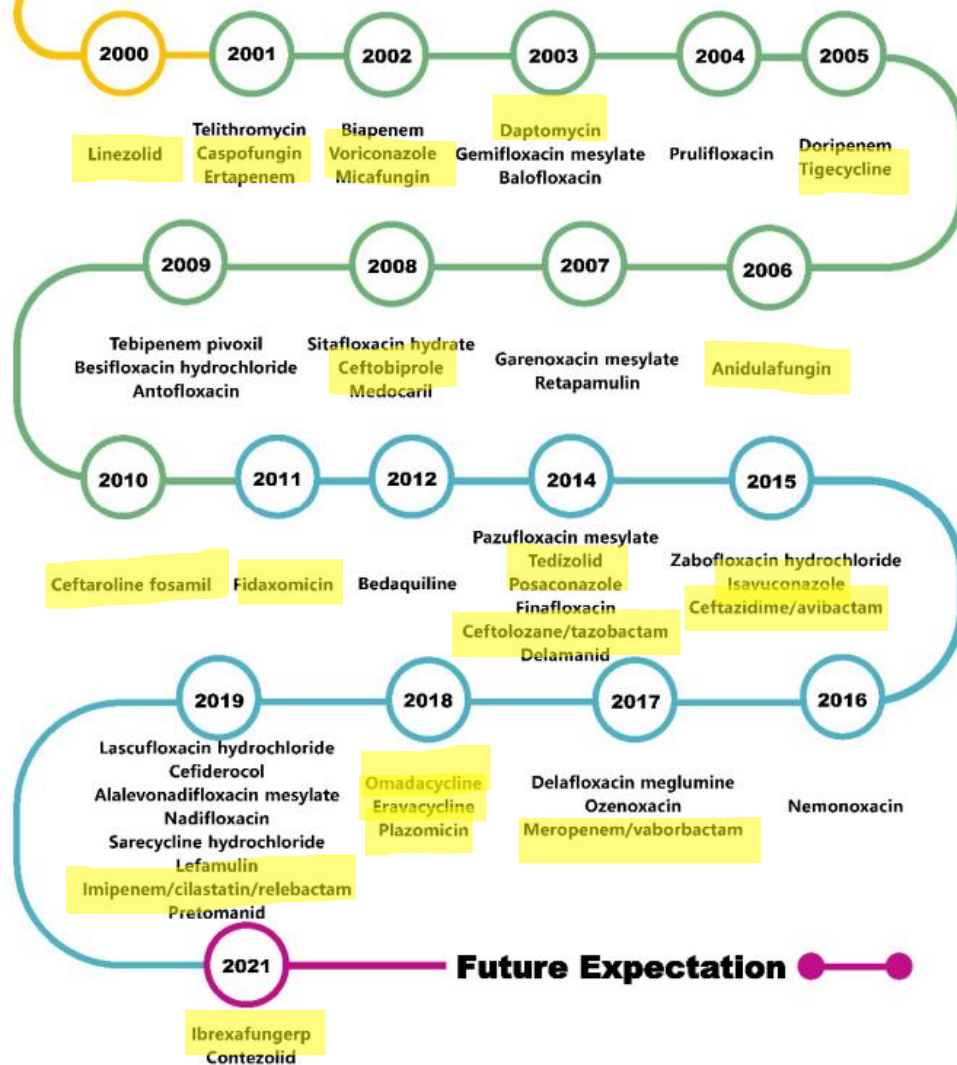
What's the problem?



Decreased resources for the future

“We must perceive antimicrobials as they are: a non-renewable and endangered resource”

Launched Antibiotics



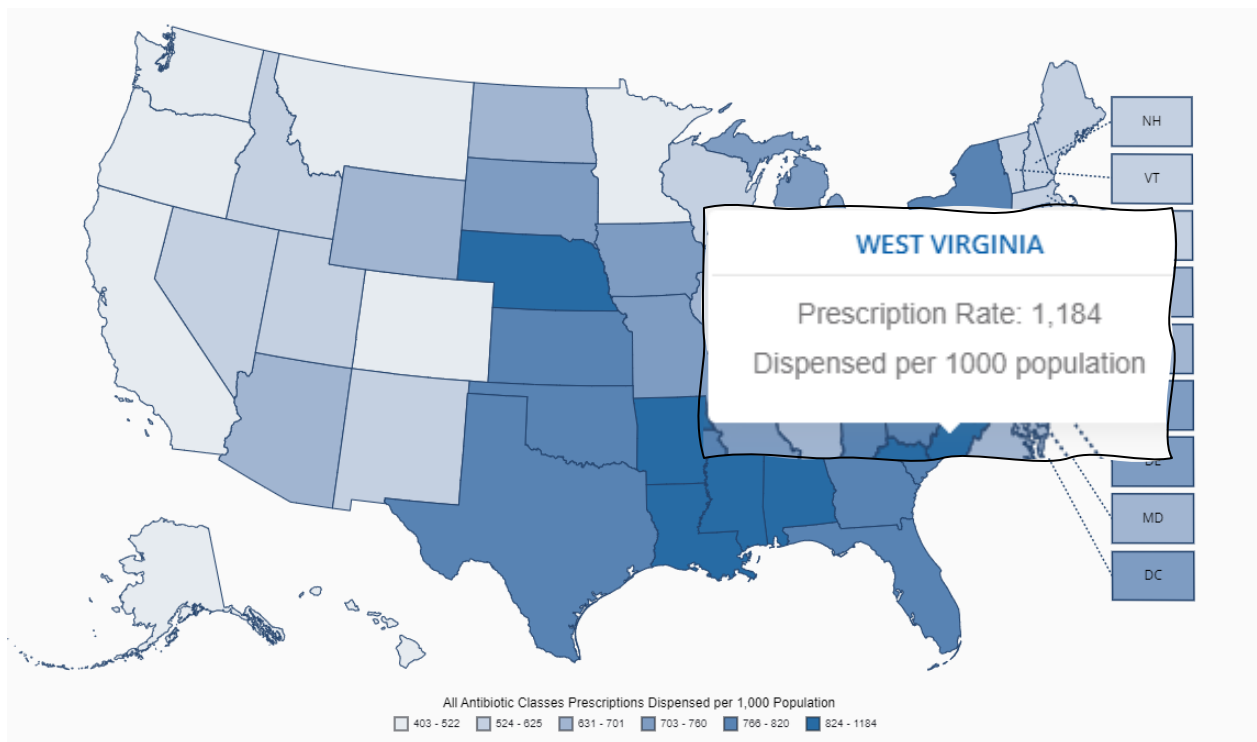
2022 – 2024:

- Ceftobiprole (U.S.)
- Pevmecillinam (U.S.)
- Sulbactam-durlobactam
- Cefepime-enmetazobactam

What about our state of West Virginia?



