

# Antimicrobial Stewardship Program: Local Experience

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# QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL SINCE 1963



- Is the largest hospital in Hong Kong
- Operates a 24-hour Accident and Emergency service and a full spectrum of specialist services.
- Provides medical care in both inpatient and specialist outpatient services.
- Is a referral centre of the major specialities



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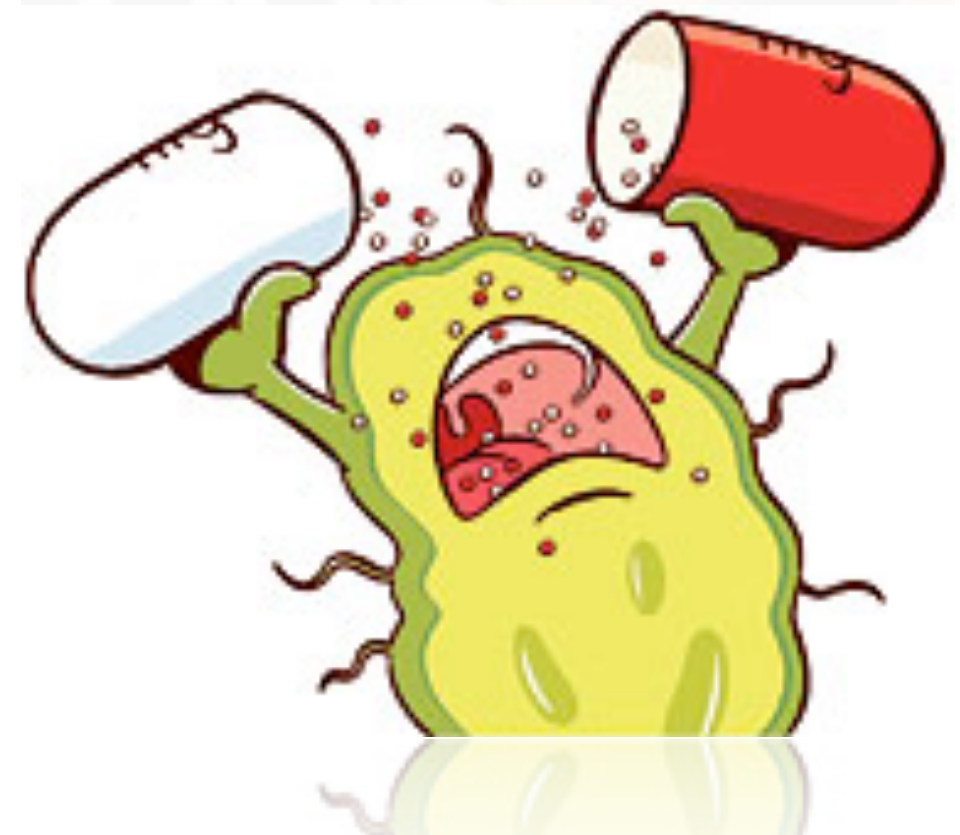
Thanks to PENICILLIN  
...He Will Come Home!





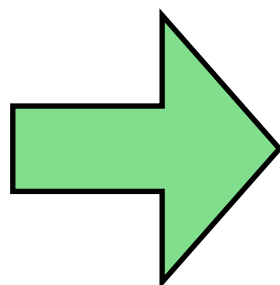
# Multiple resistant organisms

- VISA / VRSA
- VRE
- Multiple drug resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Multiple drug resistant *Acinetobacter Baumannii*

