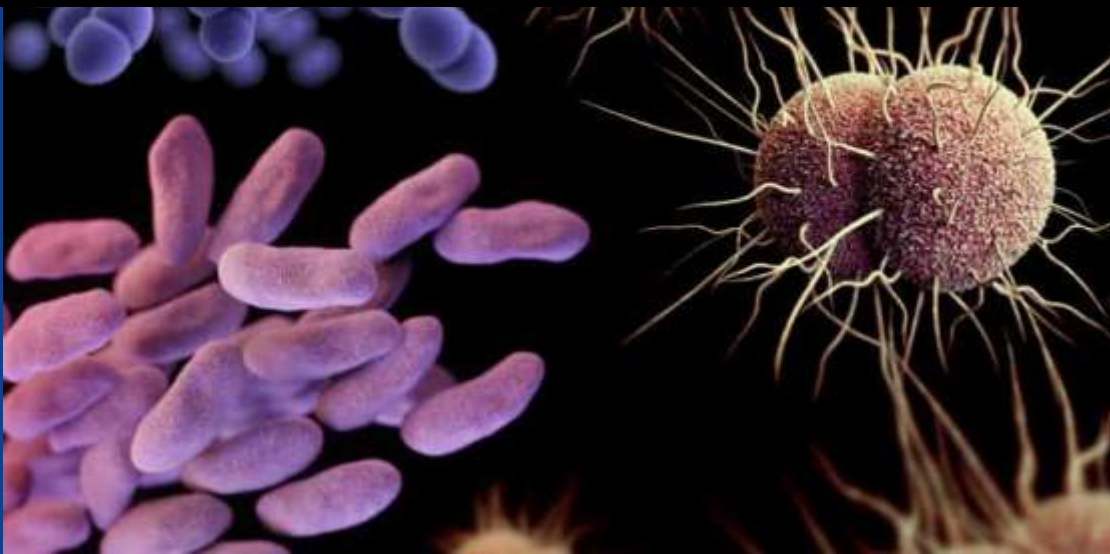


## Metrics and Decision-Making for Antibiotic Stewardship in Human Medicine



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Resistance: Moving Forward  
Through Shared Stewardship**

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## Key points

- ❑ Why measure?
- ❑ What to measure?
- ❑ How to measure?

# Why measure?

- **What gets measured gets done.**

# Antibiotic use is common in healthcare

**1 in 2**

More than half of all  
hospital patients receive  
an antibiotic.

