
Imperial County Antimicrobial Resistance Prevention Collaborative Kick-off May 11, 2018

Healthcare-Associated Infections Program
Center for Health Care Quality
California Department of Public Health



Agenda

10-10:15AM	Check-in, Welcome and Introductions
10:15-10:30AM	Overview of Regional Coordinated Approach to Antimicrobial Resistance
10:30-11:00AM	Antimicrobial Stewardship Across the Continuum of Care
11:00-11:45AM	Interactive – Developing a Project Plan for the Imperial County AR Prevention Collaborative
11:45-12:00PM	Wrap Up and Next Steps



INTRODUCTIONS



Partnership for Regional Antimicrobial Resistance Prevention

- Healthcare-Associated Infections Program, California Department of Public Health
- Imperial County Department of Public Health
- Local area hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, dialysis centers, outpatient clinics, urgent care, dental clinics



AR PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW



Regional Model for Antibiotic Resistance Prevention Collaboratives

Facilities work together to protect patients.

Common Approach *(Not enough)*

- Patients can be transferred back and forth from facilities for treatment without all the communication and necessary infection control actions in place.

Independent Efforts *(Still not enough)*

- Some facilities work independently to enhance infection control but are not often alerted to antibiotic-resistant or *C. difficile* germs coming from other facilities or outbreaks in the area.
- Lack of shared information from other facilities means that necessary infection control actions are not always taken and germs are spread to other patients.

Coordinated Approach *(Needed)*

- Public health departments track and **alert** health care facilities to antibiotic-resistant or *C. difficile* germs coming from other facilities and outbreaks in the area.
- Facilities and public health authorities share information and implement shared infection control actions to stop spread of germs from facility to facility.



Framework for a Regional Approach to AR Prevention

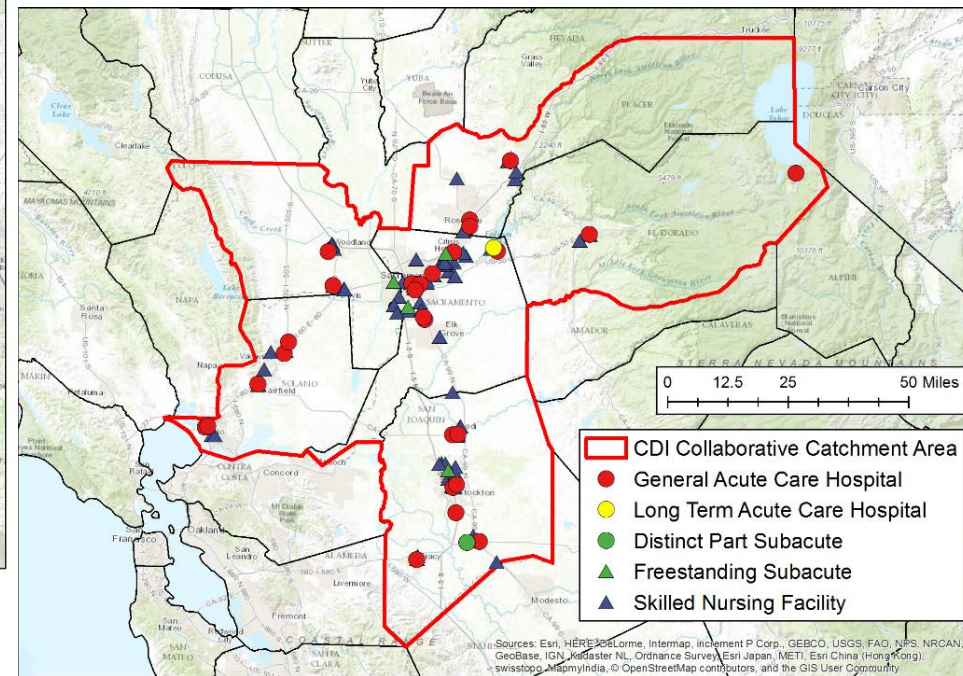
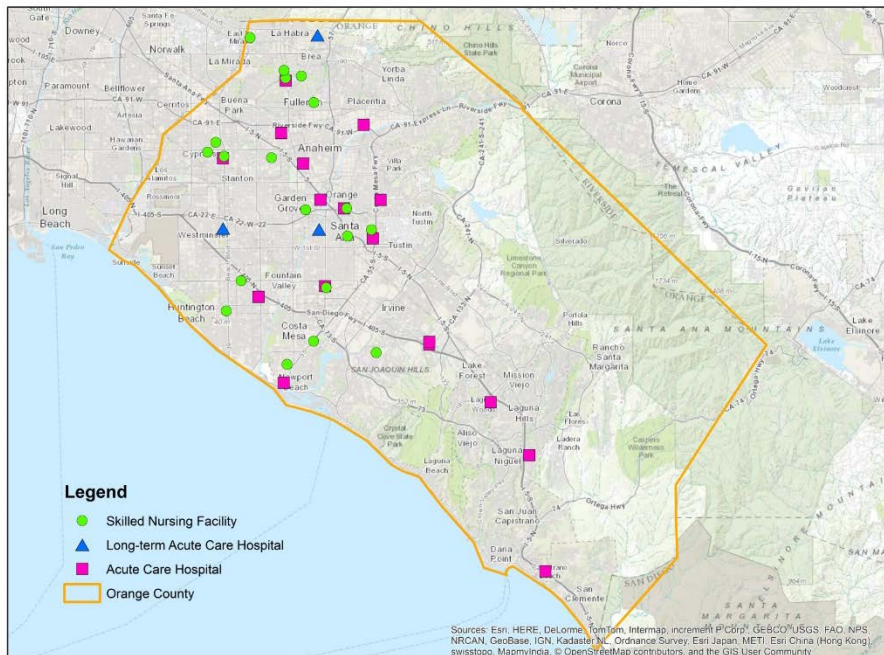
- A network of healthcare facilities with a shared patient population will address AR prevention across the continuum of care, through:
 - 1. Monitoring adherence** to AR prevention practices in hospitals and long-term care facilities
 - Hand hygiene
 - Contact precautions
 - Interfacility communication
 - 2. Enhancing an antimicrobial stewardship program**
 - 3. Evaluating and enhancing environmental cleaning and disinfection practices**

