

# FOCUS LOTTA ALLE INFEZIONI CORRELATE ALL'ASSISTENZA



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#### Expanding responsibilities of the hospital epidemiologist

Major issues

Responsibility description

The science of infection prevention Creating and interpreting the evidence base for infection prevention practices

Implementation of best practices Translating efficacy of reported interventions into effective provider practices

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regulations

Mandatory reporting and Maintaining knowledge of and compliance with rules and regulations from various external sources

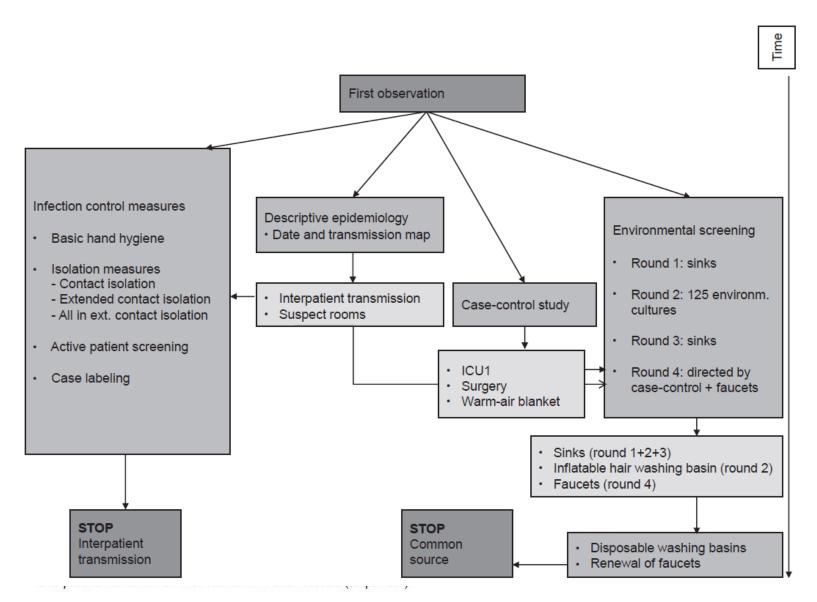
Emergency preparedness

Planning and implementing a program to prepare for potential infectious and non-infectious emergencies

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Major issues	Responsibility description	Challenges	Opportunities	
Antimicrobial		Promotion of appropriate		
stewardship		usage of antimicrobials in		
	_	order t	o improve patient	
		safety	and decrease drug	3
		resistar	nt pathogens and	
		Clostri	idium difficile	
The bu	siness model of	Performing n	nultiple infection	
infection preventio		prevention	-related services	
	_	for the inst	itution, providing	
		staff and tr	ainee education,	
		while main	taining a financially	
		productive clinical schedule		

### An integrated approach to control a prolonged outbreak of multidrug-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* in an intensive care unit



Knoester M et al.

# Strategies for controlling transmission of multidrug-resistant (MDR) pathogens in the intensive care unit (ICU)

- Reduce selection pressures
  - Improved antimicrobial (including disinfectants?) stewardship
  - Ensure balancing measures are also considered
- Prevent spread (targeted or vertical strategies)
  - Screening strategies
  - Improve infection control e.g. hand hygiene, isolation measures
- Consider decolonisation (Horizontal strategies)
   Reducing the reservoir and perhaps increasing colonisation resistance?

# ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

IN YOUR FACILITY WILL



## DECREASE

- ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE
- C. DIFFICILE INFECTIONS
- COSTS

