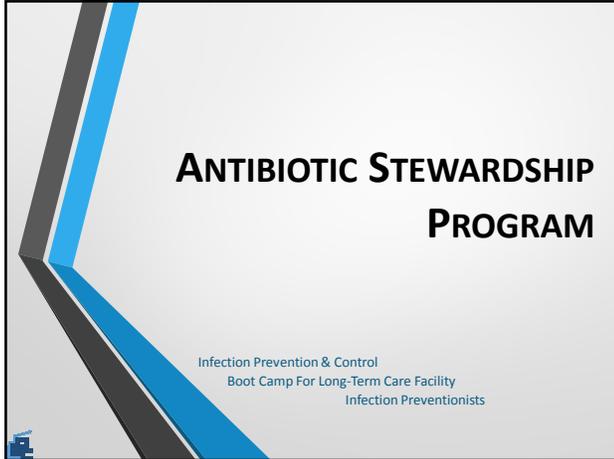
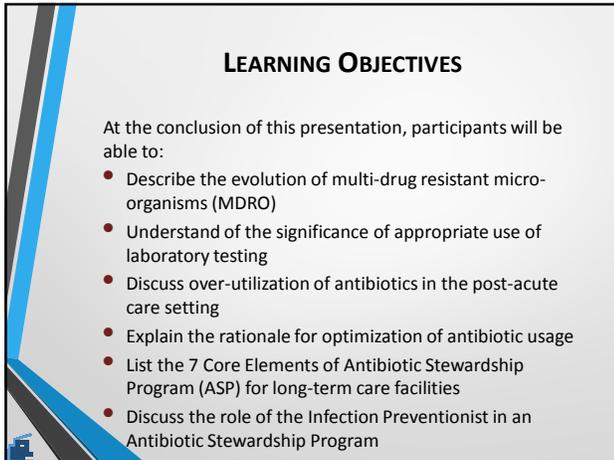


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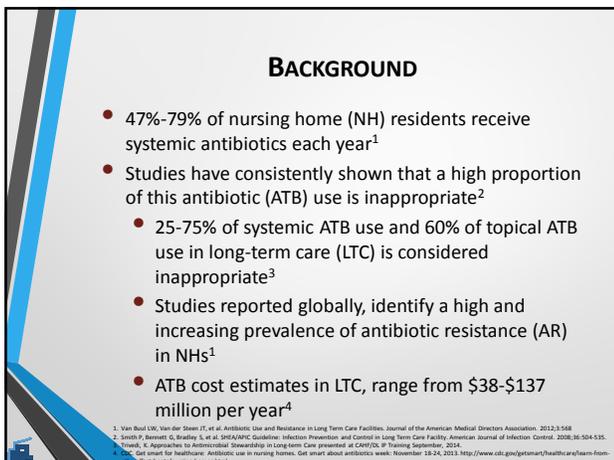
Infection Prevention & Control
Boot Camp For Long-Term Care Facility
Infection Preventionists



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to:

- Describe the evolution of multi-drug resistant micro-organisms (MDRO)
- Understand of the significance of appropriate use of laboratory testing
- Discuss over-utilization of antibiotics in the post-acute care setting
- Explain the rationale for optimization of antibiotic usage
- List the 7 Core Elements of Antibiotic Stewardship Program (ASP) for long-term care facilities
- Discuss the role of the Infection Preventionist in an Antibiotic Stewardship Program



BACKGROUND

- 47%-79% of nursing home (NH) residents receive systemic antibiotics each year¹
- Studies have consistently shown that a high proportion of this antibiotic (ATB) use is inappropriate²
 - 25-75% of systemic ATB use and 60% of topical ATB use in long-term care (LTC) is considered inappropriate³
 - Studies reported globally, identify a high and increasing prevalence of antibiotic resistance (AR) in NHs¹
 - ATB cost estimates in LTC, range from \$38-\$137 million per year⁴