Collaborative Structure

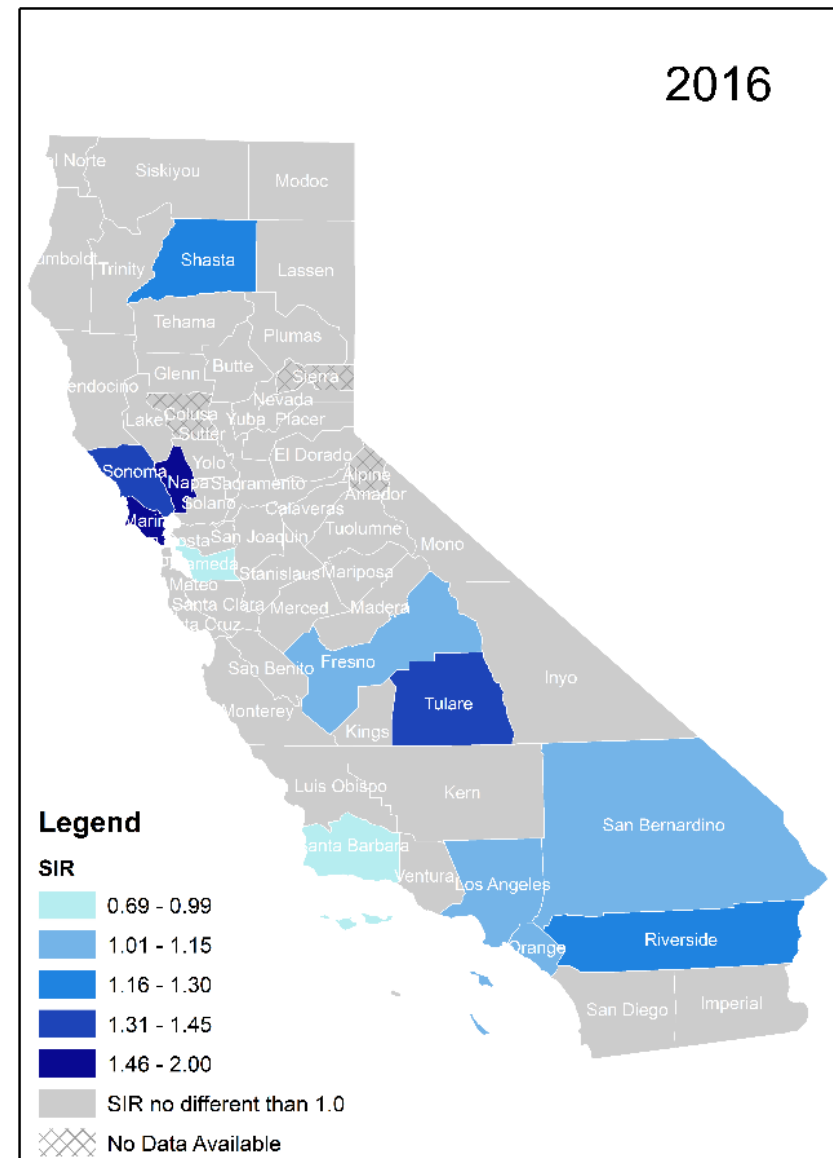
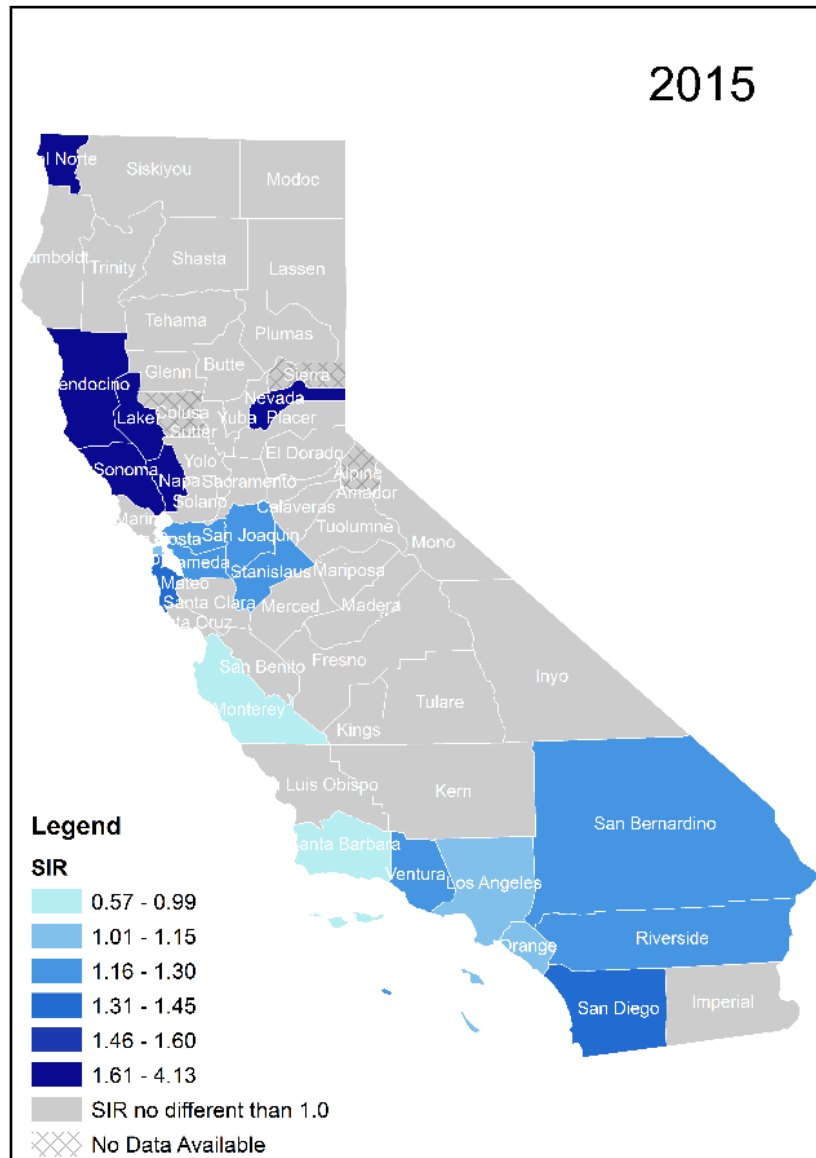
- Quarterly in-person learning and discussion sessions
- Onsite infection prevention assessment
- Assistance with developing a site-specific action plan
- Dissemination of guidance and tools
- Opportunities to discuss and share best practices
- End-of-collaborative self-assessment

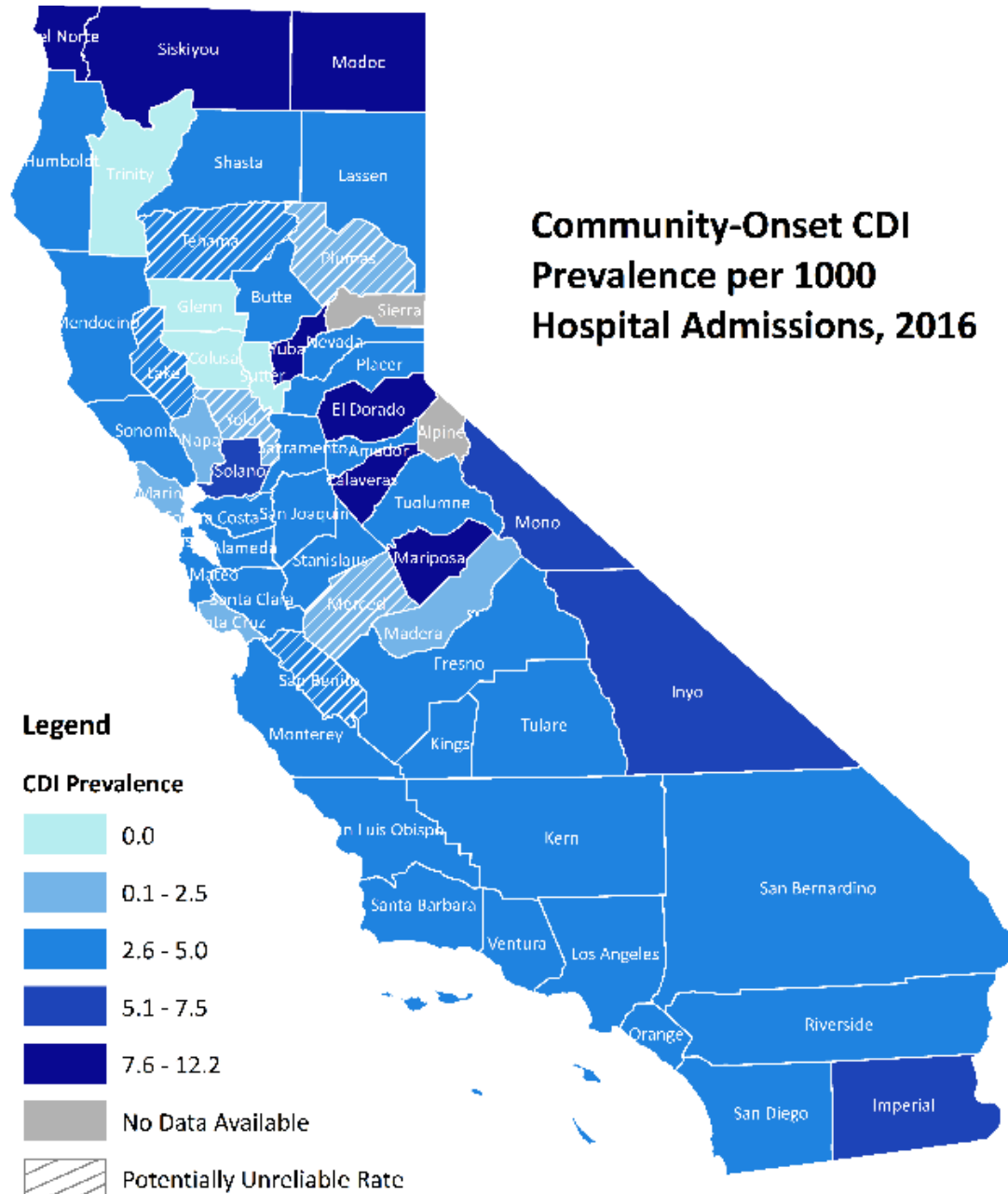
Previous and Ongoing Regional *Clostridium difficile* Infection (CDI) Prevention Collaboratives

- Orange County 2015-2016
- Sacramento Metropolitan Area (El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Yolo) 2016-2017
- Desert Valley Health Care District / Coachella, 2018-present