Outpatient antibiotic prescription rates: 2022



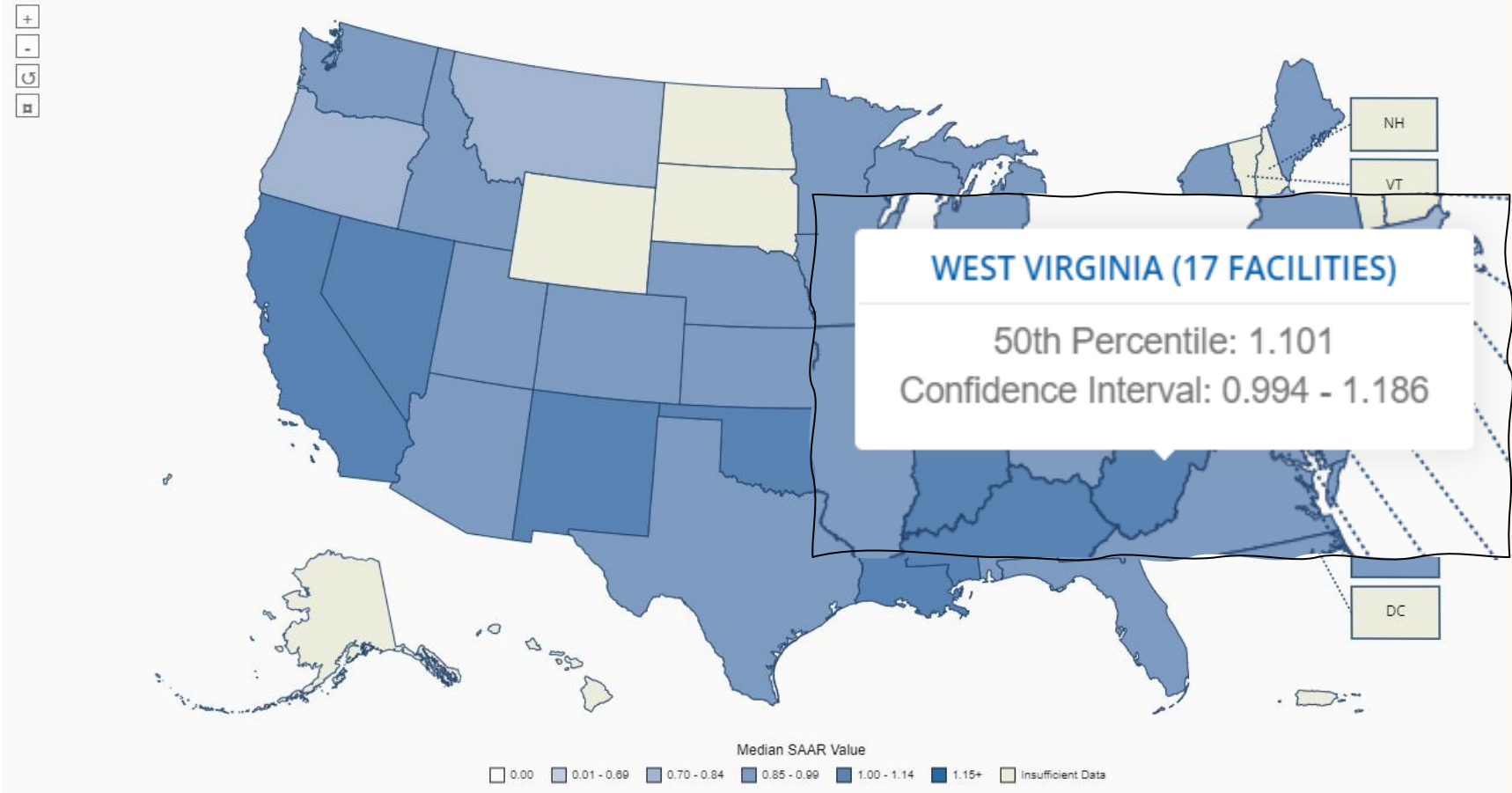
National average:
709/1000

- 1 – WV 1,184/1,000 population**
- 2 – MS 1,149/1,000 population**
- 3 – LA 1,066/1,000 populations**

