Institutional Antimicrobial Stewardship : Policy to Implementation

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2013- The need and initiation

- Expression of interests from fellow clinicians
- An informal survey of antimicrobial prescriptions in the hospital
- Setting up a system for antimicrobial stewardship tailored to the peculiarities of our healthcare settings

High patient load

Lack of electronic prescriptions

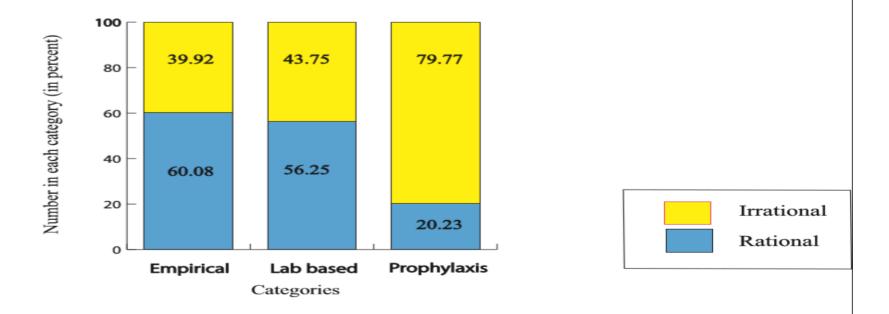
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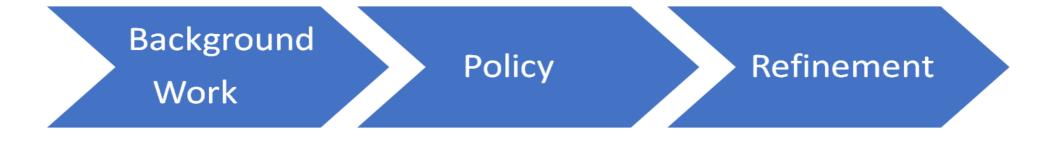
Lack of Standard Treatment Guidelines

Lack of in hospital pharmacies

Absent or irregular antibiograms

Analysis of the problem





1. Leadership Commitment

Institute /Health Care Setting
 Level

Sparse

On paper vs real

What is Needed?

•Commitment for Allocation of Resources

•Office Orders

2. Composition of Antimicrobial Stewardship Committees

- ID Physician/Team approach
- Pharmacologist/Pharmacist
- Microbiologist/Lab technician
- Hospital Administration
- Nursing Practitioner
- Surgeon
- Internist/Intensivist
- Community Medicine Specialist?

What is needed?

•Commitment from Institutional / Organizational Heads to constitute the committees

Availability of resources to the committee
✓ Monetary
✓ Man power
✓ Space

Composition of Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee

- Chairperson (Surgeon, Prof Gupreet Singh)
- Convener (Clinical Pharmacologist, Dr Nusrat Shafiq)
- Members
- Microbiologists (Prof Pallab Ray, Dr Vikas Gautam)
- Clinical Pharmacologist (Dr Nusrat Shafiq)
- Physician (Dr Ritesh Agrawal)
- Hospital Administration (Dr Pankaj Arora)
- Pediatrics (Prof Jayashree Muralidharan)

Desirable Attributes
Affected
Effected
Innovate
Management of meager resources
Readiness to devote time
Some grounded , some trumpeters

Nurses, Behaviour Scientists

Modus Operandi

- Regular meetings of members
- Extended meetings
- Surgical Prophylaxis Discussion
- ICU guidelines
- Focused group educational activities
- Visitors, Neighbouring Institutes
- Minutes communicated for action items

3. Interventions for ASP: Understanding what may work for us

- Off the shelf?
- Off the shelf with modification?
- Prospective audit and concurrent feedback
- Experience sharing
- Audit and Infection Control
- Formulary restriction
- Bite size take home
- Guidelines : tabulated summaries, handbooks

What is needed?