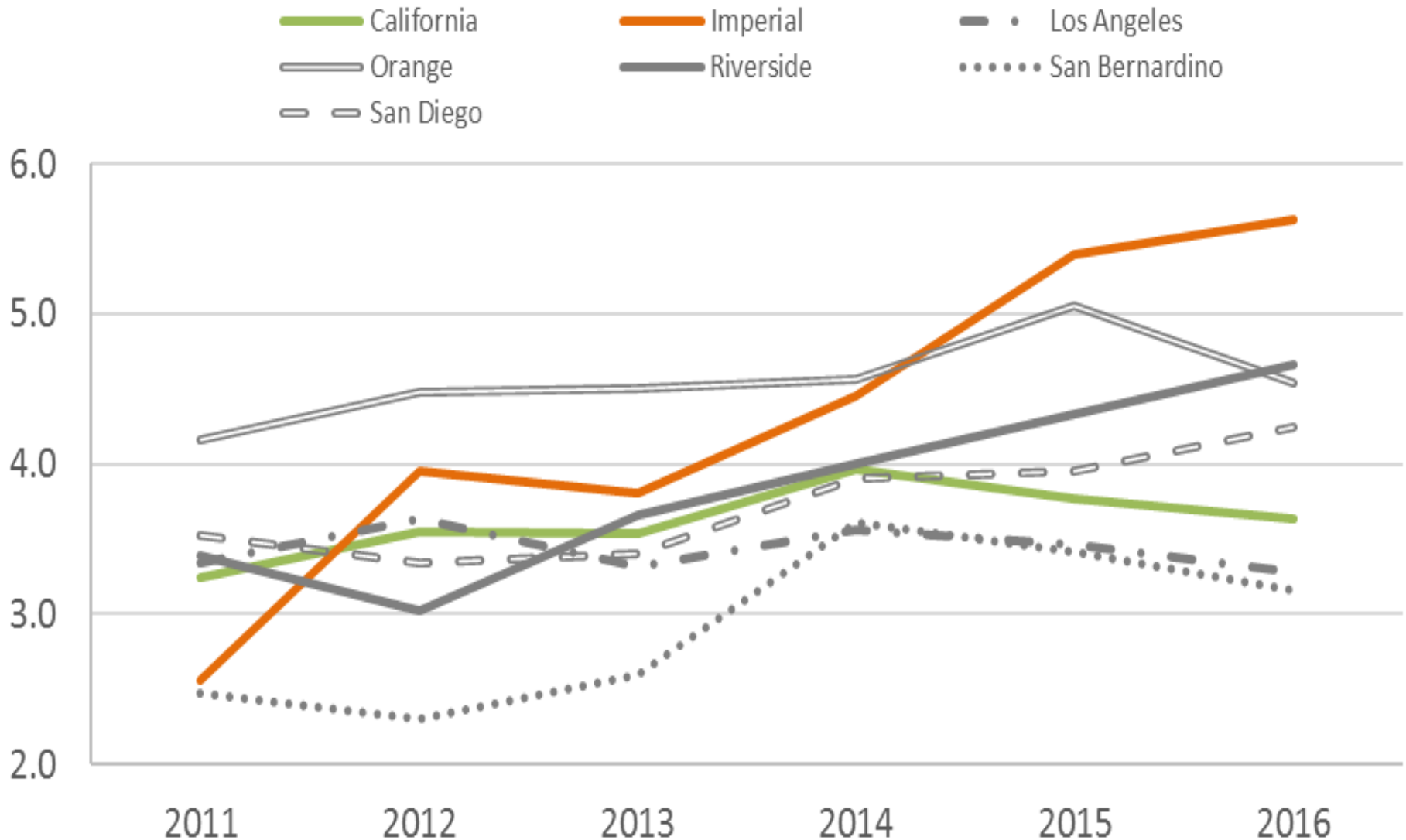
Hospital-Onset CDI Standardized Infection Ratio (SIR) by County, 2015-2016





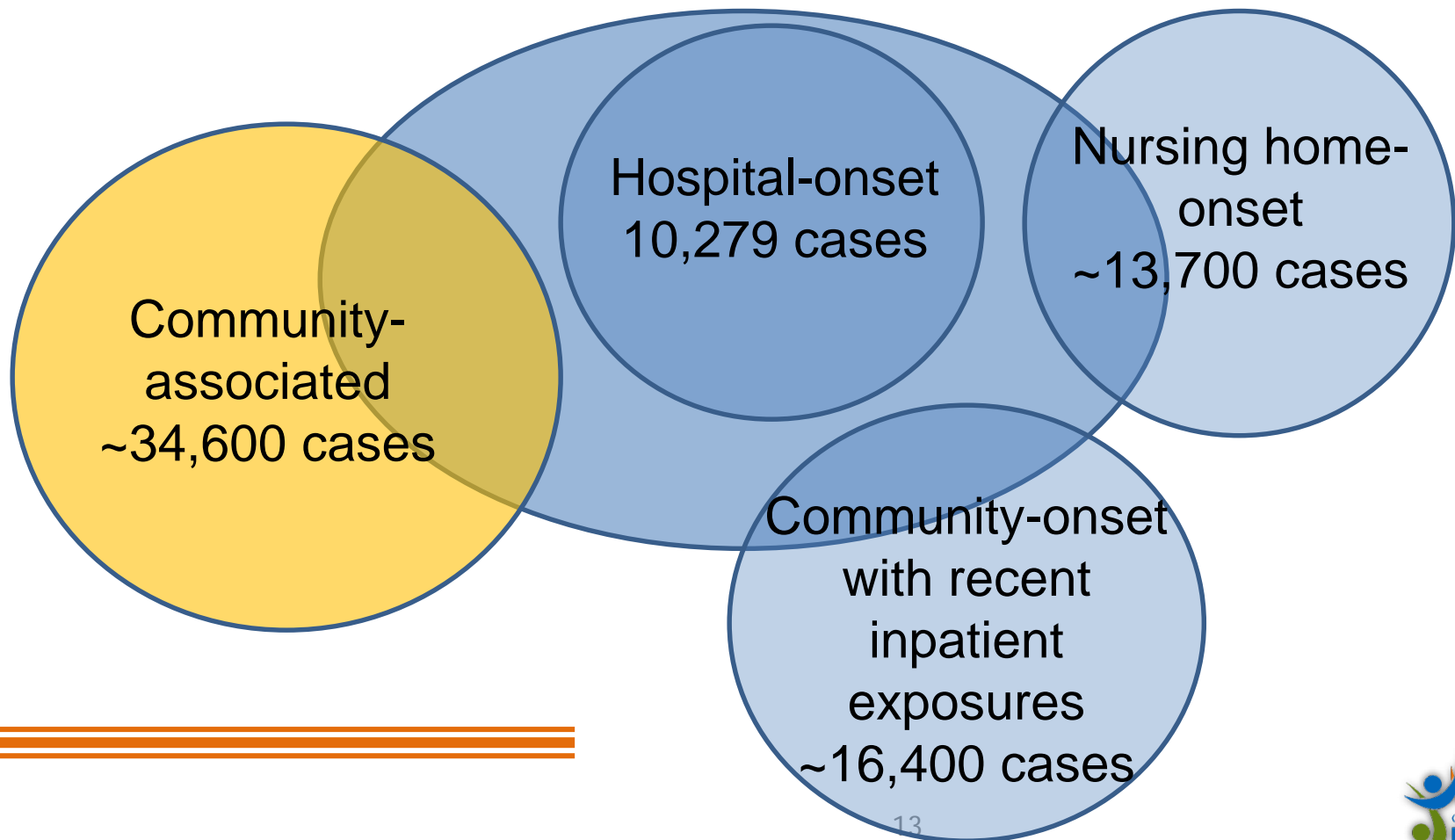
Rates are unadjusted and do not account for testing method (e.g., PCR). A rate is considered potentially unreliable if the relative standard error was 23 percent or more of the rate estimate (a threshold recommended by the National Center for Health Statistics).