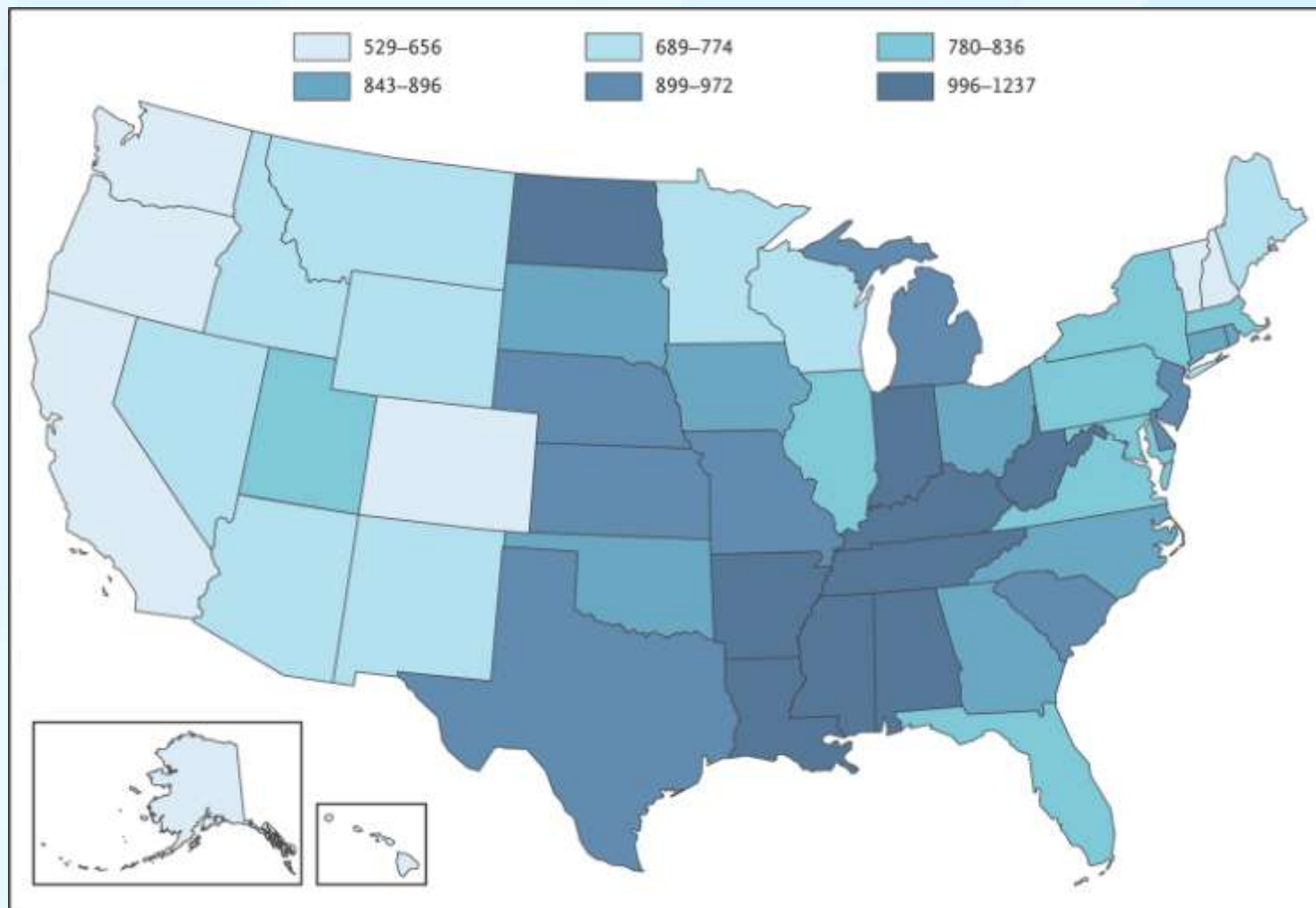


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# Why Measure--

## Goals and Objectives of Antibiotic Stewardship

### □ Goals

- Improved population health
- Optimal prescribing of antibiotics
- Sustainable changes in clinical practice

### □ Objectives

- Better clinical outcomes
- Reduction in antibiotic resistant infections
- Economic benefit