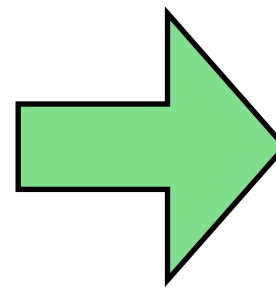




MDROs



# MDROs



↑ Hospital stay

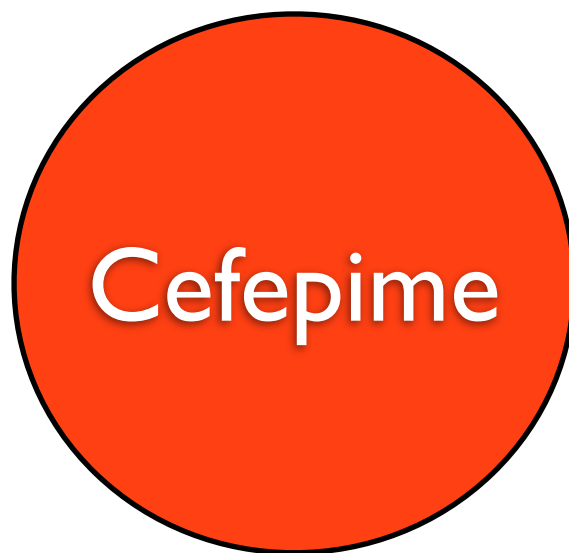
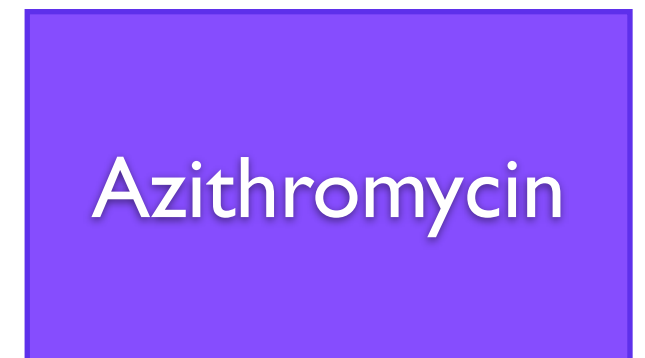
↑ Morbidity

↑ Mortality

↑ Cost







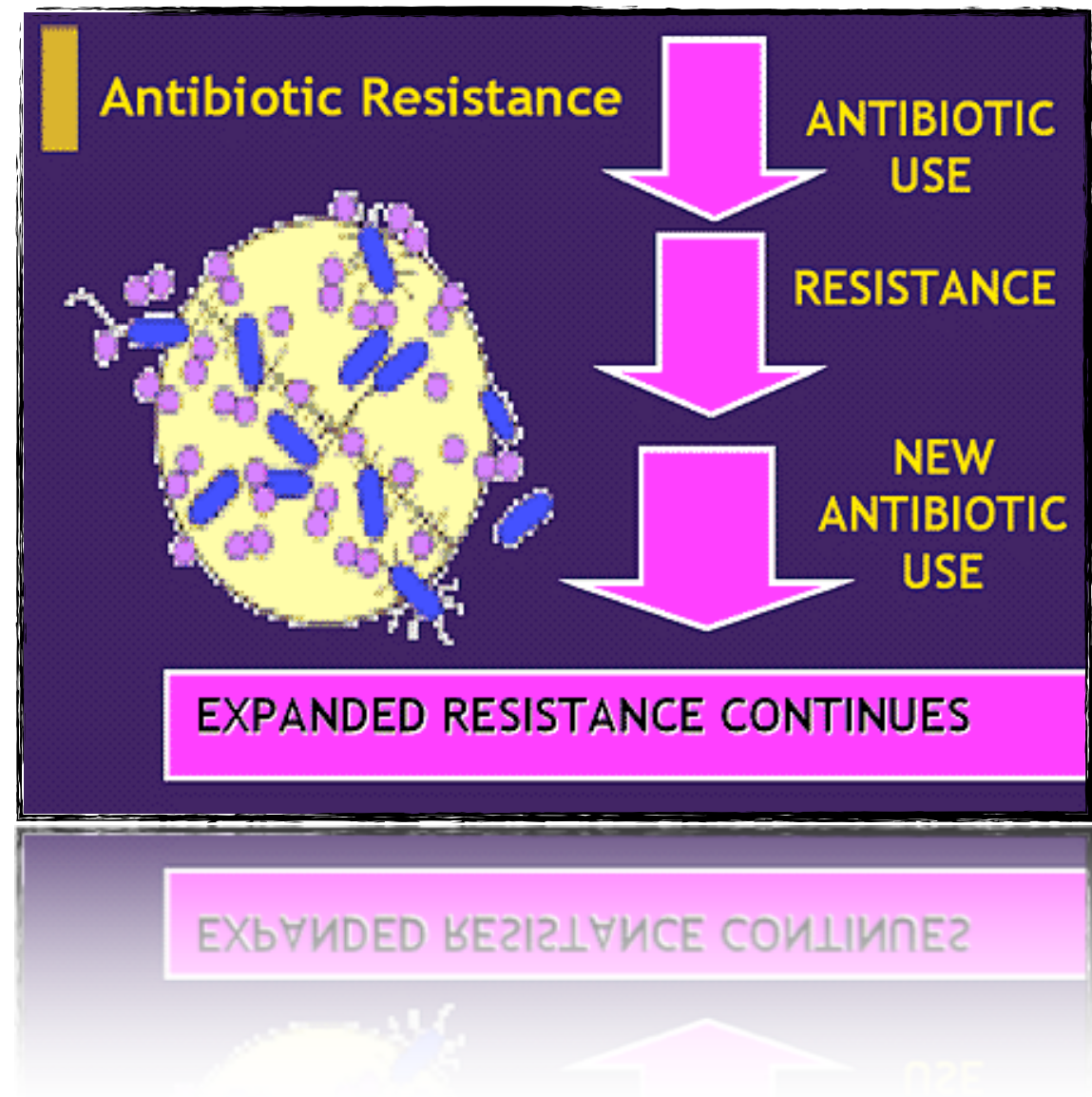
# DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ANTIBIOTICS LAGGING BEHIND OF MDROS' DEVELOPMENT