Community-Onset CDI Prevalence by Region, 2011-2016

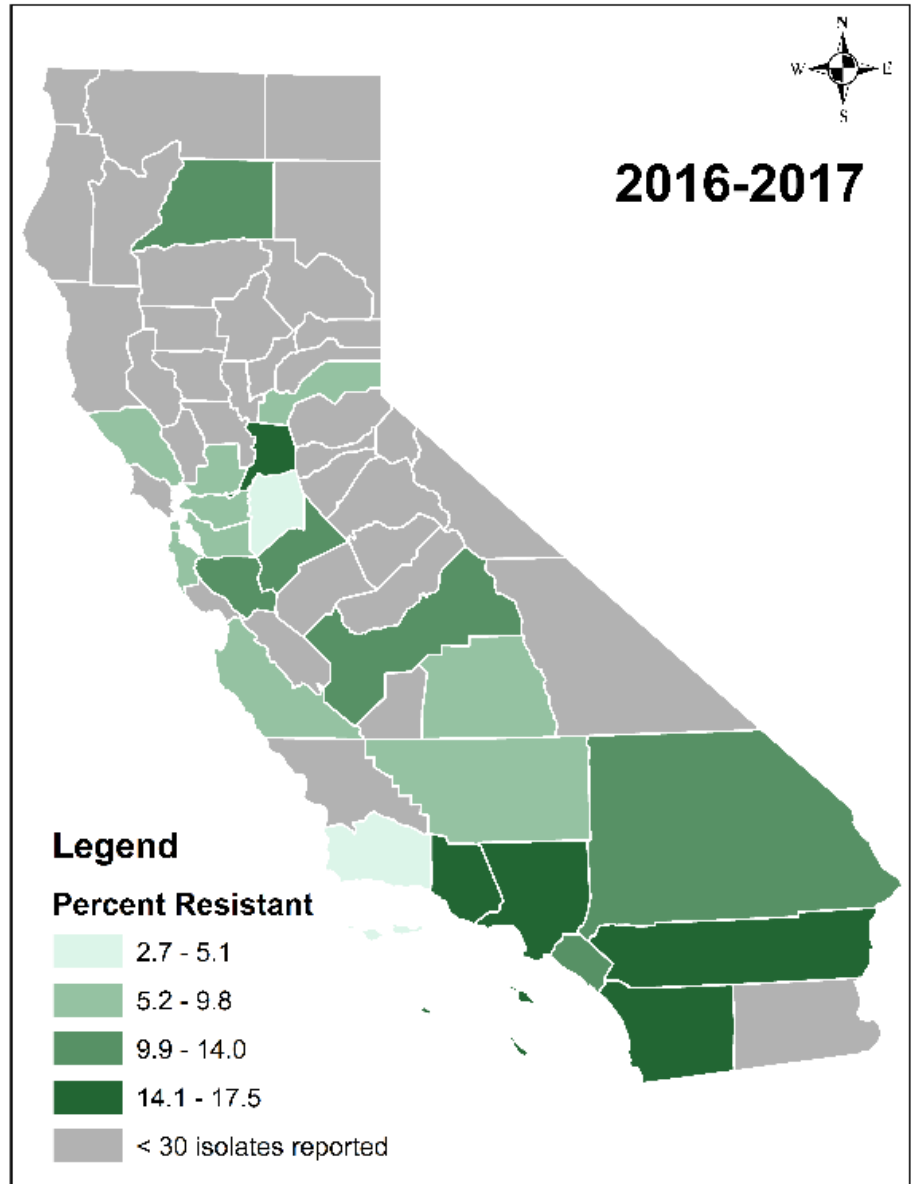
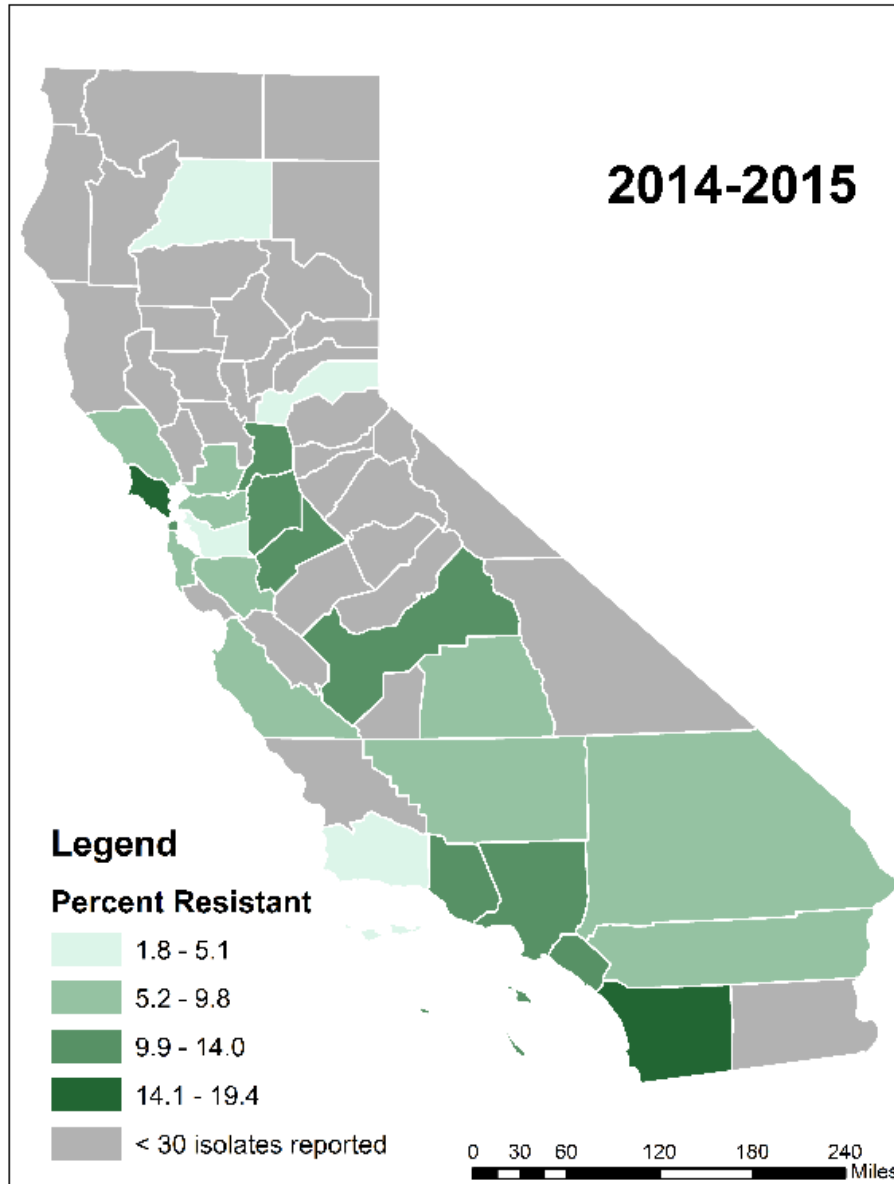