# What to measure

- ❑ Outcome measures
- ❑ Process measures

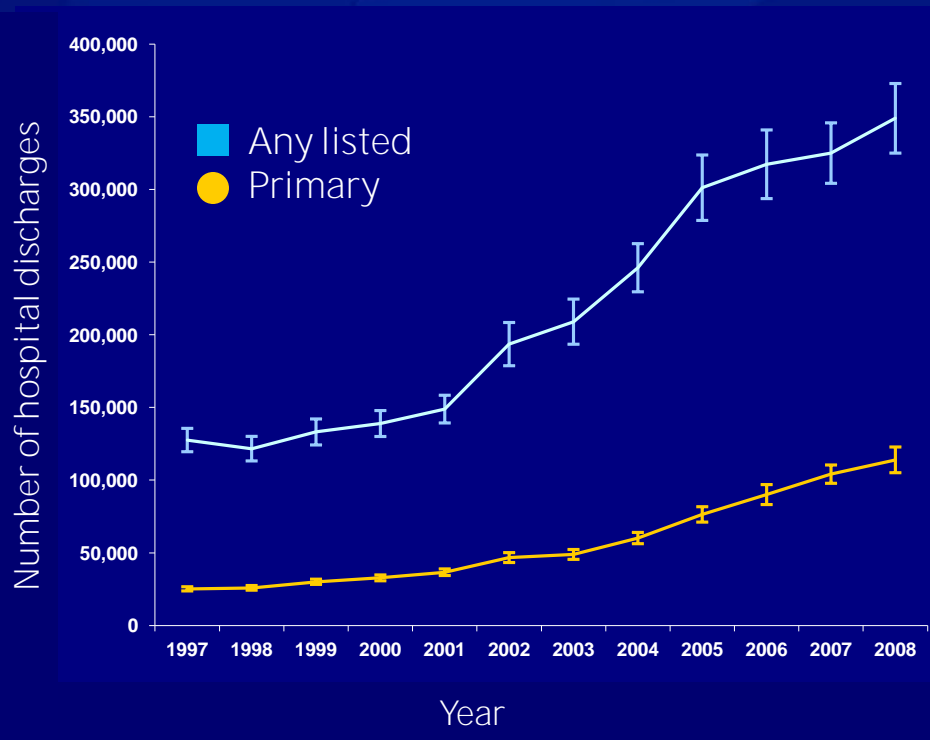
# Outcome measures

- Better clinical outcomes
  - Decreased morbidity, mortality overall
  - Fewer adverse events (*C. difficile* infections, adverse drug reactions, drug-drug interactions)
- Reduction in antibiotic resistance
  - Fewer resistant infections
  - Less spread of resistant bacteria
- Economic benefit
  - Lower healthcare costs for infections and complications
  - Reduced pharmacy and consumer costs for antibiotics





# Estimated burden of healthcare-associated CDI



- Hospital-acquired, hospital-onset: 165,000 cases, \$1.3 billion in excess costs, and 9,000 deaths annually
- Hospital-acquired, post-discharge (up to 4 weeks): 50,000 cases, \$0.3 billion in excess costs, and 3,000 deaths annually
- Nursing home-onset: 263,000 cases, \$2.2 billion in excess costs, and 16,500 deaths annually

# Poor Prescribing Harms Patients

**30%**

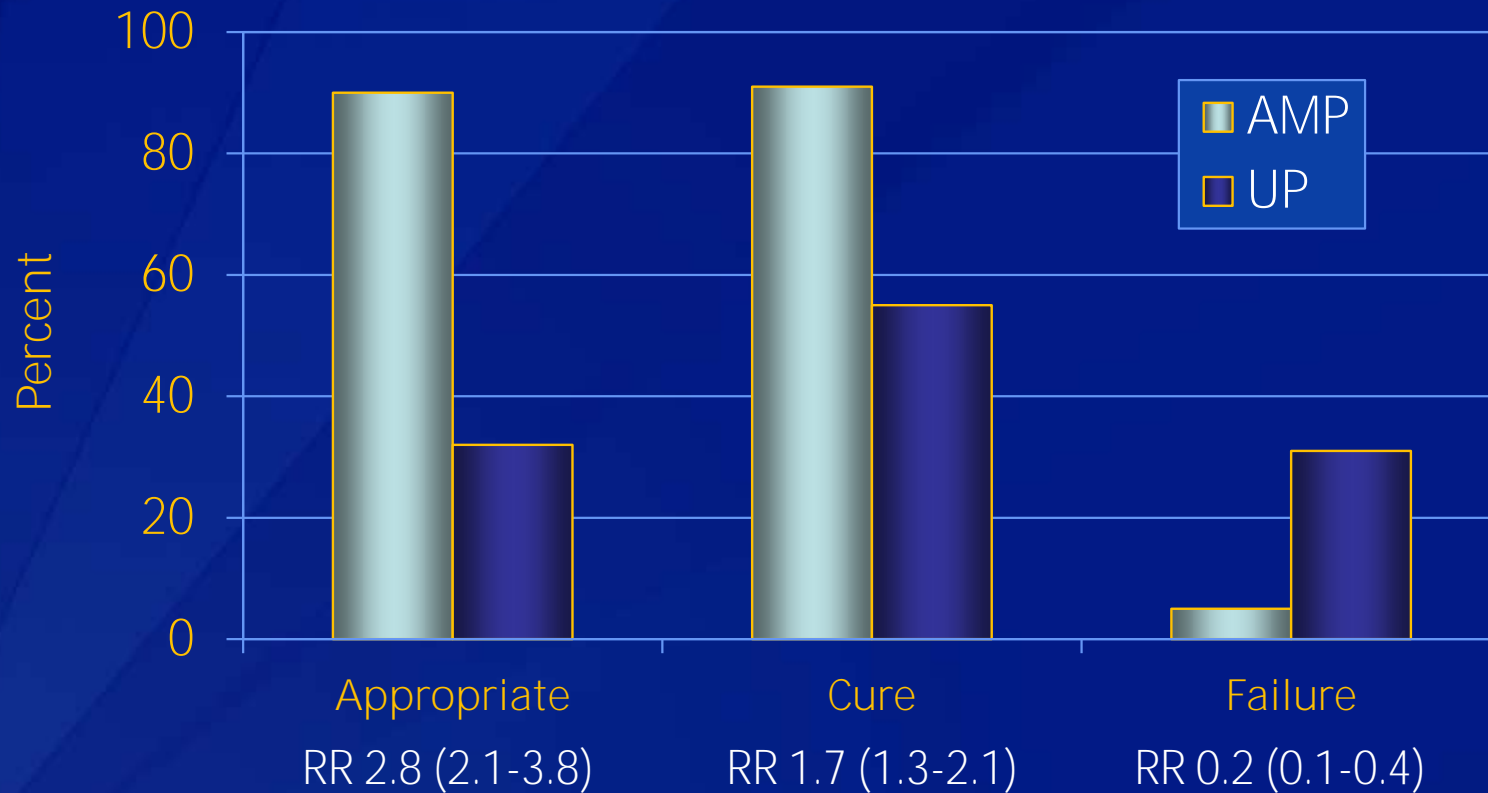
Reducing prescriptions of high-risk antibiotics by 30% in hospitals can lower deadly diarrhea infections by 26%.



