

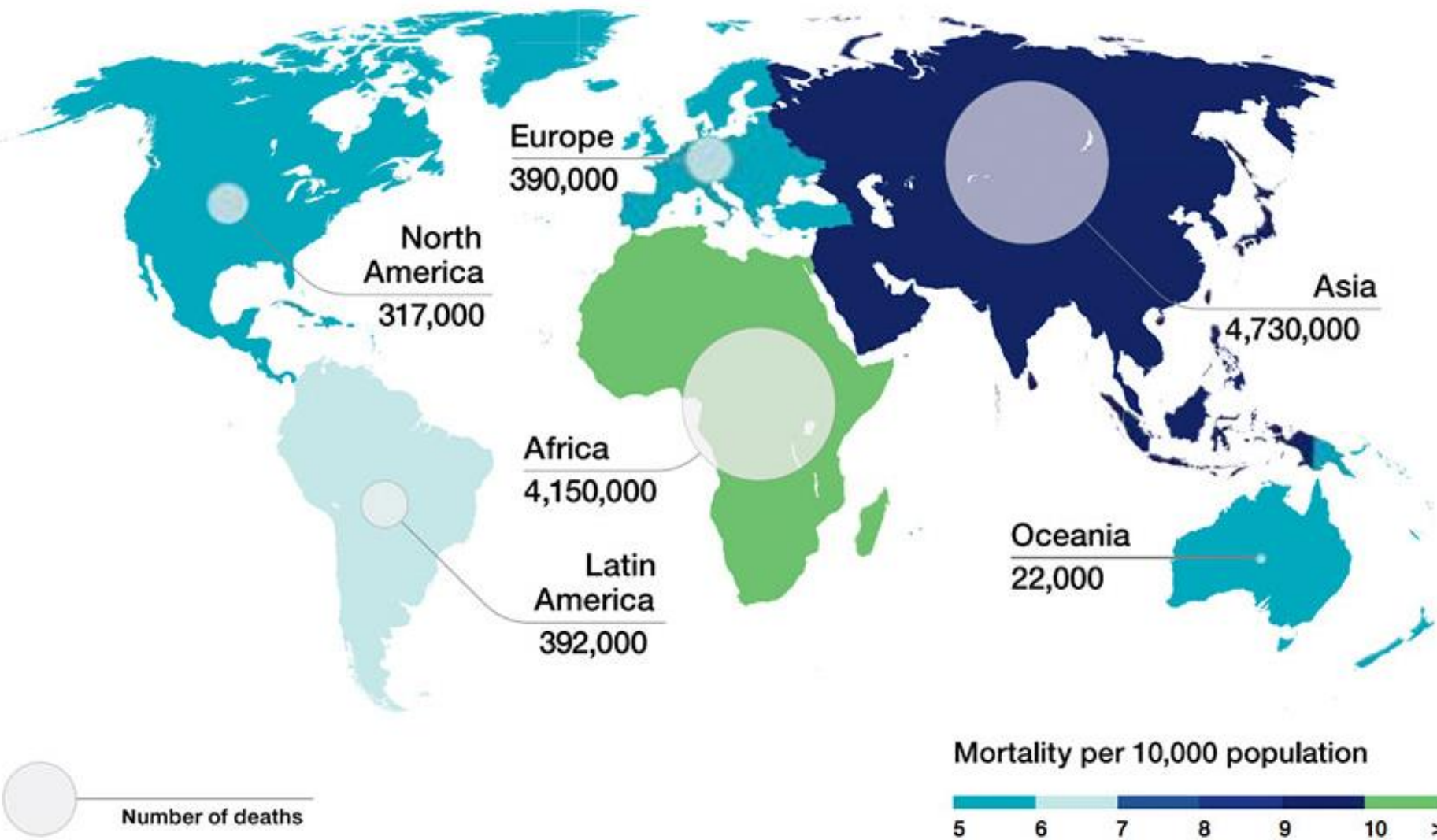
AMS in COVID-19

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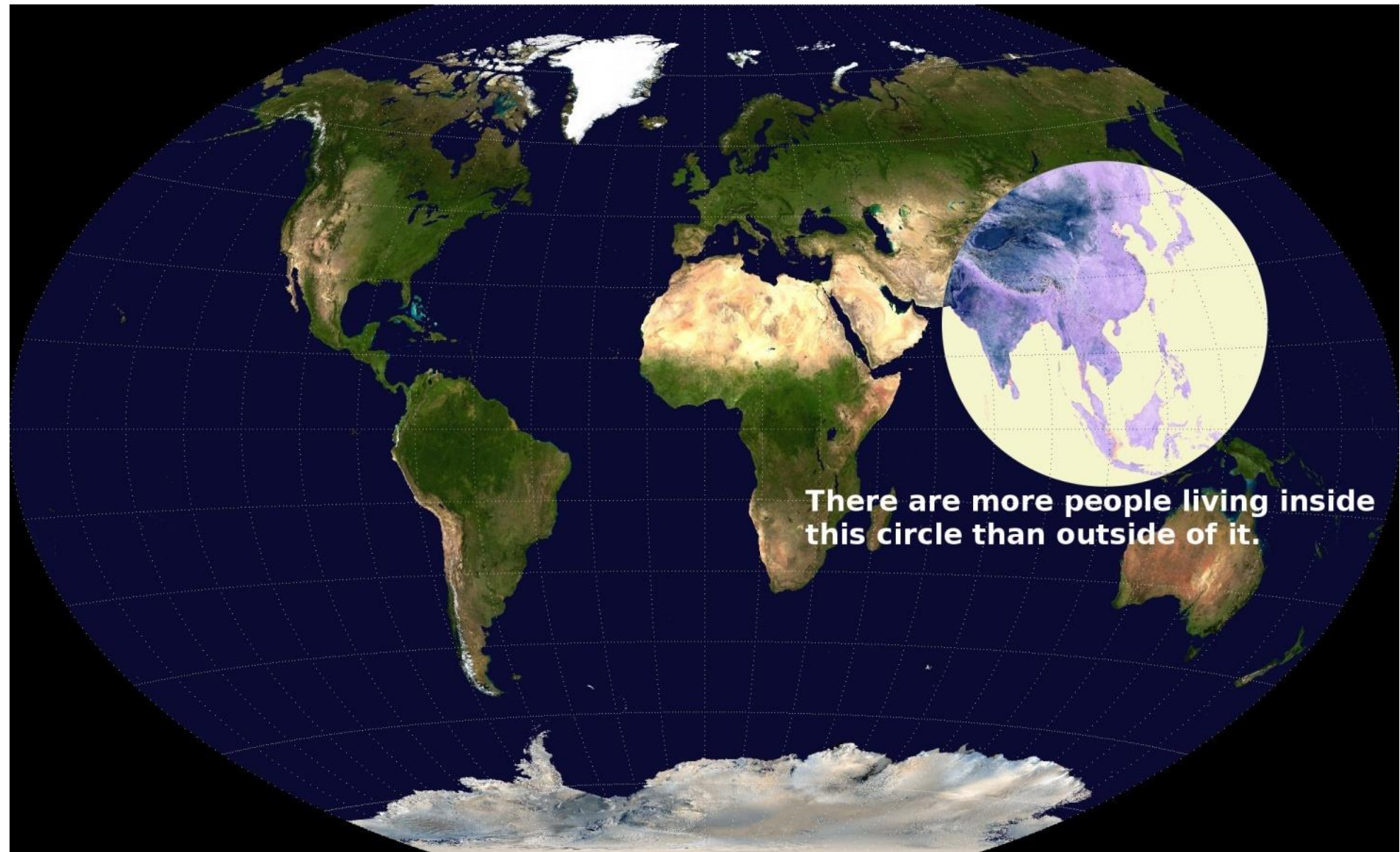
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Deaths attributable to AMR every year by 2050



Source: Review on Antimicrobial Resistance



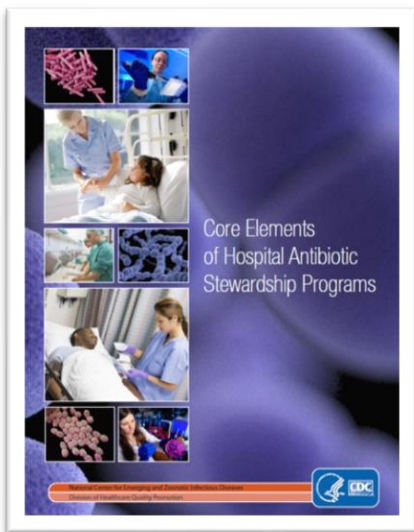
**There are more people living inside
this circle than outside of it.**

What is Antimicrobial Stewardship?