Estimated CDI Burden Across the Continuum of Care, California, 2016

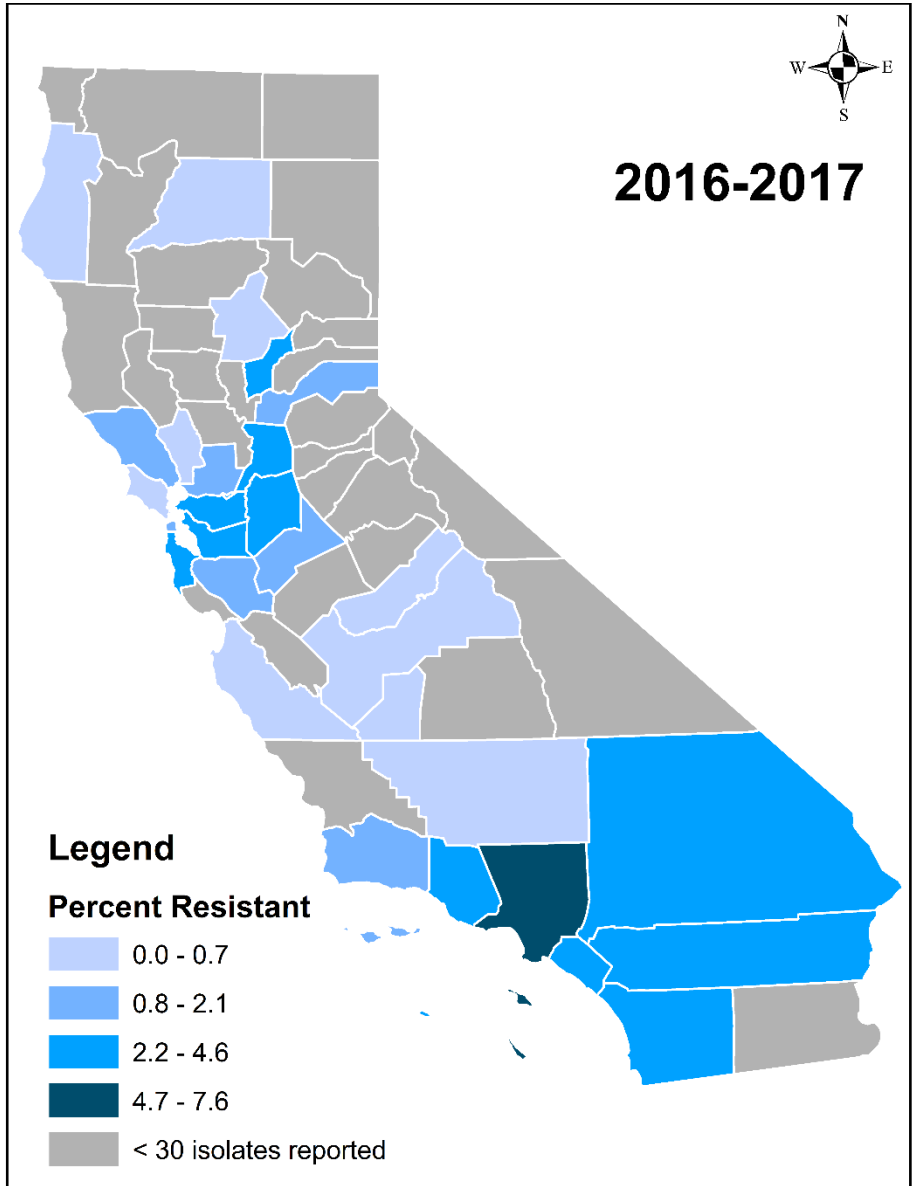
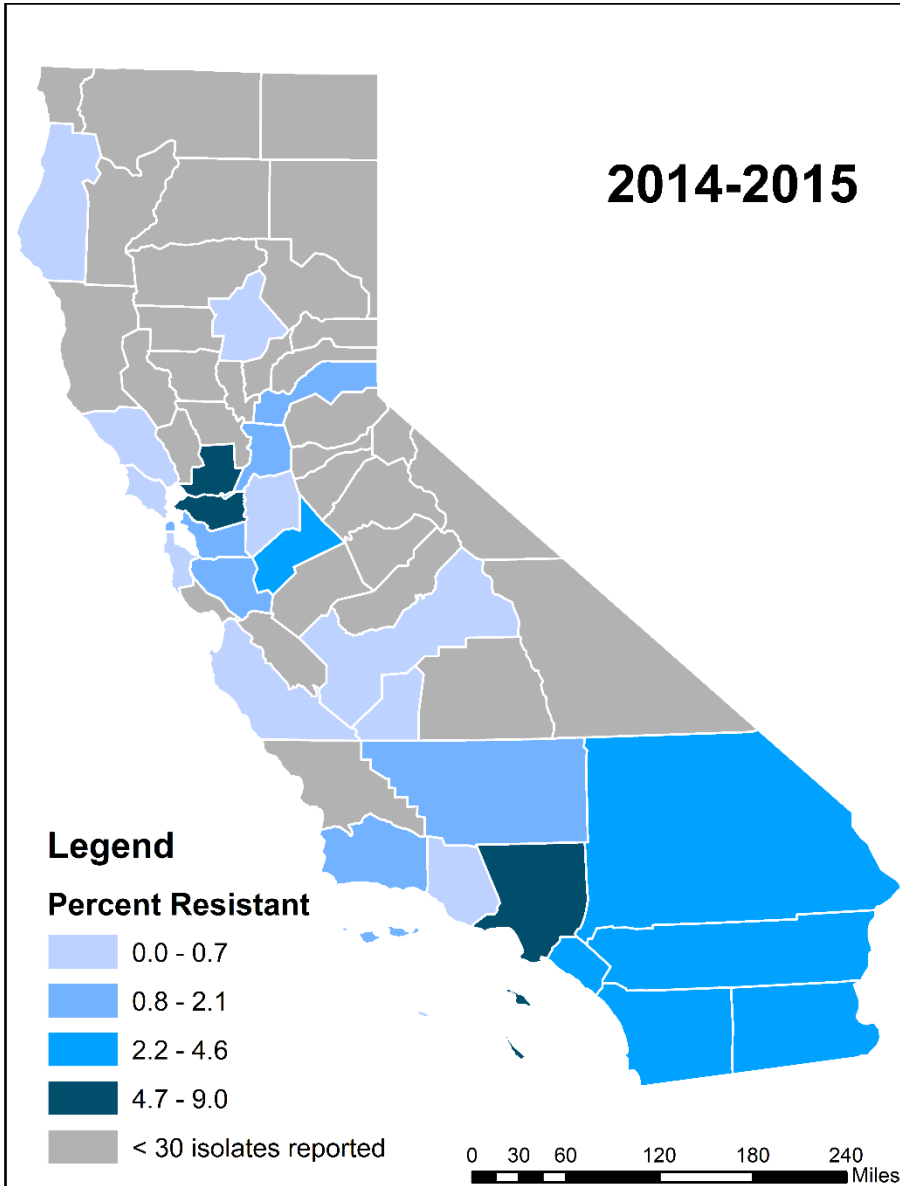
Sources: National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and CDC Emerging Infections Program (EIP)



Multidrug-Resistant *E coli* among HAI, 2014-2017



Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) among HAI, 2014-2017



Regional AR Prevention Collaborative Objectives

- Improve implementation of AR prevention strategies within local health care facilities across the continuum of care
 - Antimicrobial stewardship
 - Infection prevention
- Improve coordination of antimicrobial use and infection prevention measures when patients/residents transfer between facilities

Antimicrobial Stewardship

- **Promote and measure appropriate antimicrobial use** by optimizing antimicrobial selection, dosing, route, and duration of therapy
 - Improved patient care, increased cure rates, reduced treatment failures
 - Reductions in hospital rates of CDI and antimicrobial resistance
 - Decreased or controlled costs

Howell et al. Arch Intern Med 2010;170:784–90

Evans and Johnson. Clin Infect Dis. 2015;60(S2):S122-8

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

Core Elements of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASP)

- **Leadership Commitment:** Dedicate necessary resources
- **Accountability:** Appoint a leader responsible for program outcomes
- **Drug Expertise:** Appoint pharmacist leader responsible for working to improve antimicrobial use
- **Action:** Implement at least one recommended action
- **Tracking:** Monitor antibiotic prescribing and resistance patterns
- **Reporting:** Regularly report information on antibiotic use and resistance to doctors, nurses, and relevant staff
- **Education:** Educate clinicians about resistance and optimal prescribing

Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategies to Prevent *Clostridium difficile* Infections

non-CDI antimicrobial use wherever possible [2]. ASP interventions can improve adherence to CDI management guidelines [9].



Center for Health Care Quality Healthcare-Associated Infections Program Antimicrobial Stewardship Strategies to Prevent *Clostridium difficile* Infections

Clostridium difficile is the most frequently reported healthcare-associated pathogen in hospitals [1]. Antimicrobial exposure is the most important modifiable risk factor for *Clostridium difficile* infection (CDI) when a patient is also exposed to the *C. difficile* bacterium or spores [2]. Antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASP) coordinate efforts to improve and measure appropriate antimicrobial use by optimizing selection, dose, duration and route of therapy [3]. **The HAI Program recommends hospital infection preventionists (IP) and ASP leaders collaborate to implement CDI prevention strategies.**

1. Establish CDI reduction goals for the ASP.

Reducing CDI should be a high priority when designing ASP interventions [3].

Recommendations:

- Prioritize ASP interventions by using CDI surveillance data to identify patient populations, hospital locations and service lines with highest CDI incidence.
- Track CDI incidence as a primary ASP outcome.
- Include the hospital infection preventionist as an active ASP participant.

2. Limit high CDI risk antimicrobial prescribing by promoting use of lower risk antimicrobials, minimizing the number of antimicrobials prescribed, and ensuring shortest effective duration of therapy.

Increased CDI risk is observed with increasing cumulative antimicrobial dose, number, duration, and spectrum of activity [4]. Broad spectrum antimicrobials, including fluoroquinolones (i.e., ciprofloxacin, levofloxacin, moxifloxacin) and cephalosporins (e.g., ceftriaxone, cefepime) are associated with higher risk of CDI [2]. Patients with reported allergies to beta-lactam antimicrobials (e.g., penicillin) frequently receive alternative antimicrobials and are at increased risk of CDI [5]. Hospital-based ASP interventions aimed at reducing use of broad spectrum antimicrobials have been shown to reduce hospital-onset CDI [6, 7]. The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) guidelines for ASP implementation [3] and CDI management [2] strongly recommend interventions designed to reduce the use of antimicrobials associated with high CDI risk.