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- ❑ Decreasing the use of antibiotics that most often lead to *C.difficile* infection by 30% could lead to 26% fewer of these infections
- ❑ Patients getting broad-spectrum antibiotics are up to 3x more likely to get another infection from an even more resistant germ

# Clinical outcomes better with antimicrobial management program

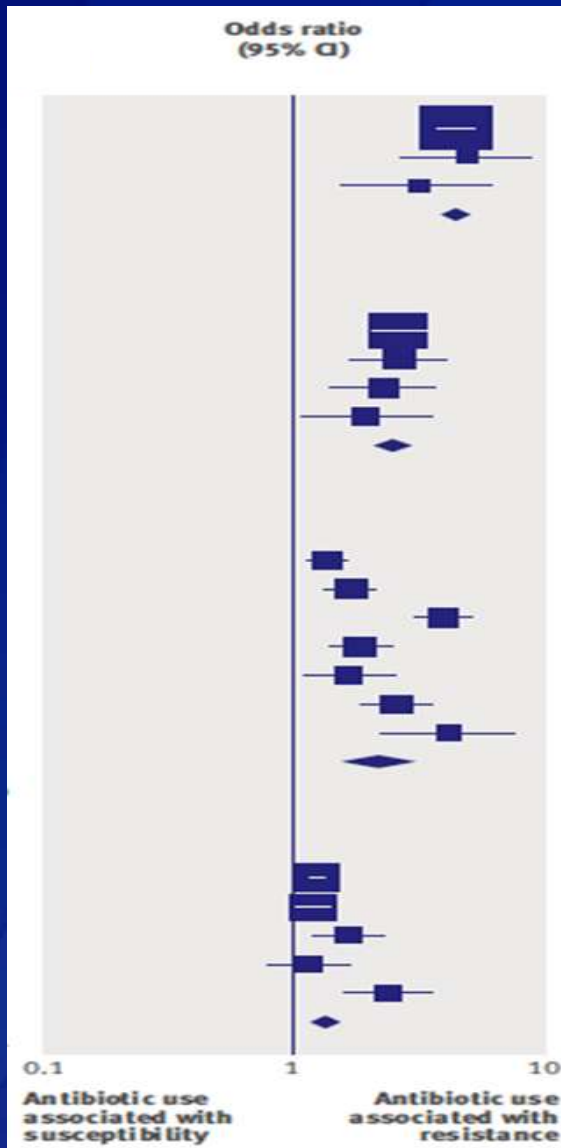


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AMP = Antibiotic Management Program  
UP = Usual Practice



# Increased resistance for individual patients



Pathogen and Antibiotic Exposure	Increased Risk
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Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae	15 fold
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- Carbapenems

ESBL-producing organisms	6 - 29 fold
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- Cephalosporins