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EVOLUTION OF MDROs

- ESKAPE pathogens (*Enterobacter*, *Staphylococcus aureus* (SA), *Klebsiella pneumoniae* (KP), *Acinetobacter baumannii*, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Enterococcus faecium*)⁵
- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), ESKAPE bacteria are responsible for 2/3 of all healthcare-associated infections (HAI)⁵
- Resistance has developed in *E. Coli*, KP, SA, *Acinetobacter*, *Pseudomonas*, and *Enterococcus*
- With resistance comes less treatment options for serious infections
- Higher morbidity & mortality
- Increased healthcare costs

5. Science Daily. No ESKAPE! New drugs against MRSA. Other Superbugs Still Lacking. December 5, 2008. <http://www.sciencedaily.com/news/healthcare/08/12/08120508.htm>

PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT OF MDROs

- Robust hand hygiene program (education & monitoring)
- Use of Transmission-based isolation, when necessary
- Proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Involvement of environmental services in trainings and communication
- Education program for all disciplines, residents, families and ancillary services
- Antimicrobial stewardship program

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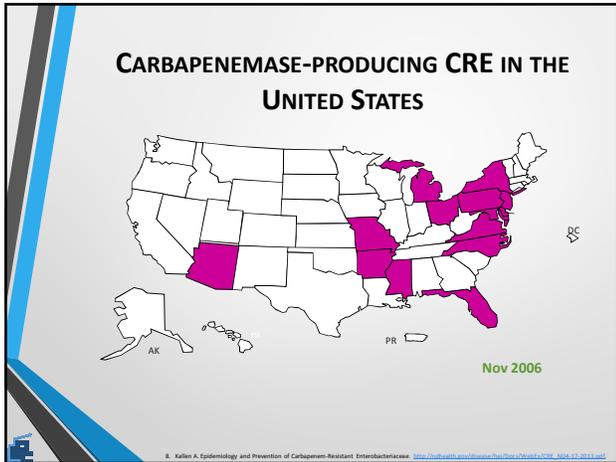
RATIONALE FOR ANTIMICROBIAL USE OPTIMIZATION

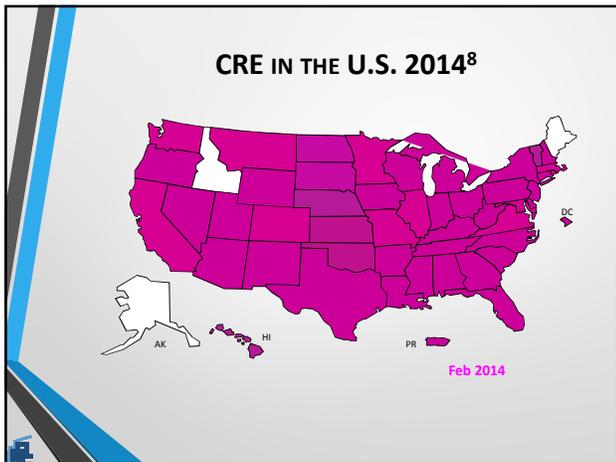
- **Antimicrobial resistance**
 - **Inherent**
 - **Antimicrobial exposure**
- Patient safety
 - Arrhythmias, nephrotoxicity, drug-drug interactions
 - *Clostridium difficile* infections, death⁷
- Cost
 - Unnecessary use, switching from IV to PO, broad-spectrum to pathogen-directed therapy⁷

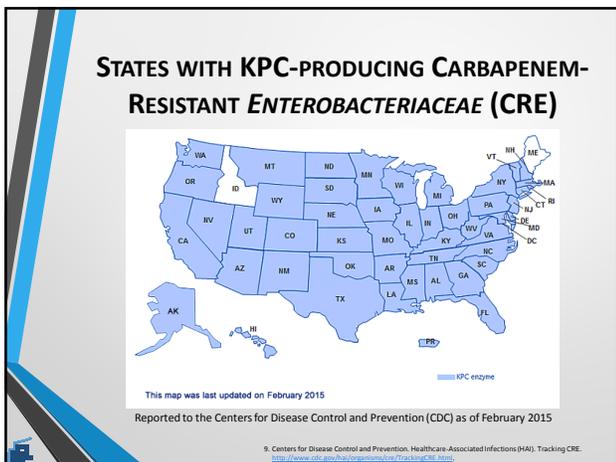
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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) VISITS FOR ATB-ASSOCIATED ADVERSE EVENTS^{9,10}