Recommendations:

- Implement formulary restriction with preauthorization by requiring clinicians to obtain approval from the ASP or Infectious Diseases service before prescribing high-risk antimicrobials

for appropriate diagnostic testing, empiric therapy, and

electronic medical record) for all positive *C. difficile* test results. Review appropriateness of treatment, and provide feedback to clinicians if CDI

patients with risk factors or recent history of CDI for ASP audit and feedback. Consider testing for CDI if possible or prescribe lower-risk antimicrobials.

Strategies to improve accuracy of CDI diagnosis and surveillance

Identification of patients with CDI, implementation of isolation precautions, and optimization of therapy to improve patient outcomes. If used for diagnosis of CDI, tests are more likely to detect asymptomatic carriage than for appropriate CDI therapy and inaccurate surveillance data.

Clostridium difficile testing of formed stool.

Optimize use of CDI testing. Recommend testing only patients with symptoms of CDI. Prior to CDI testing of patients on laxatives, discontinue laxatives. Avoid CDI testing.

Guidelines for the prevention of health care-associated infections. *N Engl J Med*, 2014.

Guidelines for the prevention of *Clostridium difficile* Infection in Adults and Children: 2017 Update. *Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) and Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA)*. *Clin Infect Dis*, 2017. **62**(10): p. e1085.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Program: Guidelines by the Infectious Diseases Society of America. *Clin Infect Dis*, 2016. **62**(10): p. e51-54.

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Prevalence of *Clostridium difficile* infection associated with penicillin "allergy" in hospitalized patients. *Clin Infect Dis*, 2014. **58**(3): p. 790-6.

Antimicrobial Stewardship Programmes on *Clostridium difficile* incidence: a systematic review. *Clin Infect Dis*, 2014. **69**(7): p. 1748-54.

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CDC Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes



Leadership commitment

Demonstrate support and commitment to safe and appropriate antibiotic use in your facility



Accountability

Identify physician, nursing and pharmacy leads responsible for promoting and overseeing antibiotic stewardship activities in your facility



Drug expertise

Establish access to consultant pharmacists or other individuals with experience or training in antibiotic stewardship for your facility



Action

Implement **at least one** policy or practice to improve antibiotic use



Tracking

Monitor **at least one process** measure of antibiotic use and **at least one outcome** from antibiotic use in your facility



Reporting

Provide regular feedback on antibiotic use and resistance to prescribing clinicians, nursing staff and other relevant staff



Education


Provide resources to clinicians, nursing staff, residents and families about antibiotic resistance and opportunities for improving antibiotic use

Long Term Care Fever/Suspected Infection ASSESSMENT

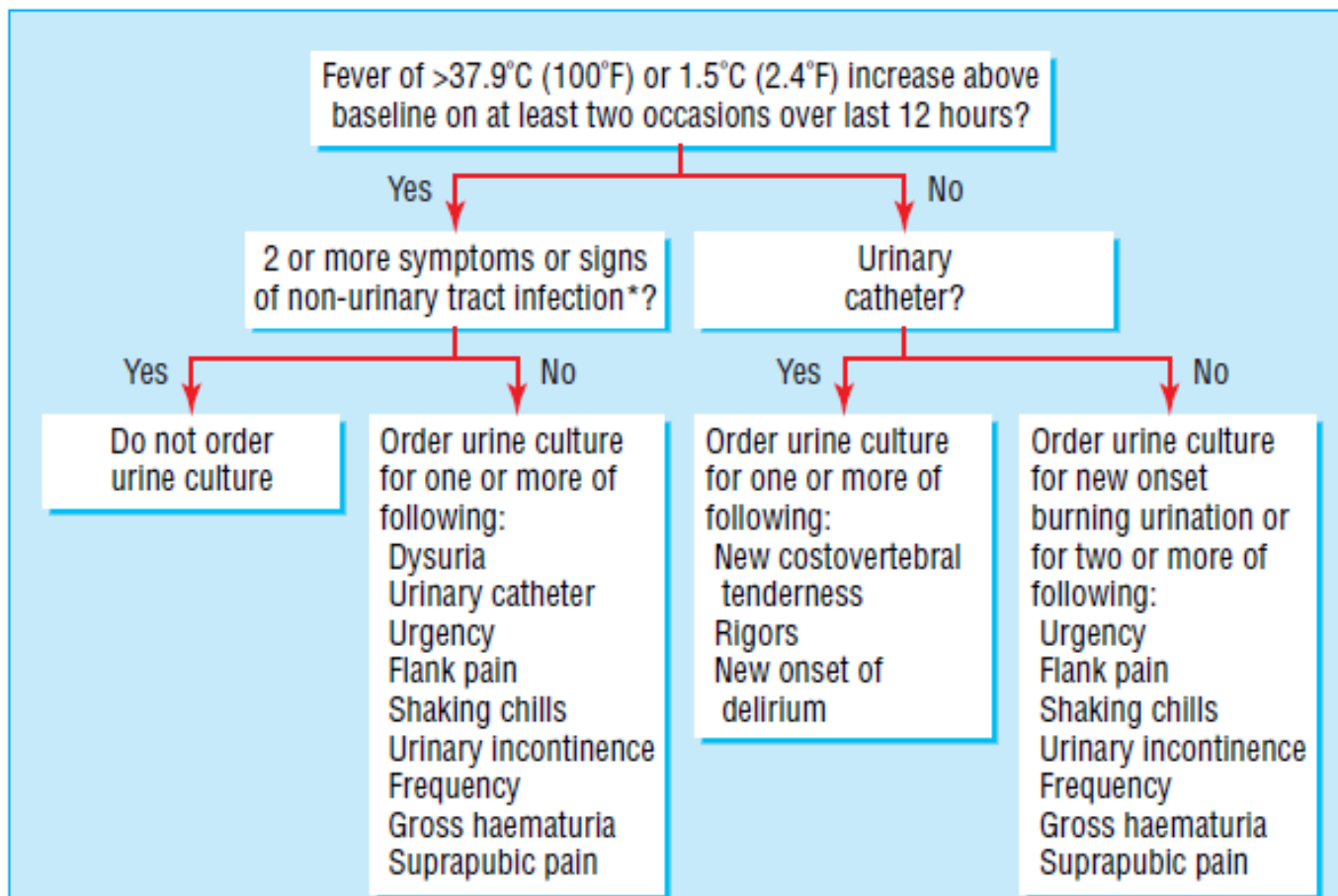
RN to complete <u>prior</u> to calling Pharmacist/Physician for fever or suspected infection		
Patient Name:	Unit	Rm:
Attending Physician:	ID Consultant?	On-call MD:
Current Isolation Status:	Code Status:	
Admitting Diagnosis (please list):		
Allergies:		
IV Lines: yes ___ no ___ If yes, what type(s)? _____		
Feeding tube: yes ___ or no ___ (type): _____		
Current Antibiotics: _____ (please include dates)		
Recent Antibiotic use (within the last month): _____ (please include dates)		
History of resistant organisms: _____ (please include dates)		
Vitals: (last 24 hours)		
HR	Report symptoms and fevers to pharmacist/MD	
RR		
BP		
O2 Sat		
WBC	SCR	
Last 2 Temp.: _____ (site: _____) Re-check after 1 hour if >100.4 (38.0)		
Immunosuppressed? (i.e. on steroids or post-chemo) Y or N		
Patient Status/symptoms → Please check all that apply & report to Pharmacist/MD/NP:		
<p>Suspected Respiratory Infection</p> <input type="checkbox"/> History of COPD or CHF (circle one)	<p>Suspected UTI</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Catheter (type: _____ date changed _____)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ventilator/trach/blowby (circle one)	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute dysuria	
<input type="checkbox"/> Rigors (shaking chills)	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute pain/swelling of testes/epididymis or prostate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cough, new or increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Gross hematuria	
<input type="checkbox"/> Purulent sputum production, new or increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute costovertebral angle tenderness or pain	
<input type="checkbox"/> New infiltrates on chest xray (dated: _____)	<input type="checkbox"/> New or worsening urinary urgency, frequency or suprapubic pain or incontinence	
<input type="checkbox"/> RR > 25 bpm	<input type="checkbox"/> Rigors (shaking chills)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Pleuritic chest pain	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute change in mental status or functional decline	
<input type="checkbox"/> O2 sat <94% or decreased >3% from baseline	<input type="checkbox"/> Purulent discharge from around catheter	
<input type="checkbox"/> Acute change in mental status or functional decline	<p>Fever of Unknown Origin</p> <input type="checkbox"/> New onset of delirium	
<p>Suspected skin/soft tissue infection</p> <input type="checkbox"/> New or increasing purulent drainage at site	<input type="checkbox"/> Rigors (shaking chills)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Redness at site	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tenderness or warmth at site		
<input type="checkbox"/> Swelling that is new or increasing at wound or soft tissue site		
<input type="checkbox"/> Satisfies LTC Fever/Suspected Infection Protocol for Cerner Powerplan Initiation for CBC, CMP, chest xray (T>100.4 x 2, at least 1 hour apart, or HR >120, RR>25, sys BP <90 after suctioning/re-positioning)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Labs & symptoms reviewed with Pharmacist to help determine origin of infection		
<p>SBAR for MD call: (if 2200-0630, as per on-call Pharmacist recommendation)</p> <p>Situation: Report imminent patient status: abnormal vitals, pain, physical symptoms, fever or acute mental status or vital sign changes, CBC, CMP, & chest xray results.</p> <p>Background: Give patient history, status: diagnosis, presence of catheter, wounds, etc.</p> <p>Assessment: Report if McGeer Criteria met & if patient qualifies for initiation of antibiotics per on-call RPh</p> <p>Recommendation: Initiate cultures/empiric antibiotic therapy per Cerner powerplan/as recommended by RPh</p>		
<p>FAX this page to Pharmacy when completed; Call Pharmacist to review</p>		
RN completing assessment:	Date:	Form Updated 7/2015