Inpatient antimicrobial use: 2022

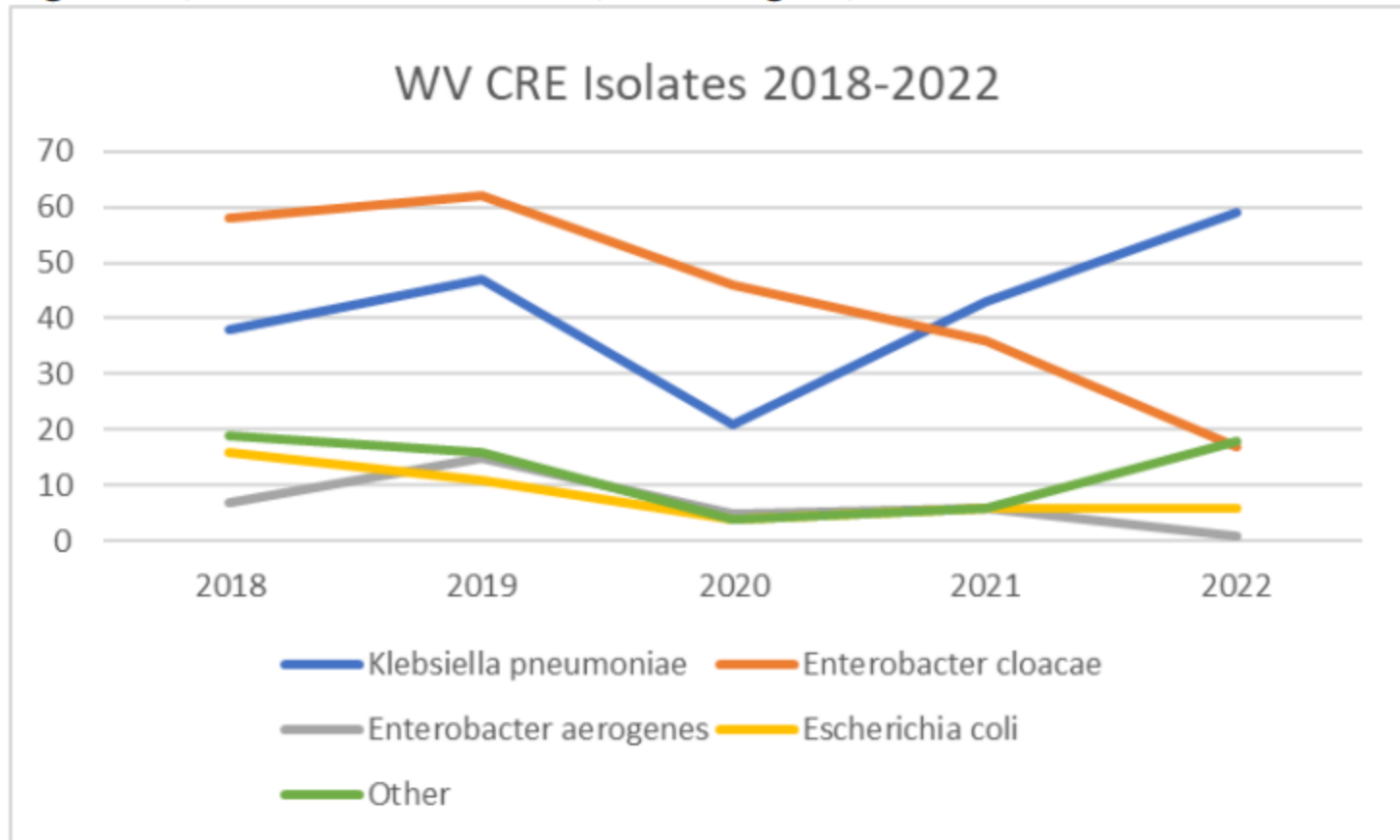
SAAR DATA BY STATE REPORTING ALL FOR ADULTS IN 2022

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Carbapenem Resistant Organisms in West Virginia

Figure 2.1, CRE Isolates Statewide, West Virginia, 2018-2022

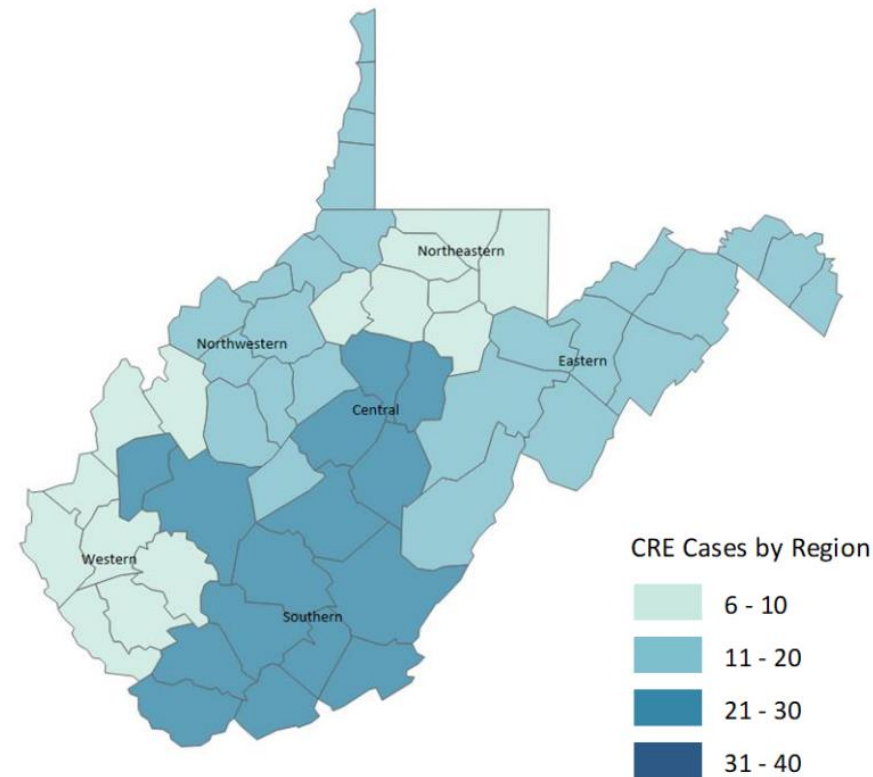


Carbapenem Resistant Organisms in West Virginia

Figure 3.5, CRE Incidence by Surveillance Region, 2022 (N=101)

Table 2.1, CRE Incidence Statewide, West Virginia, 2018-2022

	Total Cases	Population in 2020	Incidence Rates (Per 100,000)
2018	N = 133	1,793,716	0.74
2019	N = 150	1,793,716	0.84
2020	N = 80	1,793,716	0.45
2021	N = 97	1,793,716	0.54
2022	N = 101	1,793,716	0.56



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Who is responsible for antimicrobial stewardship?

Everyone is an antimicrobial steward!