# Antibiotic History

Drugs	Year
Sulphonamides	1932
<b>Penicillin</b>	<b>1940</b>
Streptomycin	1944
Chloramphenicol	1947
Cephalosporin	1948
Erythromycin	1952
Vancomycin	1956
Nalidixic acid (1st FQs)	1962 (1970s)
Oxazolidinone (Linezolid)	1978 (2002)
Lipopeptide (Daptomycin)	1980 (2003)

# Antibiotic Pressure

- **Antimicrobial Agent**
- **Resistance Gene**

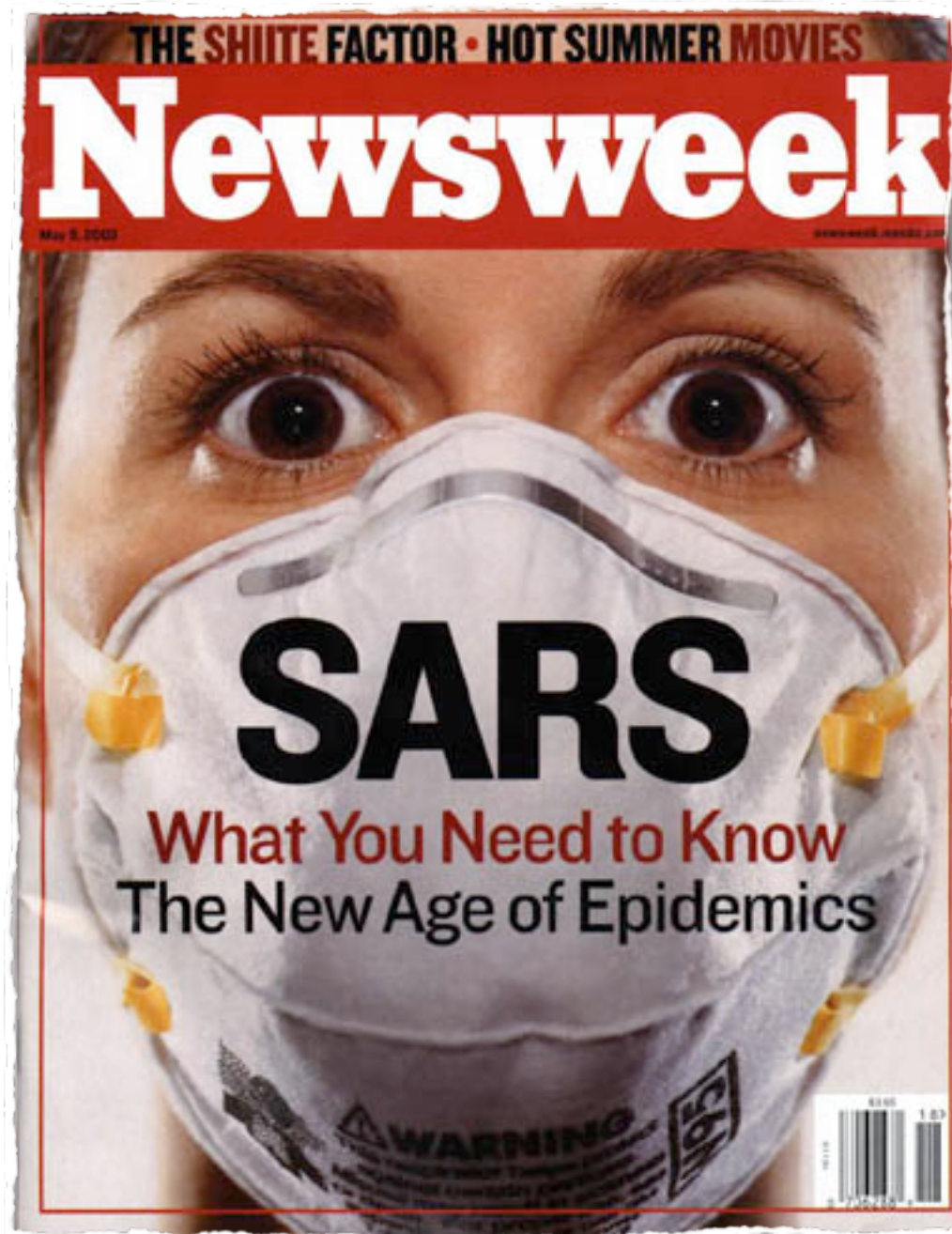


# **Appropriate Antibiotic Use**

- Not only to the total amount, but **how it is being used.**
- Inappropriate use of antibiotics will **select for bacterial resistance.**