- Patient symptoms grouped by 4 basic categories of infection
- Communicate assessment findings using “SBAR” format
- Include subjective assessment of resident’s condition, in addition to vitals and symptoms

Example shared courtesy of Bridget Olson, Sharp Coronado Hospital

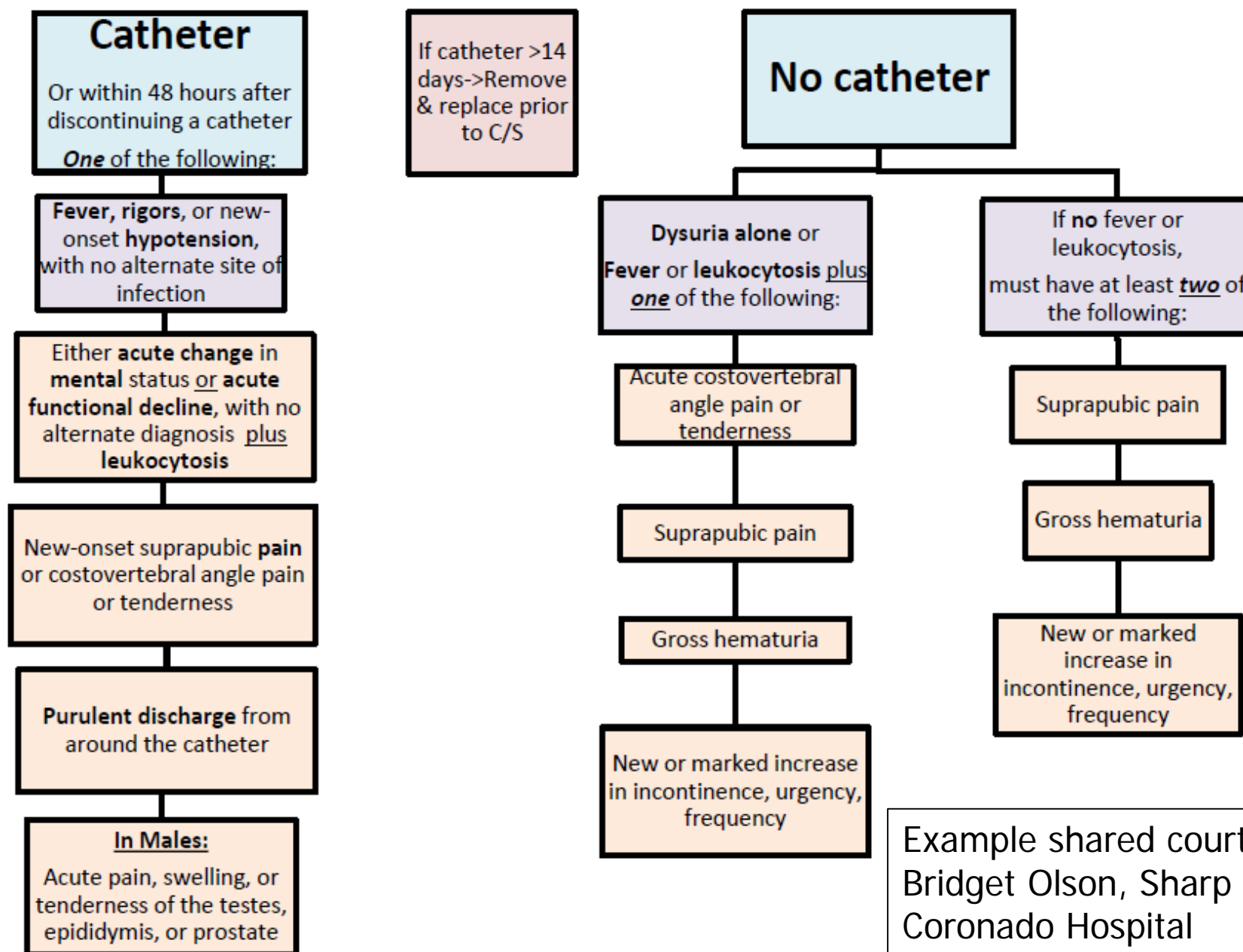


Algorithms to Guide Appropriate Use of Diagnostic Testing



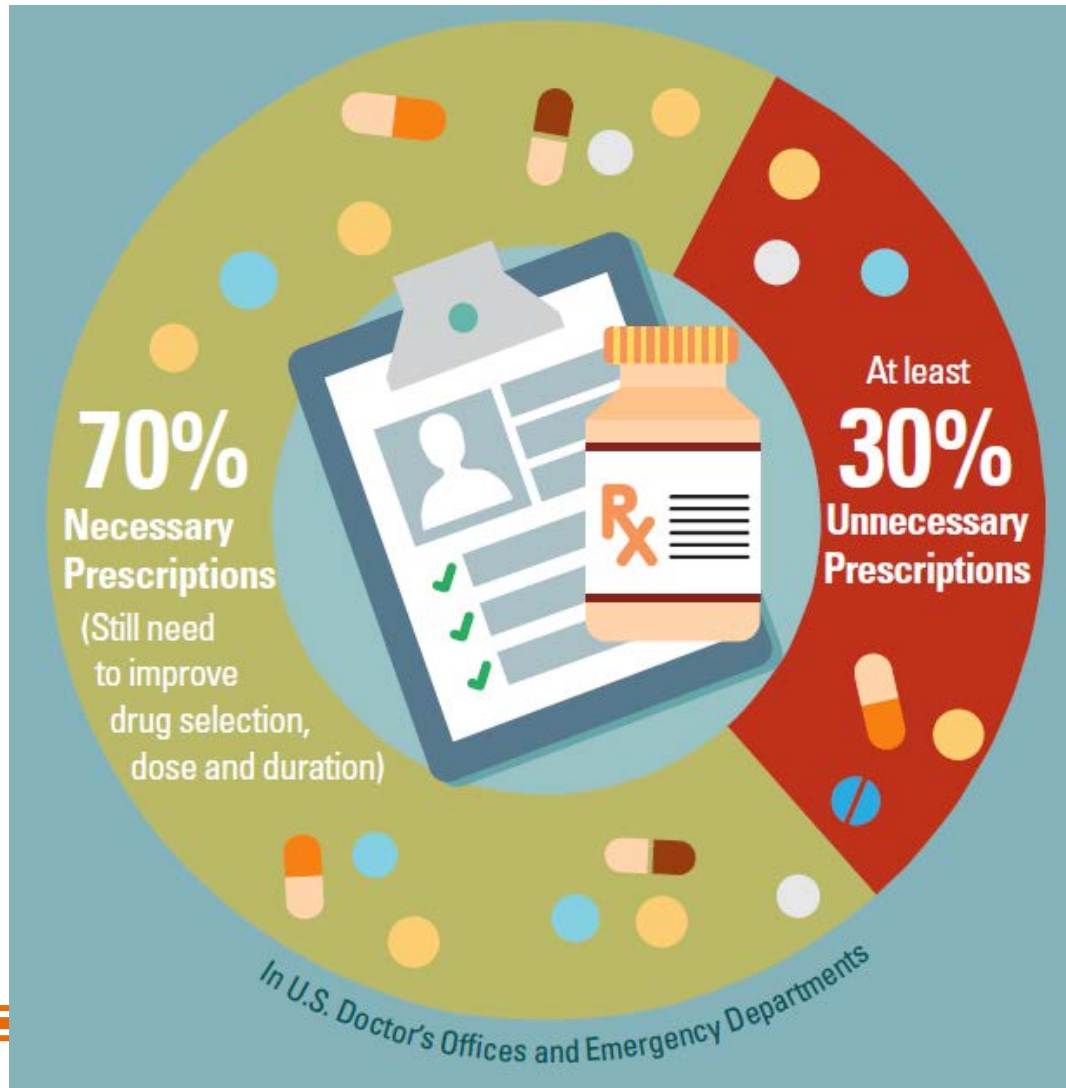
* Respiratory symptoms include increased shortness of breath, increased cough, increased sputum production, new pleuritic chest pain.
Gastrointestinal symptoms include nausea or vomiting, new abdominal pain, new onset of diarrhoea
Skin and soft tissue symptoms include new redness, warmth, swelling, purulent drainage