- Research into intervention strategies
- Setting up benchmarks

Tailoring interventions to the local settings

Lack of electronic prescriptions

High patient load- Overcrowding, Doctor to Patient Ratio

Resource limitations

Lack of support for Dose Optimization

Over the Counter Medications Lack/ Limited awareness of STG

Inadequate Infection Control Practices

Lax Regulations

Existence of irrational combinations

Inadequate Infection Prevention Measures

Diagnostic Support

Lack of in hospital pharmacies

Absent or irregular antibiograms

Inadequate awareness

Inadequate training in rational prescription

Using diagnostics appropriately

Generating/Using evidence

'Subway Approach'

Advance Trauma Center

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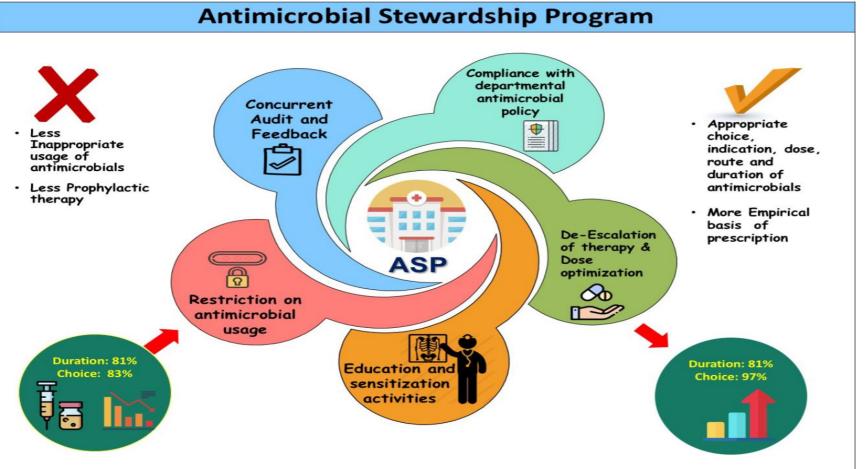


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Nudges are extremely important

- Forms for data capture
- Changes in case files and treatment charts
- Groups on mobile phone- Ongoing feedbacks
- System for dosing consultations
- Meetings with welcome all approach
- Bite size classes

- Dual strategy
- Using POC diagnostics for deescalation
- Inviting infection control workforce for meeting
- Pooling in resources
- Feeder departments, referring institutes
- Access based forms

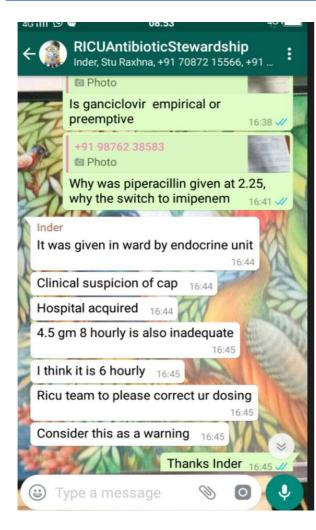
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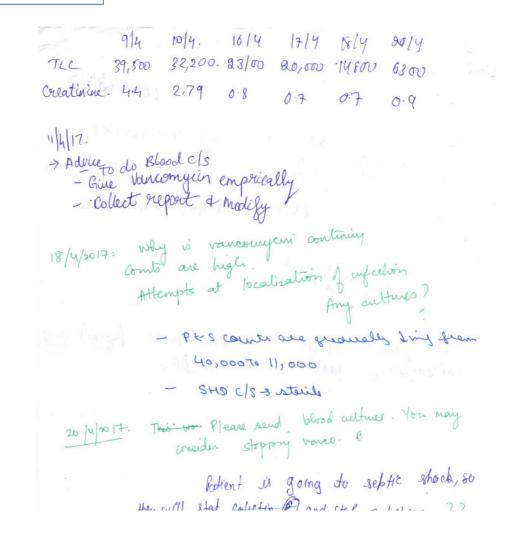
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3a. Audit and Feedback



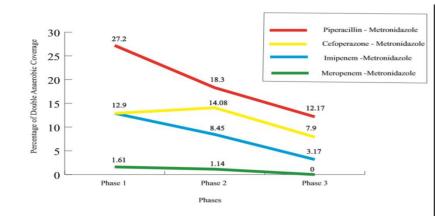


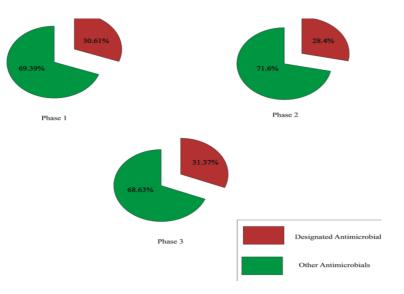
Important Outcomes of Prospective Audits and Feedbacks