## INCREASE

■ GOOD PATIENT OUTCOMES

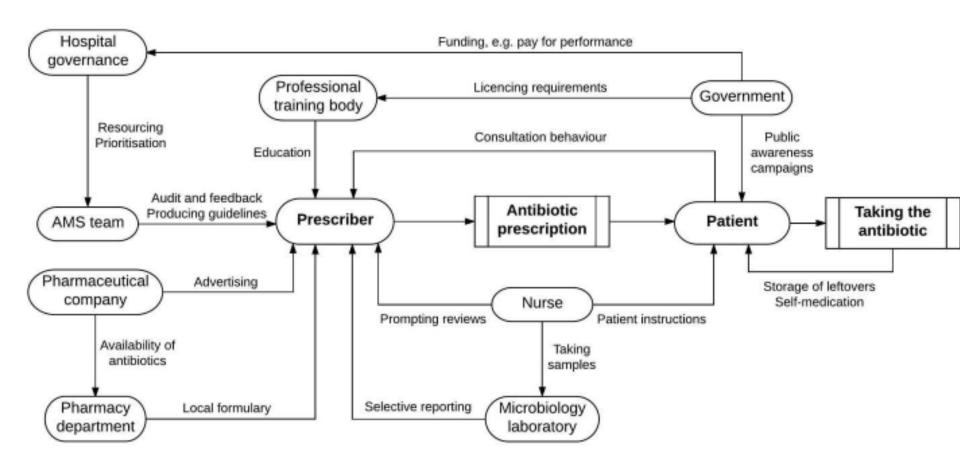


## INFECTION CONTROL AND ANTIBIOTIC STEWARDSHIP

Although the responsibilities of antimicrobial stewardship programs and infection control departments are different, collaboration between these groups is essential in

- promoting optimal outcomes,
- ·providing cost-effective care,
- ·reducing the development of resistance, and
- preventing the spread of infection.

Figure 2. Examples of actors and actions within antimicrobial stewardship

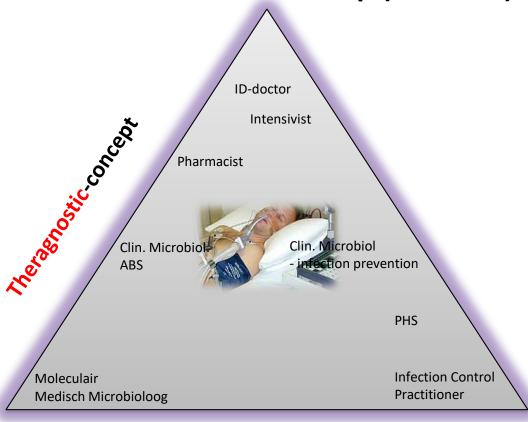


#### How we can be good antimicrobial stewards

Actor	What it means to be good antimicrobial stewards	Example actions
Prescriber	I use antimicrobials responsibly by	Making accurate diagnoses
		<ul> <li>Following local antimicrobial guidelines</li> <li>Regularly reviewing the need for therapy</li> </ul>
Nurse	I help ensure antimicrobials are used responsibly by	Taking cultures at appropriate times
		Ensuring patients understand how to take antimicrobials on discharge
Patient	I use antimicrobials responsibly by	<ul> <li>Taking antimicrobial courses as recommended by the prescriber</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Not storing or using leftover antimicrobials</li> </ul>
Antimicrobial stewardship	We help others in our institution use antimicrobials	<ul> <li>Developing guidelines for antimicrobial use</li> </ul>
team	responsibly by	<ul> <li>Supporting audit and feedback for prescribers</li> </ul>
		Educating prescribers
Hospital governance	Our institution uses antimicrobials responsibly by	<ul> <li>Ensuring sufficient sustainable and dedicated funding for antimicrobial stewardship teams</li> </ul>
		Monitoring antimicrobial use and resistance
		Investing in a Clinical Decision Support System
		Enabling formulary restrictions
Producer/farmer	I use antimicrobials responsibly by	Diagnosing selectivity
		<ul> <li>Not using antimicrobials as growth promoters</li> </ul>
Pharmaceutical company	Our company ensures antimicrobials are used	<ul> <li>Limiting advertising of antimicrobials, especially broad spectrum</li> </ul>
	responsibly by	<ul> <li>Helping ensure there is a continuous supply of antimicrobials</li> </ul>
National policy maker	Our country uses antimicrobials by	<ul> <li>Prioritizing and funding antimicrobial stewardship activities</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Supporting the use of quality metrics and pay for performance</li> </ul>

### From competence to meta-competence

Thera-py
Antimicrobial Stewardship (A-Teams)



Dia-gnostic Stewardship Infection Prevention Stewardship