- Excessive duration may exacerbate **disruption of the normal flora**



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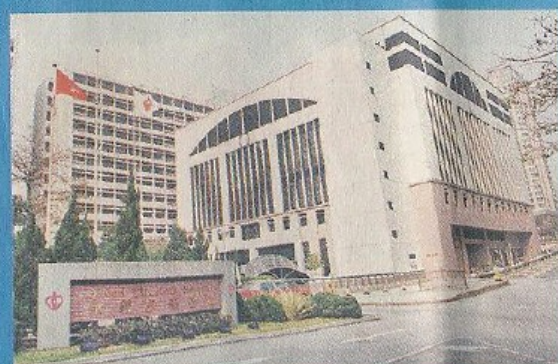
竟出現不正當情況，唯一

# 惡菌襲伊院

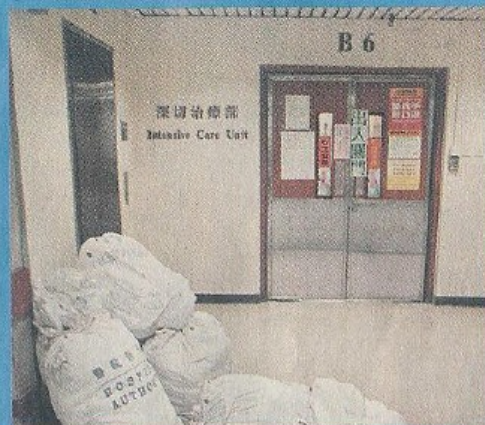
綠膿桿菌



## 百人中招死亡率高



●伊利沙伯醫院自九八年開始發現「無得醫」的綠膿桿菌肆虐。



●在深切治療部的病人，最受綠膿桿菌的威脅。

### 束手無策

全港最大的伊利沙伯醫院，六年前開始被「無藥醫」的綠膿桿菌入侵，先後有過百人懷疑於院內，染上這種可引致高死亡率肺炎和敗血病的惡菌，個案數目由九八年的一宗增至去年的八十四宗，今年亦有九宗個案，有病人疑染菌後病故。傳染病專家形容，這是「異常罕見」的爆發，「外國都未見過咁」，促請院方深入追查病源，以免置病人於危機中。

記者張意宇報道

伊院發言人承認，感染或帶有該菌多是一些病情嚴重

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# Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in 2004..