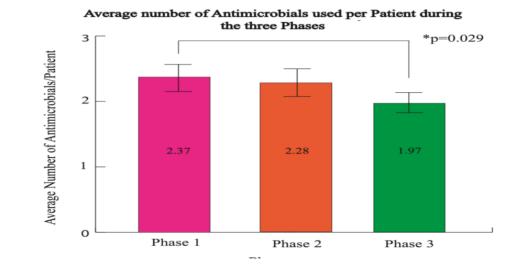
- Extensive reduction in double anaerobic cover
- Culture of sending cultures and follow up of culture reports
- Regular review of antibiotics
- Reduction in number of days on antibiotics
- Improved patient outcomes
- Initiation of combined rounds for severely ill patients

PROBLEM UNITS : I HAVE MY EYES ON YOU

Some Initial Gains- Application of Systematic Approach in a Semi-ICU setting







Cumulative	DDD/1000 Patients	
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	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3
Piperacillin-tazobactam	24.1	23.14	8-99
Metronidazole	25.79	26-28	18-77
Imipenem	45.19	60.45	18-96
Cefoperazone-sulbactam	73.86	53-58	22.2
Clindamycin	124	423-08	44-76
Meropenem	147-22	136.05	123-4
Vancomycin	105-58	88-34	55-99
Colistin	2000	500	97-11

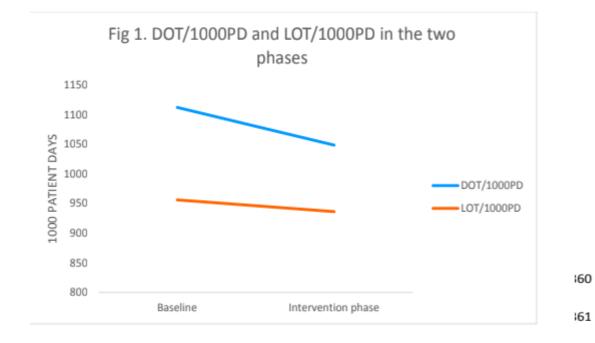
Dual Strategy- Stewardship and Infection Control

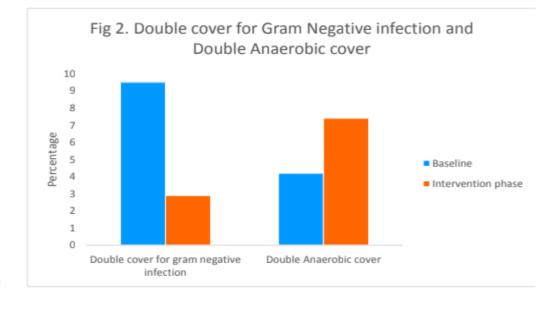
- Time out reduced to 24 hours
- Daily review and remarks
- Monitoring for infection prevention strategies
- Small bites for easy digestion

Key findings

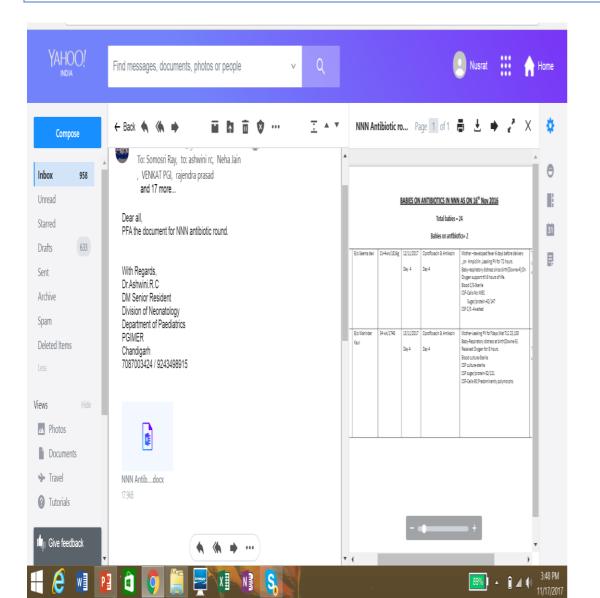
Persistence of avoidance of double anaerobic coverage Irrational choice of antibiotics significantly reduced

Dosing issues markedly resolved





3b.Team Approach for Decisions





3c.Guidelines for Management of Infections

What is available?