- On basis of 6614 cases of ED visits studied, an estimated 142,505 visits were drug-related adverse events associated with systemic ATBs^{9,10}
 - ATB were implicated in 19.3% of all ED visits for drug-related adverse events^{9,19}
- Most ED visits for adverse drug events were for allergic reactions^{9,10}
 - Half of the estimated ED visits were due to penicillins (36.9%), and cephalosporins (12.2%)^{9,10}

^{9,10} Rudolph DS, Lovgren MC, Shahab N, Richards CL. Emergency Department visits for Antibiotic-Associated Adverse Events. *New England Journal of Medicine*. 2014; November 24, 2014.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (ED) VISITS FOR ATB-ASSOCIATED ADVERSE EVENTS⁹ (CONTINUED)

- Sulfonamides (18.9%) and clindamycin (18.5%) were associated with the highest rate of ED visits with moderate-to-severe allergic reactions⁹
- Sulfonamides (1.4%) and fluoroquinolones (0.5%) were associated with a significantly higher rate of neurologic or psychiatric disturbances⁹



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COST OF HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS (HAI)

TYPE OF INFECTION	MINIMUM COST	MAXIMUM COST
Central Line-Associated Blood Stream Infection (CLABSI)	\$7,288	\$29,156
Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia (VAP)	\$19,633	\$28,508
Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infection (CAUTI)	\$862	\$1,007
Skin and Soft Tissue Infection (SSI)	\$11,874	\$34,670
<i>Clostridium difficile</i> Infection (CDI)	\$6408	\$9,124

Data are from 2007 from North Carolina Department of Health

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COST OF ANTIMICROBIAL-RESISTANT INFECTIONS (ARI)^{7,11}

	ALL PATIENTS	PATIENTS WITH ARI	PATIENTS WITHOUT ARI
n (%)	1391	188 (13.5)	1203 (86.5)
APACHE II score	42.1	54.8*	40.1*
LOS (days)	10.2	24.2*	8.0*
HAI (n)	260	135*	125*
Cost per day (\$)	1651	2098*	1581*
Total cost (\$)	19,267	58,029*	13,210*
Death [n (%)]	70	34 (18.1)*	36 (3.0)*

*p<0.001



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HIGH RATES OF MDROs IN LTC

- Frequent transfer from acute care hospitals
- Horizontal transmission of resistant organisms
- Widespread (often inappropriate) use of antimicrobials



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HORIZONTAL TRANSMISSION

- Horizontal transmission can occur in LTC due to high-risk patients
 - Invasive devices and procedures have increased¹³
 - Central lines, feeding tubes, dialysis, IV antibiotics, trachs¹³
 - Population includes more acute and sub-acute patients treated previously in hospitals¹³
 - Staff not given appropriate education
 - Changing infection control provider without expertise¹³

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PIPELINE FOR ANTIBIOTICS

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| <p>2009⁷</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only 15-16 antibiotics are in development• Only 8 of these have activity against key Gram negative bacteria• None have activity against bacteria resistant to all current drugs | <p>2015¹⁴</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 39 antibiotics currently in clinical development• 11 of these antibiotics have expected activity against resistant gram negative ESKAPE pathogens (<i>Enterobacter</i>, SA, <i>Klebsiella</i>, <i>Acinetobacter</i>, <i>Pseudomonas</i>, <i>enterococcus</i>)• 17 of these antibiotics have expected activity against 3 CDC urgent threat pathogen (CRE, CDI, AR gonorrhoea) |
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14. Antibiotics currently in clinical development. December 19, 2015.



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ANTIBIOTIC MAJOR RISK FACTOR FOR CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION (CDI)¹⁵

Increases in CDI risk are observed with increased cumulative dose, number of antibiotics, and days of ATB therapy¹⁵

Risk of CDI compared to resident on 1 antibiotic

	NUMBER OF ATBs		
	2 ATBs	3-4 ATBs	5+ ATBs
	2.5 times higher	3.3 times higher	9.6 times higher

Risk of CDI compared to resident on ATBs for <4 days

	DAYS OF ANTIBIOTIC		
	4-7 days	8-18 days	>18 days
	1.4 times higher	3 times higher	7.8 times higher

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“Over- prescribing is a serious problem. Using antibiotics when they aren't needed is one of the main causes of antibiotic resistance. So we need to give doctors the information and guidance they need to make the right call in hard situations.”