Suspected Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)



CDC Core Elements for Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship

Antibiotic Prescribing in Outpatient Settings



- At least 30% of antibiotic courses are unnecessary
- Most unnecessary antibiotic use for acute respiratory conditions, e.g., acute bronchitis

Outpatient Antibiotic Stewardship Actions

- Educational methods — antibiotic prescribing decisions are based on knowledge
 - Guidelines
 - Clinical decision support
- Behavioral methods — antibiotic prescribing decisions are influenced by psychosocial factors
 - Communications training
 - Public commitments



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Background & History

The Alliance Working for Antibiotic Resistance Education (AWARE) was initiated by the CMA Foundation in 2000, as a long-term statewide effort to promote the appropriate use of antibiotics. Physician organizations, healthcare providers, health systems, health plans, public health agencies, consumer and community based organizations, federal, state and local government representatives and the pharmaceutical industry have all worked to achieve the mission and goals of this project



Acute Respiratory Tract Infection
Guideline Summary - Adult



Acute Respiratory Tract Infection
Guideline Summary - Pediatric

PROJECT MISSION

Reduce the unnecessary use of antibiotics and reduce the prevalence of antibiotic resistant bacteria in California.

PROJECT GOALS

- Increase appropriate prescribing of antibiotics.
- Raise consumer awareness and understanding regarding the appropriate use of antibiotics.
- Mobilize the community to reduce the unnecessary use of antibiotics



Antibiotics aren't always the answer

Antibiotics **do nothing** for viruses like:

- Colds and flu
- Most bronchitis
- Most sore throats and coughs
- Green or yellow runny nose

Taking an antibiotic when you have a virus means a **less effective** antibiotic when you **really** need it.

 **WARE**
*Alliance Working for
Antibiotic Resistance Education*
A project of GMA Foundation

FEEL BETTER SOON



WITHOUT ANTIBIOTICS!

Stay home from school and get plenty of rest.

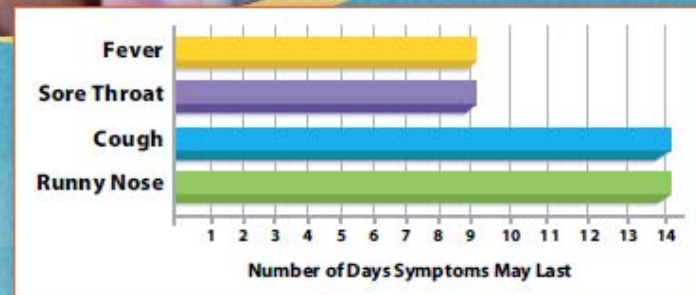
Drink lots of fluids – like water and soup.

Talk to your doctor about what you can do at home to feel better.

Wash your hands often to prevent the spread of germs.

Antibiotics can lose their power to kill germs if we don't use antibiotics correctly.

Do you know how long your cold and flu symptoms will last?



- Antibiotics **DO NOT** kill viruses like a cold, flu or most bronchitis infections.
- Take antibiotics only when your doctor prescribes antibiotics for **YOU**.
- Taking antibiotics when you don't need them or not taking them as prescribed by your doctor puts you at **INCREASED RISK** of getting "superbugs" resistant to antibiotics.

For more information ask your doctor and visit www.aware.md.



Viral Illness Prescription Pad

Symptom Relief for Viral Illnesses



1. DIAGNOSIS

- Cold or cough
- Middle ear fluid (Otitis Media with Effusion, OME)
- Flu
- Viral sore throat
- Bronchitis
- Other: _____

You have been diagnosed with an illness caused by a virus. Antibiotics do not work on viruses. When antibiotics aren't needed, they won't help you, and the side effects could still hurt you. The treatments prescribed below will help you feel better while your body fights off the virus.

3. SPECIFIC MEDICINES

- Fever or aches: _____
- Ear pain: _____
- Sore throat and congestion: _____

Use medicines according to the package instructions or as directed by your healthcare professional. Stop the medication when the symptoms get better.

Signed: _____

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.

2. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Drink extra water and fluids.
- Use a cool mist vaporizer or saline nasal spray to relieve congestion.
- For sore throats in older children and adults, use ice chips, sore throat spray, or lozenges.
- Use honey to relieve cough. Do not give honey to an infant younger than 1.

4. FOLLOW UP

- If not improved in _____ days/hours, if new symptoms occur, or if you have other concerns, please call or return to the office for a recheck.
- Phone: _____
- Other: _____



A Commitment to Our Patients About Antibiotics

Antibiotics only fight infections caused by bacteria. Like all drugs, they can be harmful and should only be used when necessary. Taking antibiotics when you have a virus can do more harm than good: you will still feel sick and the antibiotic could give you a skin rash, diarrhea, a yeast infection, or worse.

Antibiotics also give bacteria a chance to become more resistant to them. This can make future infections harder to treat. It means that antibiotics might not work when you really do need them. Because of this, it is important that you only use an antibiotic when it is necessary to treat your illness.

How can you help? When you have a cough, sore throat, or other illness, tell your doctor you only want an antibiotic if it is really necessary. If you are not prescribed an antibiotic, ask what you can do to feel better and get relief from your symptoms.

Your health is important to us. As your healthcare providers, we promise to provide the best possible treatment for your condition. If an antibiotic is not needed, we will explain this to you and will offer a treatment plan that will help. We are **dedicated** to prescribing antibiotics **only** when they are needed, and we will avoid giving you antibiotics when they might do more harm than good.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask us.

Sincerely,

To learn more
about antibiotic
prescribing and use, visit
www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.



Behavioral Clinical Decision Support: Accountable Justification

- “Antibiotic justification note” in medical record
 - Prompted free text note if antibiotics prescribed for diagnosis for which antibiotics are not indicated
 - If no text entered: “No justification given” appeared in medical record
 - Note disappeared if antibiotic prescription deleted
- Idea: Clinicians want to preserve their reputation
- **Reduced inappropriate antibiotic prescribing from 23.2% to 5.2% pre and post-intervention (-7.0% difference in differences)**



DEVELOPING A PROJECT PLAN FOR THE IMPERIAL COUNTY AR PREVENTION COLLABORATIVE



Discussion Groups

1. List local antimicrobial stewardship resources
 - Who are your antimicrobial stewardship leaders in your facility and community?
 - What initiatives are already in place / on-going?
 2. What are barriers to appropriate antimicrobial use in your facility and community?
 3. What antimicrobial stewardship projects would be most useful, feasible, or applicable to your facility and community?
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COLLABORATIVE NEXT STEPS



Prevention Assessment: What to Expect

- **Introduction and group interview** with key staff
- **Individual interview sessions**, potentially including:

Hospitals:

- Chief Medical Officer and/or Chief Nursing Officer
- Infection Preventionist
- Microbiologist
- Pharmacist
- Environmental Services Supervisor
- Clinician(s)

Nursing Homes:

- Administrator and/or Medical Director
- Director of Nursing and/or Director of Staff Development
- Pharmacy Consultant
- Environmental Services Supervisor
- Clinician(s)

Prevention Assessment: What to Expect

- **Observations**
 - Hand hygiene, Contact Precautions, Environmental Services
- **Summary and Feedback** meeting, including key staff
 - Review CDC Core and Supplemental CDI Prevention Strategies
 - Development of facility-tailored CDI processes for improvement
- Facilities will be asked to provide periodic updates on process improvement items being addressed
- SNF that previously received infection control assessments will receive targeted follow-up visits