National Antibiotic Guidelines (NCDC, ICMR)

Indian Chest Society

Indian Academy of Pediatrics

Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology

What is lacking?

- -Alignment of existing guidelines
- -Evidence Base

-Susceptibility Data

- -Studies
- -Dissemination
- -Implementation
- -Mechanism to assess impact

What is needed?

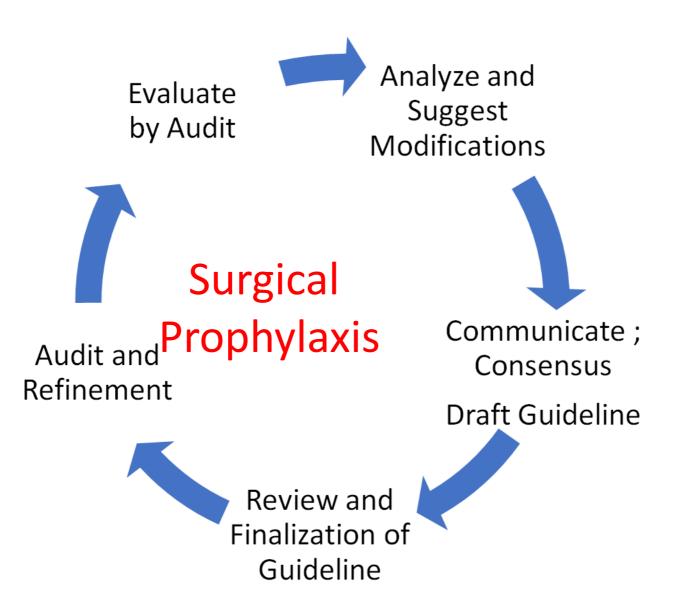
- •Support for Pragmatic Trials for Various practice related questions
- •Generating evidence
- •Training on generation of guidelines
- •Providing resources for guidelines
- •Regular updates
- •Training for dissemination





Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee PGIMER, Chandigarh

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Sharing the audit findings of prophylaxis regimen with the participants In the CME

Departmental Representatives

3d.Training for Rational Use of Antimicrobials and its Importance

Category and cadre based trainings

Onsite, Online, Group Trainings

Hand holding for training

Training of Public

What is needed?

•Support-Technical

•Team

•Dissemination of Information



Sharing experience : CME



Proposed : On-Line Training Program

Rational Use of Antimicrobials

- -Tailored to practice settings
- -Primary Health Centers, Standalone Clinics
- -Free of Cost
- -Mobile Based/National Portal

Bite- Size, Bed Side

Public Forum



Team work and..... more team work

Human resource is the most important

Dedicated manpower

Different specialties bring different expertise

Expertise may lie in diverse working groups

Good to have a core team but welcome all

3e.Formulary Restriction

In patient

Outpatient

Access to Access

What is needed?

•Hospital Pharmacies with proper stocks and rates

•Application of forecasting methods for management of stocks and supplies

•Regeneration of faith in generic medicines

3 f. Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS): Addressing Feeders

Referred patients

Previously treated patients

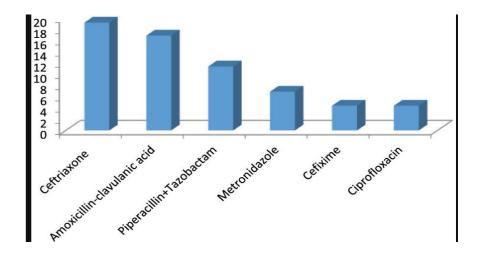
Wrongly treated patients

Emergency to ICU chain

Hospitals as incubators of infections

 Table 2. Types of inappropriate use observed in prescriptions.

Type of inappropriate use	No. of patients (%)		
Dose not mentioned	43 (14.3)		
Frequency of administration not mentioned	300 (100)		
Duration not mentioned	282 (94)		
Susceptibility pattern not defined	300 (100)		



Capturing Antibiotic Use Data

- Enabling systems for electronic capture of antibiotic prescriptions
- Assess antibiotic use
- Evaluate patterns of use
- Identify targets for intervention
- Point prevalence survey

What is Needed ?