Interdisciplinary team



Interdisciplinary team



- Team depending on practice site.
- May include:
 - Infectious diseases physician
 - Clinical pharmacist with infectious diseases training
 - Infection preventionist
 - Clinical microbiologist
 - Information system specialist
 - Epidemiologist
 - Collaboration with administration, medical staff leadership, and local providers

Intersection of AMS and IP

Antimicrobial Stewardship:

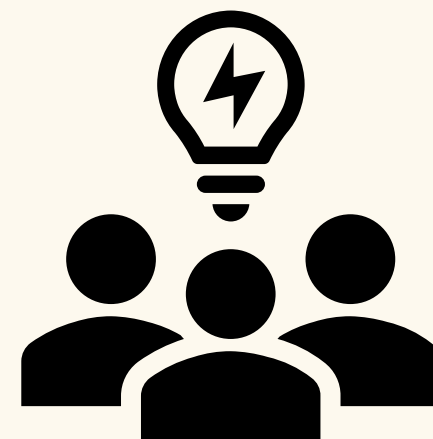
- Antimicrobial dose optimization
- Antimicrobial formulary
- Daily activities such as prospective audit and feedback

Infection Prevention:

- Surveillance and data tracking
- Education
- Committee work
- Diagnostic stewardship
- Outbreak management
- Quality improvement
- HAI process measures
- HAIR outcome reporting and feedback
- Emergency management planning
- Construction safety

Synergist work results

- Preventing MDROs
- Preventing surgical site infections
- Reducing *Clostridioides difficile* infections
- Reducing suboptimal testing and treatment of asymptomatic bacteriuria



Collaboration Results

American Journal of Infection Control 44 (2016) 352–4



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Brief report

Multidisciplinary performance improvement team for reducing health care–associated *Clostridium difficile* infection



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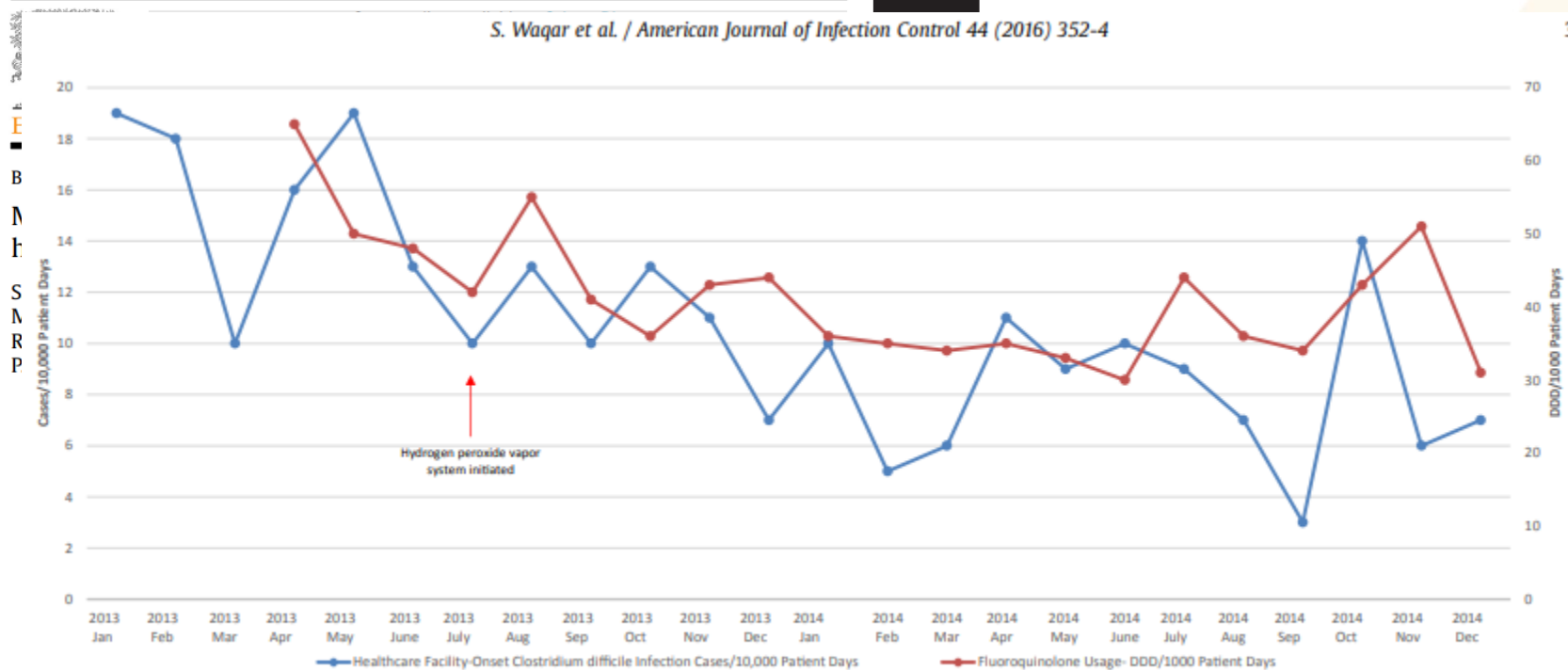


Fig 1. Monthly health care–associated *Clostridium difficile* infections and monthly data for fluoroquinolone use. DDD, defined daily dose.

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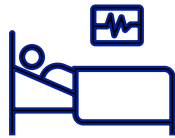
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Where can you be a steward?