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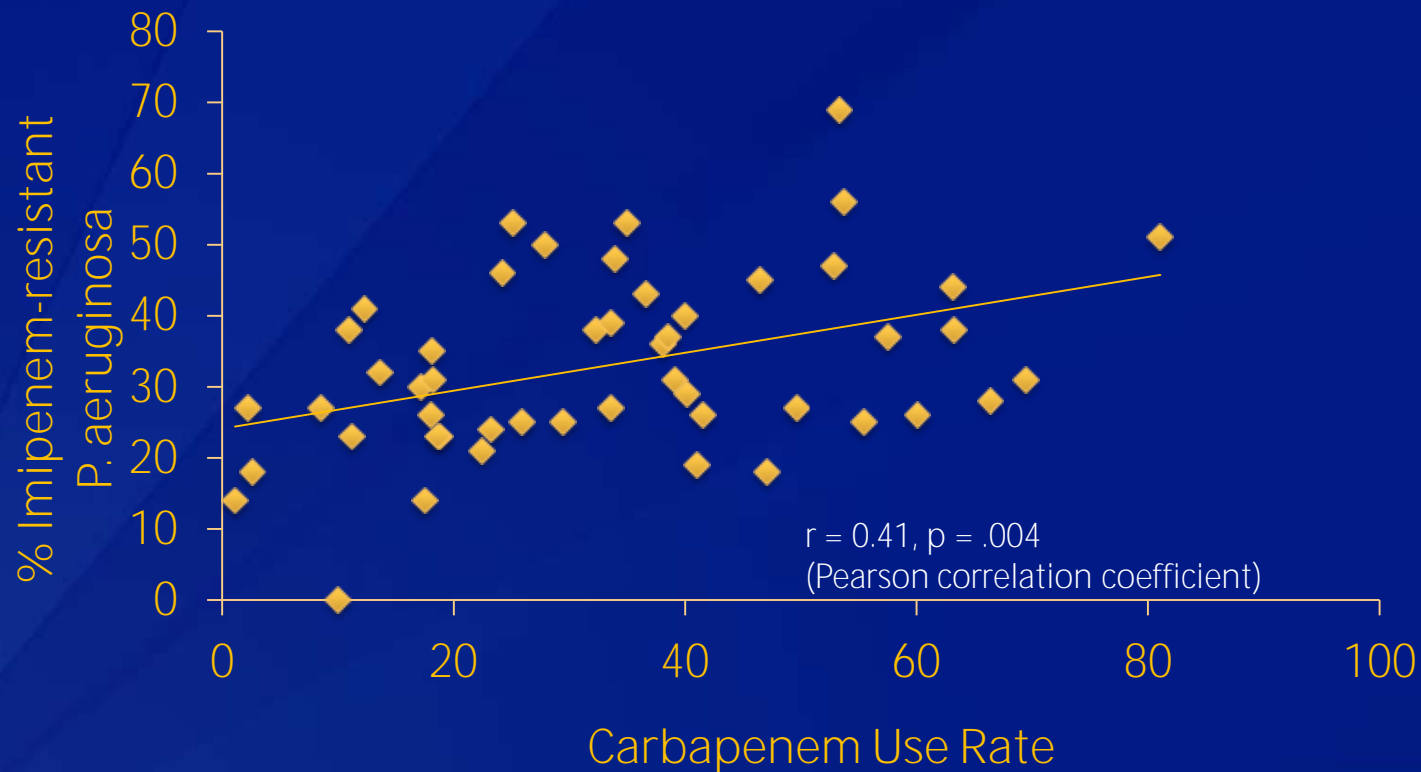
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# Increased resistance in facilities-- resistance in *P. aeruginosa* vs. carbapenem use rate



## Rates of antibiotic resistant organism infections per 100 intensive care unit, with and without intervention

Organism	No Rotation	Rotation	<i>p</i>
Gram-positive organisms			
<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> , oxacillin resistant	3.4	1.6	.02
<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i> , oxacillin resistant	7.0	4.6	.05
<i>Enterococcus</i> spp., gentamicin resistant	2.4	0.8	.01
<i>Enterococcus</i> spp., vancomycin resistant	1.6	0.8	.17
Gram-negative organisms <sup>a</sup>			
<i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i>	1.4	1.3	.86
<i>Pseudomonas</i> spp.	2.9	1.1	.01
<i>Acinetobacter</i> spp.	3.0	0.5	.0003
<i>Burkholderia cepacia</i>	0.4	0.0	.07
<i>Escherichia coli</i>	0.3	0.0	.14

Raymond et al. Impact of a rotating empiric antibiotic schedule on infectious mortality in an intensive care unit. *Critical Care Medicine* 2001;29:1101