# Membership of ASP

Members	
Dr.Wu Tak Chiu	Division of Infectious Diseases
Dr. Dominic Tsang	Clinical Microbiology Consultant
Dr. Patrick Li	Medicine (Chief of Service)
Dr. C S Li	Drug and Therapeutic Committee (Chairman)
Dr.Wilson Leung	Clinical Pharmacist

# Objectives

1. Optimizing choice and dosing of both empirical and definitive antimicrobial therapy

2. Improving hospital antibiotic resistance profile

3. Improving clinical outcomes of patients who require antimicrobial therapy

# Strategies

<b>1. Written Guidelines</b>	<b>IMPACT and Hospital guidelines</b>
<b>2. Educational Efforts</b>	<b>Teaching sessions</b>
<b>3. Providing ID consultations on the use of antibiotics</b>	<b>24hrs ID consultation service</b>
<b>4. Antibiotic susceptibility report</b>	<b>Restricted antibiotic susceptibility report</b>
<b>5. Restriction and audit of selected antimicrobial agents prescriptions</b>	<b>Restricted use of selected antibiotics Antibiotic Order Form Immediate concurrent feedback</b>
<b>6. Hospital Antibiotic usage and resistance monitoring</b>	<b>Monthly and annual antimicrobial usage report Hospital Antibigram</b>

Reducing bacterial resistance  
with

Chemotherapy Interhospital Multi-disciplinary Programme on Antimicrobial  
**IMPACT**



Third Edition (version 3.0)

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# 19 Targeted Antimicrobial Drugs

## Anti-MRSA

Vancomycin

Linezolid

## Carbapenems

Imipenem

Ertapenem

Meropenem

## Antipseudomonal

Cefoperazpone/Sulbactam (Sulperazon)

Cefepime

Ceftazidime (Fortum)

Piperacillin-Tazobactam (Tazocin)

## IV Fluoroquinolones

Levofloxacin

Moxifloxacin

Ciprofloxacin

## IV Macrolides

Azithromycin

Clarithromycin

## Antifungal Drugs

IV Fluconazole

Caspofungin

Voriconazole

## Others

Tigecycline

Colistin



# Outcomes

- **Patient Quality of Care:**

- Mortality rates & ALOS of QEH medical patients with primary diagnosis of pneumonia

- **Antibiotic Resistance Trend:**

- Microbiology susceptibility report on PA
- Incidence of MRPA (multiply-resistant *P. aeruginosa*)

- **Antibiotic Consumption:**

- Cost (HK\$)
- DDD(Defined daily dose)/1000 patient-bed days

# WHO DDD Definition

- Is assumed average maintenance dose per day for a drug used for its main indication in adults
- Not necessarily reflect the recommended or prescribed daily dose
- Give a rough estimation of consumption
- Fixed unit of a measurement independent of price or formulation
- Able to assess **the trend** in drug consumption and
- To perform **comparison** between the population groups

# Departments

- Medicine
- O&T
- Surgery

# Daily ASP Work-Flow

**Prescriptions of antibiotics by  
in-charge doctors**

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**Antibiotic Order Form**



**Pharmacy collects the AOFs**



**Infection Control Nurse collects clinical information**



**Case review by ID/Microbiologist**



**Immediate Concurrent Feedback given  
if inappropriate**

## Antibiotic Order Form

Please Stick in Patient's Gum Label

### Please Check Appropriate Boxes

☐ **PROPHYAXIS**  
(No Infection Present)

☐ **EMPIRICAL THERAPY**  
(Suspected Infection by  
Unknown Pathogen)

☐ **DOCUMENTED INFECTION**  
(Known Infection & Pathogen Documented)

☐ **Vancomycin IV / Teicoplanin:**

- ☐  $\beta$ -lactam resistant Gram positive bacteria (e.g. MRSA, CoN Staph.) serious infections
- ☐ History of serious allergies to  $\beta$ -lactam antimicrobial agents
- ☐ **Other** (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Imipenem (Tienam) /** ☐ **Meropenem (Meronem)**

- ☐ ESBL-producing bacteria infection
- ☐ Empirical therapy of neutropenic fever
- ☐ According to susceptibility test result for pathogens resistant to other antibiotics
- ☐ **Other** (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **Ceftazidime (Fortum)**

☐ **Cefepime (Maxipime)**

☐ **Cefoperazone-Sulbactam (Sulperazon)**

☐ **Piperacillin-Tazobactam (Tazocin)**

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USE of ☐ **IV Fluoroquinolones (Ciprofloxacin or Levofloxacin)**

- ☐ **IV Clarithromycin (Klacid) or Azithromycin (Zithromax)**
- ☐ **IV Fluconazole (Diflucan)**