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

The Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA), The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society (PIDS)

Policy Statement on Antimicrobial Stewardship,
April 2012



CDC's 7 Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship

Obtained from:
<https://www.cdc.gov/longtermcare/prevention/antibiotic-stewardship.html>



ASP team - Roles and Responsibilities

- Physician leader with ID training
- Co-led by Pharmacist leader with ID training
- Clinicians and HODs: Prescriber led
- Infection preventionists or hospital epidemiologists – Monitor, audit, analyze and report facility wide data
- Quality management staff
- Microbiology lab: Antibigrams
- IT staff: integrate ASP protocols into existing workflow
- Nurses: ensure pre-antibiotic cultures

Integrated approach



Diagnosis

- Standardizing Microbiology Labs
- POC tests
- Rapid tests
- Reporting cultures (restricting antibiotics)
- Investing in Diagnostics

Processes & Protocols

- Compile hospital data on HAI
- List the pathogens
- Antimicrobial susceptibility (most susceptible to least susceptible) – Antibigram
- Create a Hospital Antibiotic Policy
- No antibiotics based on Western Guidelines

(Oct to Dec - 2016)

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Choosing & interpreting diagnostic tests



Awareness about diagnostic tests

- Timing
- Choice of samples – Urine, ET secretions, Ulcer swabs, Mantoux & TB Gold tests
- Serological tests
- Blood cultures
- Follow-up cultures

Empiric antibiotic selection

- No magic bullet
- Each ID problem has two components:
 - What is the syndrome?
 - What is the microbial etiology?
- Decide the syndrome - then choice becomes easier
- Know your local sensitivities

Empiric therapy for nosocomial infections

Fever in a Hospitalized patient

- Always decide on the syndrome before looking at the culture report
- Distinguish colonization from infection
- Know local patterns of resistance
- Start empiric antibiotics only
 - if source clear
 - patient in severe sepsis
- Follow Hospital Antibiotic Policy

Formulary Restriction: Autonomy

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Apollo HOSPITALS

HIGH-END ANTIBIOTIC REQUEST FORM

Date: _____ Patient Label: _____

LIST OF HIGH END ANTIBIOTICS

DRUG	ROUTE	START	STOP
Ceftazidime Avibactam			
Colistin			
Daptomycin			
Doripenem			
Ertapenem			
Fosfomycin			
Imipenem			
Linezolid			
Meropenem			
Polymyxin B			
Teicoplanin			
Tigecycline			
Vancomycin			

DIAGNOSIS: (To be filled by doctor)

EMPIRIC THERAPY:

INDICATIONS	YES	NO
Fever/Hypotension		
Urinary tract infection		
Respiratory tract infection		
Intra-abdominal infection		
Skin and Soft Tissue Infections (SSTI)		
Surgical site infection		
Others Remarks:		

CULTURES	YES	NO	DATE	RESULTS
Blood				
Urine				
Respiratory secretions				
Wound swab/tissue/pus				
Others (Specify)				

Name of the Consultant : _____ Signature : _____ Date : _____ Time : _____

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FOR OFFICE PURPOSE ONLY

JUSTIFICATION: (To be filled by infection control nurse)

Continued therapy with the antibiotic (Tick ✓/one)

☐ Justified (no further intervention)
☐ Justified with intervention
☐ Unjustified

If therapy is unjustified, reason:

<input type="checkbox"/> Organism is not susceptible to antibiotic	<input type="checkbox"/> Clinically not responding as expected
<input type="checkbox"/> Organism is susceptible to narrow spectrum antibiotic	<input type="checkbox"/> Empiric therapy begun awaiting culture results, BUT no organisms isolated after 72hrs
<input type="checkbox"/> Organism is a contaminant or colonizer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Prolonged surgical prophylaxis	

RECOMMENDATION: (To be filled after discussion with ID consultants)

If UNJUSTIFIED, recommend

- Alternative antibiotic regimen:
- Discontinuation of antibiotic:
- ID consult:
- Other:

RESPONSE OF CLINICIAN:

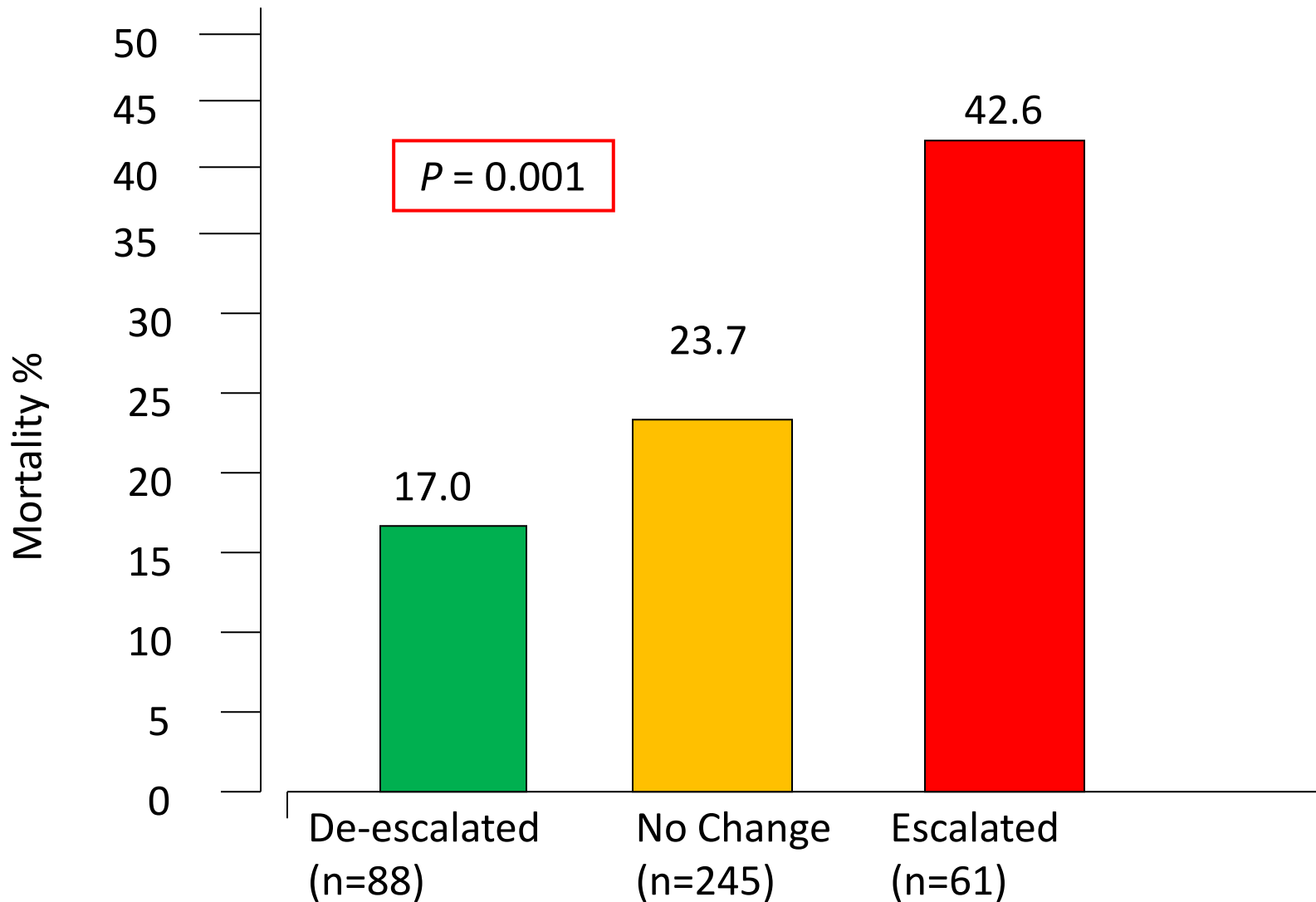
☐ Agrees to make changes
☐ Needs to discuss
☐ Unable to reach clinician

Will not make changes because:
☐ Primary consultant wants to continue current therapy
☐ Others

Name of the ID Consultant : _____ Signature : _____ Date : _____ Time : _____

Director Medical Services Signature: _____ Date : _____ Time : _____

Low Hanging Fruits: De-escalation



Antibiotic course: shorter the better

- CAP: 5 days
- VAP: 7-8 days
- Non-fermenter VAP: 10-14 days
- AECOPD: 5d
- Sinusitis: 5d
- Cellulitis: 5d
- Pyelonephritis: 14 days (7 days if cipro sensitive)
- Pneumococcal meningitis: 10 days

Prophylactic Therapy

- Surgical prophylaxis - Choice

Timing

Duration

- ICU
- COVID
- PUO

Facilitation – Antibiotic nurse

- Audit use of antibiotics
- Monitor high-end antibiotic use
- Monitor justifications
- Inform consultants on high-end antibiotic restrictions after 72h
- Dialogue with consultants
- Monitor surgical antimicrobial prophylaxis
- Feedback to doctors on antibiotic use and compliance

Interact

Adopting Infection Control



Adjustment with right people is always better
than argument with wrong people.

Innovate

- Limit surgical prophylaxis to 24 hrs
- Avoid “prophylactic” antibiotics
- Send cultures before starting antibiotics
- Avoid empiric antibiotics for fever in the hemodynamically stable patient
- Use biomarkers to guide therapy
- Select empiric therapy based on guidelines
- Avoid combination therapy
- De-escalate
- Limit duration of therapy