# Improving antibiotic use saves money

- **“Comprehensive programs have consistently demonstrated a decrease in antimicrobial use with annual savings of \$200,000 - **\$900,000**”**

IDSA/SHEA Guidelines for Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs,  
<http://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/pdf/10.1086/510393>



# Process measures

- Facility stewardship programs
- Optimal prescribing
- Rates of use







## Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs

National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases  
Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion



<http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/healthcare/implementation/core-elements.html>

# Process Measures

- ❑ **Components of the program**
  - Leadership commitment
  - Accountability
  - Drug expertise
  - Action
  - Tracking
  - Reporting
  - Education



# Prescribing Practices Vary

**3x**

Doctors in some hospitals prescribed 3 times as many antibiotics as doctors in other hospitals.



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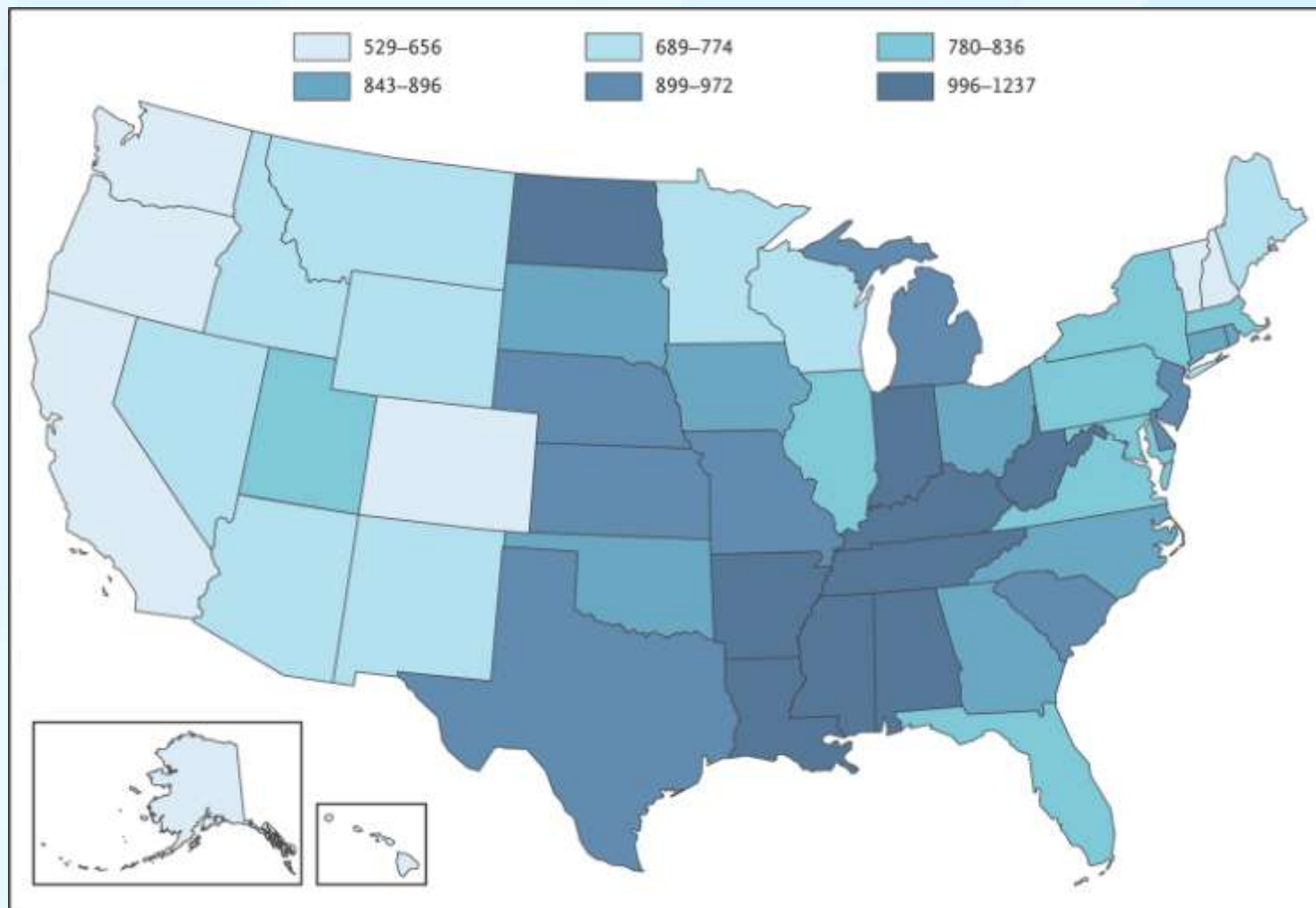
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# Optimal prescribing