**Because:**

- ☐ Oral intake or absorption is unreliable or impossible
- ☐ Fever /other clinical indicators of sepsis persists despite *correct* antibiotics
- ☐ Rapid drug penetration is necessary for the severe clinical condition
- ☐ Clinical condition requires IV administration: Please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **Other:** (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

These antibiotics  
**ORAL** forms have  
very good oral  
bioavailability

Signature of Medical Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_





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Clinical Information									
Department:			<input type="checkbox"/> General <input type="checkbox"/> Specialty (please specify:)						
Case M. O.				Senior:					
Date of Admission:									
Clinical Information and Underlying disease									
Immunocompromised?		<input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes - <input type="checkbox"/> Transplant <input type="checkbox"/> On long term steroid/immunosuppressants <input type="checkbox"/> HIV <input type="checkbox"/> Chemotherapy <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> Specify: _____					
Ventilator: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Inotrope:		OT: Date: _____ Type: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-urgent <input type="checkbox"/> Elective					
Category of infection		<input type="checkbox"/> Community Acquired		<input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Acquired					
Organ/System Involved		<input type="checkbox"/> Lung <input type="checkbox"/> Urinary <input type="checkbox"/> BSI <input type="checkbox"/> Intra-abdominal <input type="checkbox"/> IV catheter-related <input type="checkbox"/> PD-related							
		<input type="checkbox"/> Wound <input type="checkbox"/> CVS <input type="checkbox"/> CNS <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown/PUO <input type="checkbox"/> Others: _____							
Antibiotic Information									
Purpose of Antibiotics		<input type="checkbox"/> Prophylaxis		<input type="checkbox"/> Empirical		<input type="checkbox"/> Known pathogen treatment			
<input type="checkbox"/> Not on antibiotic previously		<input type="checkbox"/> Switch from: _____							
<input type="checkbox"/> Concurrent Antibiotic(s):									
Name		Dosage		Frequency		Route		Starting Date	
1									
2									
3									
Antibiotic Allergy Hx		<input type="checkbox"/> No known antibiotic allergy <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown antibiotic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, please specify: _____							
Laboratory results									
Relevant Microbiology Results:									
Date of collection		Lab#		Specimen		Organism isolated		Relevant ST	
1									
2									
3									
Other Blood Tests (With Date):									
WBC		N		Plt		ESR		CRP	
Cr		Ur		ALT		ALP		Bil	
Outcome Measures									
<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Indication					Remarks				
<input type="checkbox"/> According to ST									
<input type="checkbox"/> Immunocompromised									
<input type="checkbox"/> Nosocomial Infection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Empirical Treatment for Neutropenic fever									
<input type="checkbox"/> CAPD peritonitis									
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommended by Microbiologist/ID Physicians									
<input type="checkbox"/> Allergy History									
<input type="checkbox"/> Severe clinical infection									
<input type="checkbox"/> Failure of 1 <sup>st</sup> line Antibiotics									
<input type="checkbox"/> Oral intake/absorption unreliable/impossible									
<input type="checkbox"/> Others:									
<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Indication					Remarks				
<input type="checkbox"/> No evidence of infection/ alternative Dx									
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonization/ Contamination									
<input type="checkbox"/> Redundant Combination									
<input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate Route/ Dosage/ Choice (please specify)									
<input type="checkbox"/> Use as prophylactic agent									
<input type="checkbox"/> Others									
Immediate Concurrent Feedback to Prescriber? (if indication is inappropriate)									
If <u>YES</u> :	Suggestion	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Antibiotics: Route/ Dosage/ Choice: (please specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Stop Antibiotics							
	Outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Switch to the suggested antibiotics/ Recommendations followed <input type="checkbox"/> Switch to other antibiotics (please specify): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Recommendations not followed i.e. no change of antibiotic <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable – patient transfer/discharge/death/treatment already stopped <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify): _____							
If <u>NO</u> :	Reason	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable – patient transfer/discharge/death/treatment already stopped <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify): _____							

# Summary

- **ASP:**
  - Reduction of targeted antibiotic consumption
  - Control of MDRPA outbreak
  - Improvement of PA ST profile
  - Improvement of clinical outcomes and shortened ALOS of patients with pneumonia

# Keys to success

- Blessing from top hospital management
- Multidisciplinary team
- Strategic approach
- Immediate Concurrent Feedback
- Manpower
- Continuous monitoring

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