Outpatient



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Acute Care
Hospital



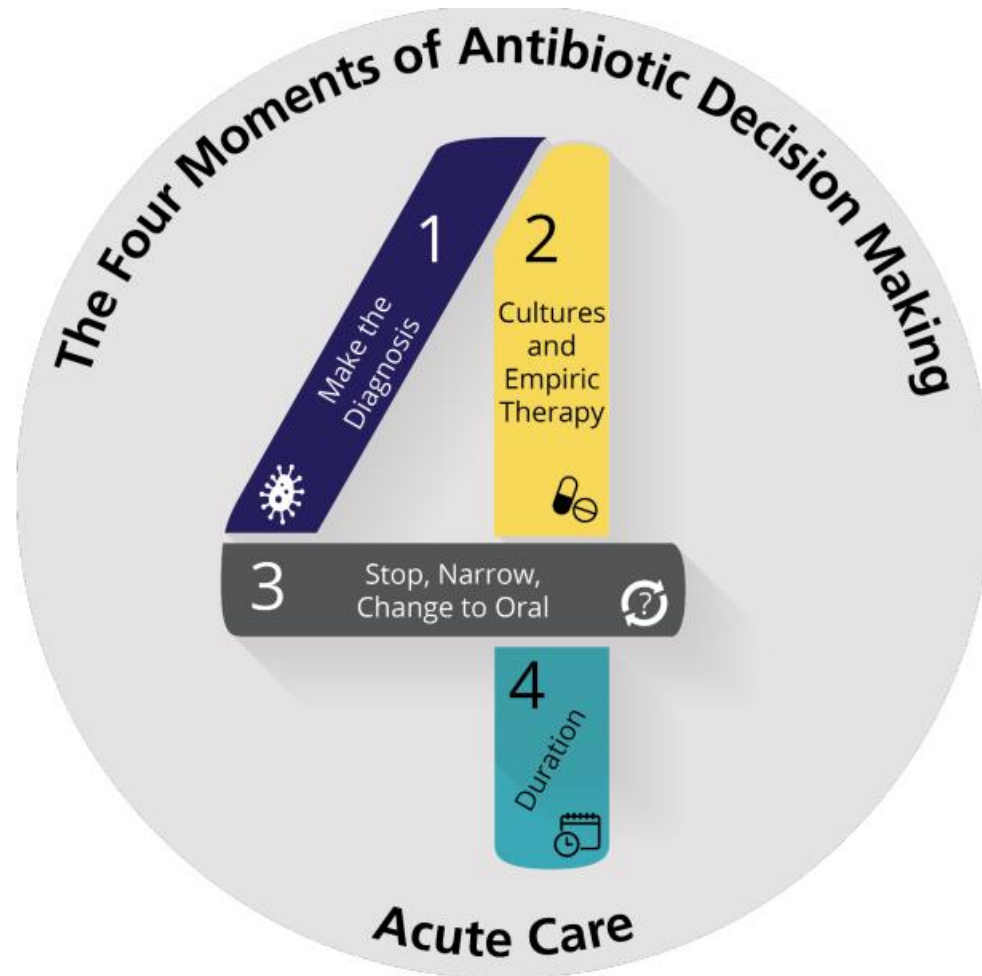
Critical
Access
Hospital



Nursing
Home

EVERYWHERE!

When can you be a steward?



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So you want to implement a
stewardship program... where to
start?!

Get to know your resources!



Agency for Healthcare
Research and Quality



Antibiotic Prescribing and Use

EXPLORE TOPICS 

SHEA/IDSA Clinical Practice Guidelines for Implementing an Antibiotic Stewardship Program

Published CID, 4/13/2016

Antimicrobial Stewardship Standards



2014: CDC Core Elements of **Hospital** Antibiotic Stewardship released



2015: CDC Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for **Nursing Homes**



2016: CDC Core Elements of **Outpatient** Antibiotic Stewardship



2017: Joint Commission requires hospitals to establish antibiotic stewardship programs (MM.09.01.01)

Core Elements

Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Health Departments

Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Health Departments and how to implement them.

Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs

Core elements, priorities, and implementation resources for Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs...

Priorities for Hospital Core Element Implementation

Priorities & resources for implementing the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in hospitals.

Implementation of Antibiotic Stewardship Core Elements at Small and Critical Access Hospitals

Implement Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship at Small and Critical Access Hospitals.

Core Elements of Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship

Priorities & resources for implementing the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in outpatient fa...

Antibiotic Stewardship in Outpatient Telemedicine

Priorities for implementing the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in outpatient telemedicine.

Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes

Priorities for implementing the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in nursing homes.

Core Elements of Human Antibiotic Stewardship Programs in Resource-Limited Settings

Priorities for implementing the Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in resource-limited settings...

Resources for all?

- In 2015, more than 50% of hospitals with > 50 beds reported meeting all 7 core elements vs. 26% of hospitals with ≤ 25 beds



Implementation of
**Antibiotic Stewardship Core Elements
at Small and Critical Access Hospitals**

What about Long Term Care facilities?



The Core Elements of **Antibiotic Stewardship for Nursing Homes** CHECKLIST

Toolkit To Improve Antibiotic Use in Long-Term Care

The Long-Term Care Toolkit explains the Four Moments of Antibiotic Decision Making, and has tools to support their implementation and improve prescribing in three areas: developing and improving an antibiotic stewardship program, creating a safety culture around antibiotic prescribing, and disseminating best practices for common infectious diseases.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategies

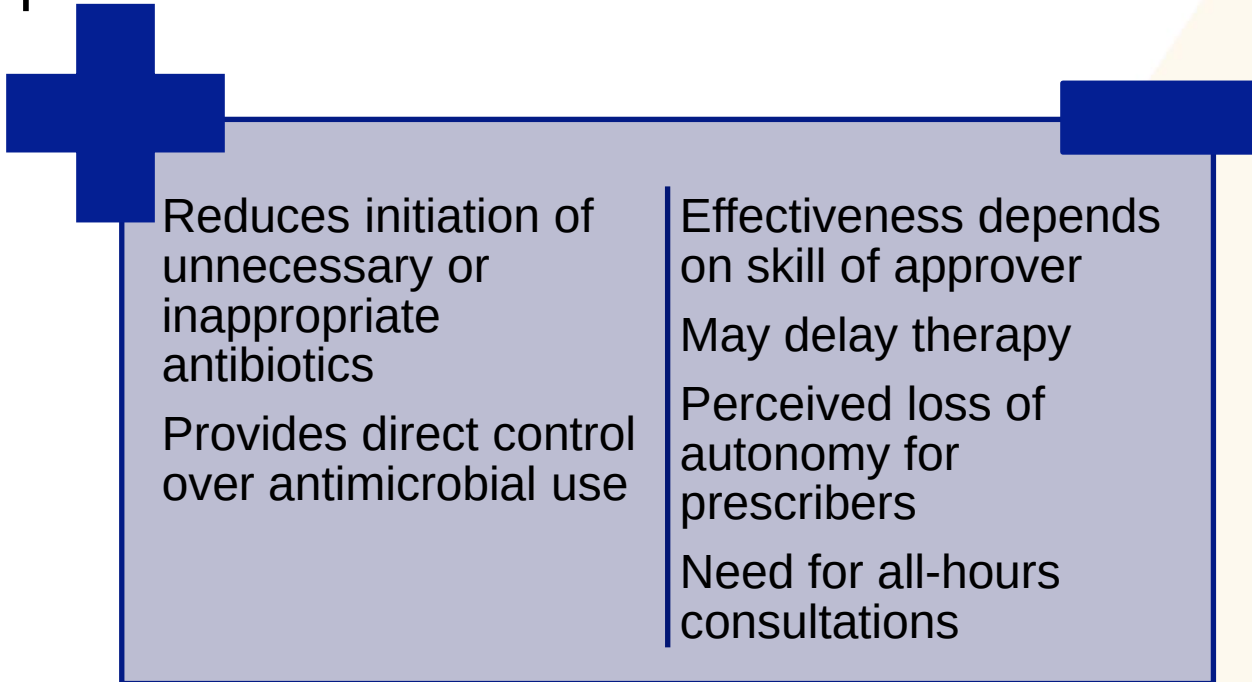


Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategies

- Daily strategies (Inpatient settings)
 - Preauthorization
 - Prospective audit and feedback
- Education
 - Facility-specific clinical practice guidelines
- Tracking and trending data
 - Antimicrobial use data
 - Antimicrobial resistance data (antibiogram)

Preauthorization

- Procedure:
 - Requires clinicians to get approval to use antibiotic before it is dispensed
 - Restrict dispensing of targeted antimicrobials to approved indications



Patient Example

- MM is a 23 YOF presenting with a urinary tract infection. She has no known antibiotic allergies and has not received antibiotics in the past.
- The physician would like to start meropenem for her UTI. This is a restricted drug at your hospital.
- The physician must page the Antimicrobial Stewardship Team for approval before ordering.

Prospective Audit and Feedback

■ Procedure:

- Scheduled review of targeted antimicrobials for appropriateness
- Contact prescribers with recommendations for alternative therapy
- Engages the provider after the antibiotic has been prescribed



More clinical data to make recommendations
Flexibility with timing of recommendations
Prescriber autonomy maintained

Compliance voluntary
Success depends on delivery method of feedback to prescribers

Patient Example

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- The verifying pharmacist must check to ensure meets restriction criteria.
- The antimicrobial stewardship team will review the patient and reach out to the physician with a more optimal recommendation if one exists

Let the data talk!

Antimicrobial Utilization

Days of Therapy
(DOT/1000 patient days)

Standardized antimicrobial administration ratio (SAAR)

Utilization by indication

Antimicrobial Resistance

Antibiogram

CRE rate

ESBL rate

Pseudomonas aeruginosa resistance

Outcomes

C. diff rates

Length of stay

Disease specific outcomes

Why does benchmarking matter?



Measure impact of antimicrobial stewardship program and efforts



Identify target areas for future antimicrobial stewardship initiatives



Demonstrate sustainability of antimicrobial stewardship program



Garner approval for additional dedicated resources



Improve Processes



Better patient outcomes

What is DOT?

- 1 dose of antibiotic given in a day = 1 DOT
 - Example: If a patient receives ceftriaxone 2 gm IVPB daily and metronidazole 500 mg PO twice daily for 7 days = 14 DOT total
 - If cefepime 2 gm IVPB every 12 hours is ordered and a patient only receives 1 dose, that still equals 1 DOT
- Patient days (PD) are calculated via the following:
 - (number of admissions) x (average length of stay) = x PD
 - X 1000 to provide comparable ratio over time
 - This allows for incorporation of length of stay
- What is a significant change?
 - No base standard as what is considered significant

Example DOT Tracking

ANTIMICROBIAL	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 (%Δ from 2021)
Gram Positive Agents					
Cefazolin	64.9	61.6	66.4	66.4	67.6 (2)
Nafcillin/oxacillin	9.9	9.8	7.8	4.8	3.6 (-25)
Daptomycin	18.9	15.0	17.3	12.6	15.6 (24)
Linezolid	17.6	15.9	12.3	13.5	13.7 (2)
Ceftaroline	2.1	2.8	4.0	2.1	1.9 (-10)
Vancomycin	110.6	86.4	98.2	82.8	67.8 (-18)
Cephalosporins					
Ceftriaxone	31.5	36.7	51.8	50.9	47.2 (-7)
Ceftazidime	4.5	4.7	4.2	5.6	5.0 (-10)
Cefepime	76.5	70.7	70.6	64.3	57.5 (-11)
Carbapenems					
Meropenem	11.5	10.0	10.3	10.1	9.1 (-10)
Ertapenem	21.4	12.3	7.5	5.8	5.1 (-11)
Fluoroquinolones					
Ciprofloxacin	7.7	5.6	5.7	5.5	5.3 (-4)
Levofloxacin	8.9	7.0	8.2	8.2	7.8 (-4)
Micafungin		7.3	9.2	9.7	7.1 (-27)

NHSN AUR Module

- NHSN Antimicrobial Use and Resistance (AUR) Module provides a mechanism for facilities to report and to analyze antimicrobial use and resistance data
- Allows for “external” and internal benchmarking to strengthen stewardship programs

NHSN = National Healthcare Safety Network

What is AUR?

- Antimicrobial Use (AU) and Antimicrobial Resistance (AR)
 - AUR is both AU and AR
- **Per CMS, required to in active engagement with CDC/NHSN to submit AUR data for CY 2024.**
 - If your hospital participates in the CMS Promoting Interoperability (previously Meaningful Use) program
- Attestation based

Two ways to be in active engagement

Option 1

- Registration with NHSN
- Testing and validation of CDA files

Option 2

- Registration with NHSN
- Submitting AUR production data continuously during 180 EHR reporting period

What does submitting AUR data give us?