President Barack Obama



16. Washington Times. Obama pushes \$1.2 billion plan to fight drug-resistant bacteria. March 27, 2015. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/archive/local/news/2015/mar/27/obamas-plan-to-fight-drug-resistant-bacteria/>

CMS PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

- President Obama's PCAST (President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology) released a report on Combating Antibiotic Resistance, September 2014
- June 2015 the White House convened a Summit on Antibiotic Resistance and Stewardship
- On July 16, 2015 CMS proposed a revision of the requirements that LTCFs must meet to participate in Medicare and Medicaid Programs (Federal Register Volume 80, No 136)
 - ✓ CMS proposes a reform requiring facilities to designate an Infection Preventionist (IP) for whom the infection prevention and control program is their MAJOR responsibility and who would serve as a member of the facility's quality assessment and assurance committee.
 - ✓ In addition, the proposal states that the IP should receive training in infection control.
 - ✓ Proposal also states that each infection prevention control program (IPCP) include an antibiotic stewardship program.



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CHALLENGES FOR ASP IMPLEMENTATION

- Aging associated changes
- Institutional Exposure
- Underlying co-morbidities which has greater risk for infection
- Increased use of invasive devices
- Pressure from resident families to order ATBs
- High prevalence of colonization of skin, urine and oropharynx (cultures often positive in absence of infection)
- Limited resources

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CHALLENGES FOR ASP IMPLEMENTATION¹⁷ (CONTINUED)

- Physicians not always on premises and may not see the resident before ATBs are prescribed
- Physicians may have reservations that their resident may be forgotten (if ATB not ordered), and early signs of sepsis may be missed if the ATB is not ordered
- Diagnostic services are off site
- Resident's lack of ability to communicate symptoms
- Atypical presentation of infection in the elderly and frail

CHALLENGES FOR ASP IMPLEMENTATION¹⁷ (CONTINUED)

- On-call physician is often the one who receives the original "change-of-condition" report from nursing staff
- Physician's lack of confidence in LTC nurse's competence
- Pressure from resident and family members to order diagnostic tests and antibiotics
- Litigation concerns



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NURSING CHALLENGES

- The IP in LTC usually wears many hats
- Turnover of staff within facility is high
- High turnover of the designated IP
 - Lack of formal training of IP for infection control duties
- Lack of adequate time to perform all duties



WHERE DO YOU BEGIN



CORE ELEMENTS

Summary of Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship in Nursing Homes

- Leadership commitment**
Senior staff support and commitment to the role of appropriate antibiotic use in your facility.
- Accountability**
Identify specific nursing and pharmacy leads responsible for promoting and overseeing antibiotic stewardship activities in your facility.
- Drug expertise**
Ensure 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.

- ✓ Design your antimicrobial stewardship program and policy in accordance with the CDC's 7 Core Elements
- ✓ Identify champions to lead your stewardship efforts (medical director, pharmacy consultant)
- ✓ Assign responsibility for overseeing activities in your facility
- ✓ Choose a focus for your activities
- ✓ Monitor one process and correlate to outcomes observed through tracking
- ✓ Provide feedback to all providers in your facility as well as to your staff
- ✓ Educate families, clinicians, and nursing staff on your practices to improve antibiotic use

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WHERE DO WE BEGIN

Metrics That MATTER

- Obtain support and buy-in from Medical Director, Administrator and DON
- Create an ASP committee (meet monthly)
 - Members: Medical Director, DON, IP, Infectious Disease (ID) Pharmacist, Laboratory, ID doctor
- Narrow area of focus (low hanging fruit i.e., urinary tract infection (UTI) vs asymptomatic bacteriuria (ASB) may be a good starting point
- Decide on metrics to be used
- Create a policy for your stewardship program
- Begin educating nursing staff on goals & practices
- Consider developing working relationship with acute care IP and Pharmacist

