

Example 4.10 O'Connor Hospital Pharmacy Communication Sheet for Vancomycin

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**ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM  
PHARMACY COMMUNICATION SHEET  
Vancomycin**

TO PHYSICIAN: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REGARDING PATIENT \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider discontinuing vancomycin in this patient.

**CDC recommendations**

Situations in which the use of vancomycin is discouraged:

- Continued empiric use for presumed infections in patients whose cultures are negative for beta-lactam-resistant Gram-positive microorganisms.
- Eradication of MRSA colonization.
- Primary treatment of antibiotic-associated colitis. Vancomycin should be reserved for when antibiotic-associated colitis fails to respond to metronidazole therapy or is severe and potentially life-threatening.

Respectfully,

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Clinical Pharmacist

Physician's response:

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THIS IS NOT A PERMANENT PART OF THE CHART. REMOVE AND RETURN TO  
PHARMACY

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