- Standardized Antimicrobial Administration Ratio (SAAR)

$$SAAR = \frac{\textit{Observed Antimicrobial Use}}{\textit{Predicted Antimicrobial Use}}$$

- SAAR interpretation
 - 1: Actual use = predicted use
 - < 1: Actual use < predicted use
 - > 1: Actual use > predicted use

Antimicrobial Grouping Examples

Broad spectrum agents for hospital-onset infections

Aztreonam

Cefepime

Ceftazidime

Meropenem

Zosyn

Aminoglycosides

Broad-spectrum agents for community-acquired infections

Cefdinir

Cefotaxime

Cefpodoxime

Ceftriaxone

Fluoroquinolones

Cefuroxime

Ertapenem

Antibacterial agents for MRSA

Ceftaroline

Dalbavancin

Daptomycin

Linezolid

Vancomycin

Narrow spectrum beta-lactam agents

Amoxicillin

Augmentin

Ampicillin

Unasyn

Cefazolin

Cefoxitin

Keflex

Oxacillin

Penicillin

Antibacterial agents posing the highest risk of C-diff

Cefepime

Cefotaxime

Cefpodoxime

Ceftazidime

Ceftriaxone

Clindamycin

Fluoroquinolones

Broad spectrum antibacterial agents predominantly used for hospital-onset infections used in adult SAAR wards

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11296	2022M01	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	291	331.234	2539	0.879	0.0264	0.782, 0.984
11296	2022M02	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	261	310.358	2379	0.841	0.0045	0.743, 0.948
11296	2022M03	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	255	340.227	2609	0.749	0.0000	0.662, 0.846
11296	2022M04	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	299	333.370	2555	0.897	0.0603	0.799, 1.003
11296	2022M05	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	345	328.215	2518	1.051	0.3677	0.945, 1.167
11296	2022M06	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	283	330.929	2535	0.855	0.0077	0.760, 0.959
11296	2022M07	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	332	342.892	2627	0.968	0.5789	0.868, 1.077
11296	2022M08	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	383	351.579	2693	1.089	0.1021	0.984, 1.203
11296	2022M09	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	388	340.225	2605	1.140	0.0119	1.031, 1.258
11296	2022M10	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	377	354.864	2716	1.062	0.2518	0.959, 1.174
11296	2022M11	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	331	348.050	2662	0.951	0.3760	0.853, 1.058
11296	2022M12	Adult_BSHO_Ward_2017	364	338.747	2590	1.075	0.1809	0.968, 1.189

SAAR: A Guide to the SAAR. Link: <https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/pdfs/ps-analysis-resources/aur/au-saar-guide-508.pdf>. Date accessed May 7, 2023.

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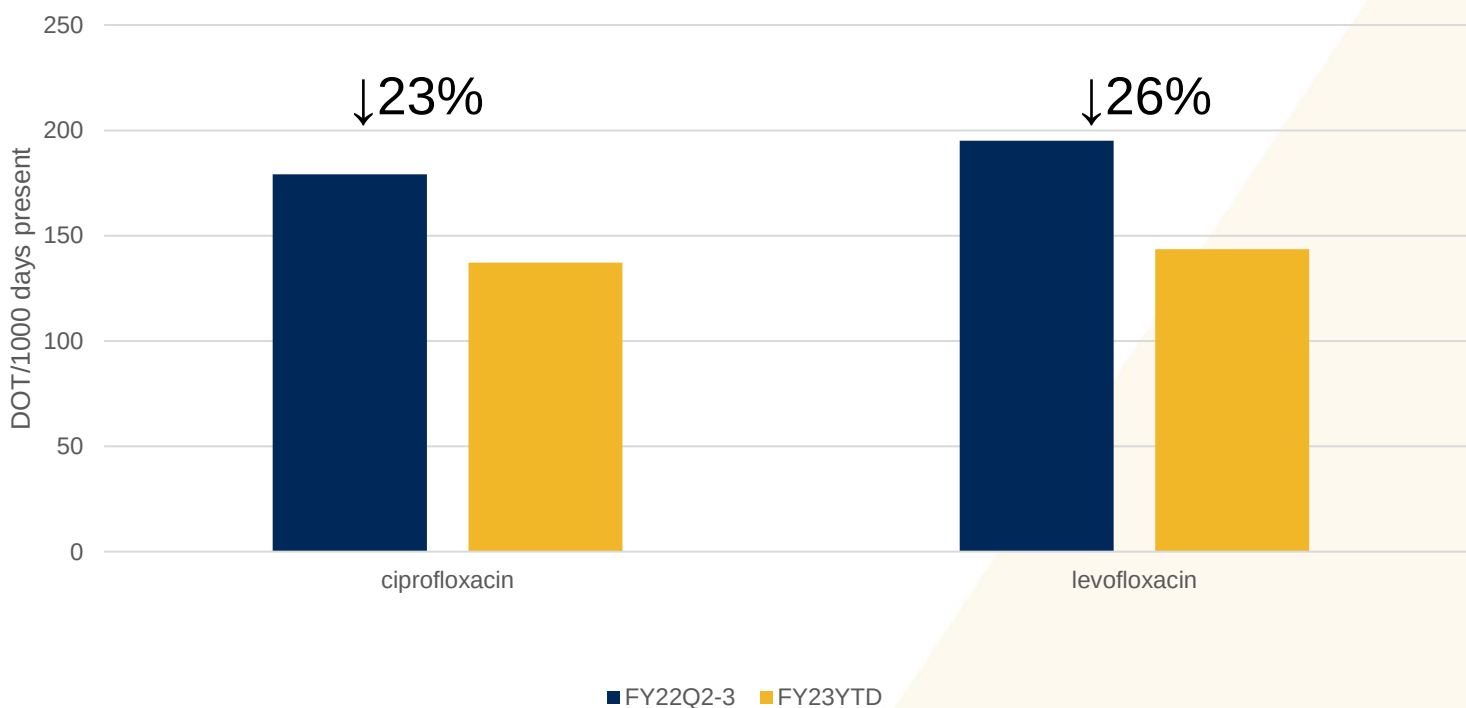
- Harnessing the power of the health-system
 - System antimicrobial stewardship leaders
 - Enterprise antimicrobial stewardship committee
- Collaboration with other disciplines
- Setting forth criteria for use for certain antimicrobials
- Accessibility of guidelines
- Branding

What has been successful for WVU Medicine?