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STRATEGIES TO CONSIDER

- Develop communication protocols for reporting information to clinicians when infection may be suspected
- Establish best-practices for use of diagnostic testing
- Establish facility-specific management & treatment decision-algorithm (to be established by MD and Pharmacist)
- Implement policies on antimicrobial prescribing
- Utilize an “antibiotic time-out”
- Assessing resident 48-72 hours after ATB start to determine ongoing need and appropriateness of ATB chosen¹
 - Changes to ATB selection may be based on resident’s clinical condition or new diagnostic data^{20,21}

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SAMPLE OF METRICS FOR URINARY TRACT EVENTS²¹

- # Urine Culture & Sensitivity (C&S) orders (started in NH)
- # of positive C&S
- # of ATB orders (started in NH)
- # of ATB orders for low colony count (less than 100,000 colonies)
- # of events that meet McGeer’s Criteria
- # of days of ATB therapy
- # of ATBs ordered empirically
- # of *Clostridium difficile* tests ordered (in NH)
- # of *Clostridium difficile* positive tests (in NH)

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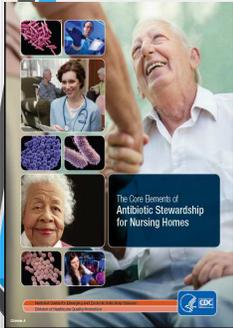


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HOW ARE LABORATORY TESTS USED?

- Assess the rationale for Urinalysis and C&S orders^{20,21}
 - Are non-specific changes driving urine testing? (i.e., mental confusion, cloudy urine)²⁰
- Assess specimen collection practices before ATB started¹
 - Poor collection practices can lead to false positive results¹
 - Are follow-up or “test-for-cure” cultures ordered?
 - Diagnostic tests can be positive without being clinically significant²⁰
 - Diagnostic tests which are positive may indicate colonization rather than infection but still drive ATB treatment²⁰

CONSULTANT LABORATORY¹⁸



- Examples of laboratory support for antibiotic stewardship include:
- Developing a process for alerting the facility if certain antibiotic-resistant organisms are identified,
 - Offering education for nursing home staff on the differences in diagnostic tests available for detecting various infectious pathogens (e.g., EIA toxin test vs. nucleic amplification tests for *C. difficile*), and
 - Creating a summary report of antibiotic susceptibility patterns from organisms isolated in cultures

WHAT IS AN ANTILOGRAM?

An antibiogram is an “overall profile of antimicrobial susceptibility results” of bacteria to a battery of antimicrobial agents.

22. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1151936/pdf/1885-04.pdf>



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TRACK OUTCOMES FROM ATB USE

- Monitor ATB prescribing patterns
 - Look at prescribing process measures
 - Thorough resident assessment and documentation
 - Appropriateness of ATB choices
- Antibiotic use measures
 - Point prevalence of ATB usage (snapshot of use)
 - New ATB starts and days of therapy (started in facility)
- Outcome measures
 - Correlate ATB use with Clostridium difficile and MDROs
 - Adverse events and/or costs related to ATB use
- Track improvement of susceptibilities on antibiogram

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SHARE THE DATA²⁵

- Give regular feedback to providers and facility staff
 - Give provider-specific feedback
 - Feedback makes providers aware of their practices and how they compare to other providers
- Data is most powerful when shared
 - Enlighten everyone in your facility of important resident outcomes related to ATB use
- To sustain change, show clinicians and staff the impact of their stewardship efforts

WHAT'S IN IT FOR THE LTC FACILITY?

- Improved resident safety
- Stronger staff knowledge and skills regarding infection prevention and control
- Enhanced resident, family, and staff satisfaction
- Potential for improved compliance with survey requirements related to quality of care, infection control and more
- Improved relations with referring hospitals
- Decreased costs



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IN SUMMARY

- Microorganisms are mutating and developing resistance These are common organisms found in and on the human body which contribute to higher morbidity & mortality
- Over utilization and inappropriate use of antibiotics contributes to the increasing problem of MDRO development
- Maintaining best practices in infection control protocols can prevent transmission of infections
- Using antibiotics judiciously can decrease antimicrobial resistance while avoiding adverse reactions, and decreasing costs.
- Utilize the 7 Core Elements of ASP for NH

QUESTIONS?



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