Resources

- Manpower, Systems, Monetary
- -Legislations/Office Orders
- -Involvement of Indian Medical Association
- -Learning from systems established for HIV
- -Implementation of Schedule H1
- -Better implementation of red line

• Pharmacy based surveys

Point Prevalence Survey

5 Centers, Common protocol, Common dates, Team approach

No electronic prescriptions

Nearly 3000 occupied beds covered

Different parameters of antimicrobials evaluated

Areas for stewardship intervention identified

Setting long term and short term goals

Get the work rolling

Covering one unit and showing the results

Reducing unnecessary use- Post op prophylaxis, double anaerobic cover

Reducing DDD/1000 Patient days, DOT

Decreasing AMR

Be realistic After 4 years- We are not yet there



Sharing of experiences

-Locally- Positive Reinforcement/ Setting up examples

Administration- MoM

Regionally

Nationally

Internationally



Learning from others' shares

Running formal PDCA cycles

Audits on tablets

Methods of bringing in community level practitioners

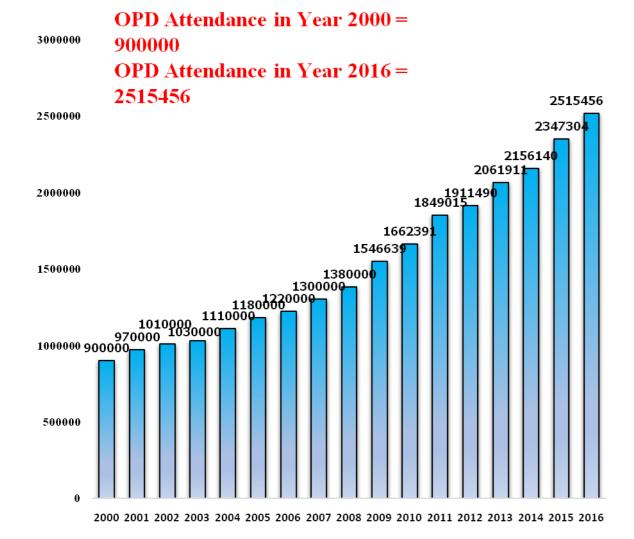
Using telemedicine facility for short interactive sessions

Resource sharing amongst institutes and setups

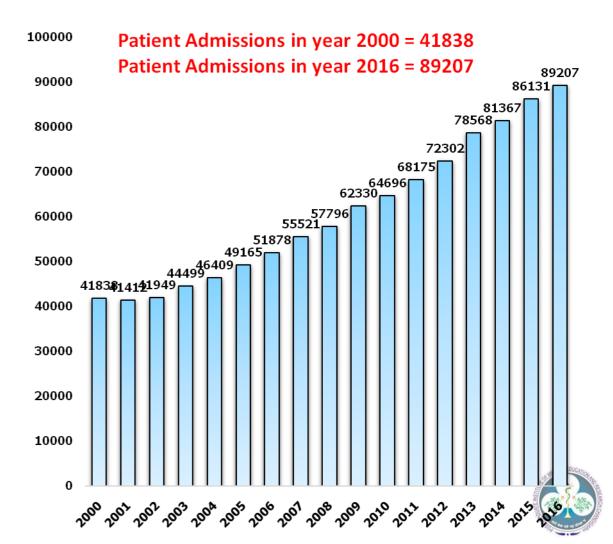
Advocacy

Patient influx....

OUTPATIENT UTILIZATION



IN PATIENT UTILIZATION



Primary Health Center Affiliated to Community Medicine Department of a Teaching Hospital



Outpatients

Normal deliveries

No microbiology laboratory

Limited Oral Medications

Affiliated to a Teaching Hospital

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Antimicrobial Stewardship is no rocket science

1. Application of simple principles of using drugs rationally

Right drug Right dose Right duration Cost

2. Analyzing patterns and identifying signals

Need to run the data in mind Be aware of spurious signals

3. Generating evidence to fill the knowledge gaps/assess if the strategy works/Using PDCA cycles