- Lessons learned
- Harnessing the power of the health-system
 - Centrally coordinated/led program
 - System antimicrobial stewardship leaders
 - Enterprise antimicrobial stewardship committee
 - Standardized antimicrobial restriction criteria

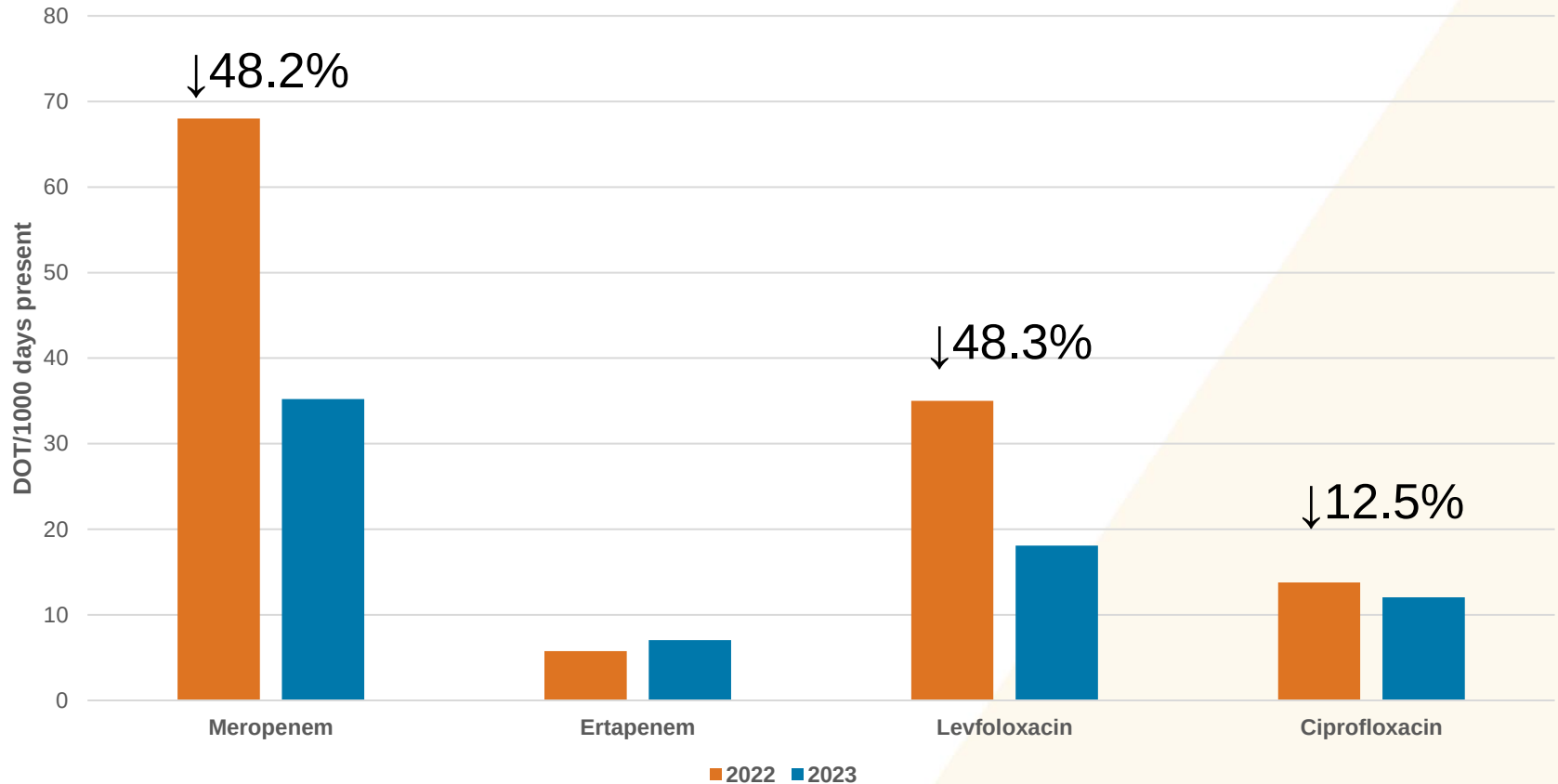
Results of blinded benchmarking initiative

WVU Medicine Health System Fluoroquinolone DOT



Example of Antimicrobial DOT

Hospital X Restricted Antibiotic DOT/1000 days present



Ertapenem DOT/1000 days present increased by 20% but solely due to use in FY23Q3, (average DOT/1000 days present FY23Q1 1.52 and FY23Q2 2.57). Will continue to monitor closely in FY23Q4.

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- Accessibility of guidelines
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What has been successful for WVU Medicine?

- Collaboration with other disciplines
 - Infection prevention & AMS at Wheeling Hospital

Antimicrobial	Q4FY23 (DOT/1000 days present)	Q1FY24
Azithromycin	31.6	19.5
Doxycycline	27.2	44.1

- Microbiology lab

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- Accessibility of system antimicrobial stewardship guidelines



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- Branding

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ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP,
OPTIMIZATION, & SUPPORT

Summary

- AMS is a coordinated program that promotes the appropriate use of antimicrobials, improves patient outcomes, reduces microbial resistance, and decreases the spread of infections caused by multidrug-resistant organisms
- AMS is a necessity in all healthcare settings to optimize patient care
- There are many resources and effective strategies available to implement and maintain a successful AMS program, however there is no one size fits all
- Infection prevention plays a vital and important role in AMS given common shared goals



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