## □ Steps in the prescribing process

- Indication for prescription
- Appropriateness
  - Consistent with guidelines/best practice
- De-escalation/antibiotic time out
  - Change of therapy as indicated to a different antibiotic or IV to PO
- Laboratory confirmation/review

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# How to measure

## ❑ Healthcare clinical and administrative data

- Provider/prescriber-specific
- Facility-specific
- Aggregate—facilities, regions, national

## ❑ Outcomes

- Patient outcomes
- Laboratory data
- Cost data

## ❑ Process

- Antibiotic use data--benchmarking and tracking
- Practice data, clinical decision support
- Program components

# Measuring Antibiotic Use

- ❑ Assessments of aggregate use
  - Proprietary data
- ❑ Facility-specific antibiotic administration data
  - Electronic records
- ❑ Detailed assessments of appropriate antibiotic use
  - Antibiotic use assessment

# Mock-up: Risk-adjusted Benchmarking of Antimicrobial Use To Guide Stewardship

## Antimicrobial Class-Specific Usage Rates and Standardized Utilization Ratios (SURs)

	ABX Days		SUR*	Interpretation
	Observed	Predicted		
MICU	4000	1000	4.0	Excessive
SICU	2000	2000	1.0	Consistent
Medical Ward	3000	4000	0.75	Lower Use
Surgical Ward	1000	3000	0.33	Much Lower
Hospital	170,250	171,000	0.99	Consistent

\*SUR=ratio of the observed vs. predicted usage for the patient population defined by the location (e.g., MICU , SICU, etc)



# The California Antimicrobial Stewardship Program Initiative

## Spotlight on Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs

The following hospitals have agreed to share progress on the implementation of their **Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs (ASP)**. Activities listed were defined by the California HAI Advisory Committee as those that comprise varying levels of Program implementation. An "✓" indicates the hospital is currently performing the activity.

	1. Institution-specific antimicrobial stewardship policy and/or procedures adopted	2. Physician-supervised multidisciplinary ASP committee or workgroup convened	3. ASP support provided by a physician or pharmacist with antimicrobial stewardship training from a recognized professional organization or post graduate education	4. ASP activities routinely reported to hospital quality improvement committees	5. Annual antibiogram developed (using CLSI guidelines), distributed to medical staff, and follow-up education provided.	6. Institutional guidelines for the management of common infection syndromes adopted (e.g., order sets, clinical pathways, empiric antimicrobial therapy guides, etc.)	7. Usage patterns of antibiotics (determined to be important to the local resistance ecology) monitored using Defined Daily Dosing (DDD) or Days of Therapy (DOT)	8. Regular antimicrobial stewardship education provided to hospital staff and committees	9. Antimicrobial formulary reviewed annually and changes made based on local antibiogram	10. Prospective audits of antimicrobial prescriptions performed and intervention/feedback provided	11. Formulary restriction with preauthorization implemented
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<b>2</b> <b>Eden Medical Center</b> Castro Valley, <b>Community</b> , 144 beds ID Physician: Jeffrey Silvers, MD silverj@sutterhealth.org ID Pharmacist: Christopher Martinez martinc@sutterhealth.org	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital</b> Santa Barbara, <b>Community</b> , 450 beds											

# Complementary measures

## □ Prescribing

- Objective
- Prospective
- May be more acceptable

## □ Appropriateness

- Subjective
- Retrospective
- More difficult to interpret

# Challenges

- ❑ Complexity
  - Behavioral, institutional, ecological focus
- ❑ Institutional variability
  - One size can't fit all
- ❑ Access to and management of data
  - Electronic, proprietary, unfiltered
- ❑ Analysis of data, risk adjustment
  - Where to set the benchmarks

# Summary and Conclusions

- Reduction in use is not an end in itself but a natural outcome of better practices
- Benchmarking is a useful tool, but continuous quality improvement within each setting is the process objective
- Optimal prescribing is a key goal to complement appropriateness of use
- Access to and management of electronic data is a significant challenge





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