

Antibiotic Stewardship

The Infection Preventionist's Role in  
Combating Antibiotic Resistance

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# Overview



LITERATURE REVIEW



DATA COLLECTION



IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO  
DECREASE ANTIBIOTIC USE

# Literature Review

## Best Practices:

- When to test
- How to collect
- Type of testing



# NHSN AU/AR Surveillance

Mechanism for facilities to report & analyze antimicrobial use & resistance data

- benchmarking
- reduce antimicrobial resistant infections through antimicrobial stewardship
- interrupt transmission of resistant pathogens at facilities



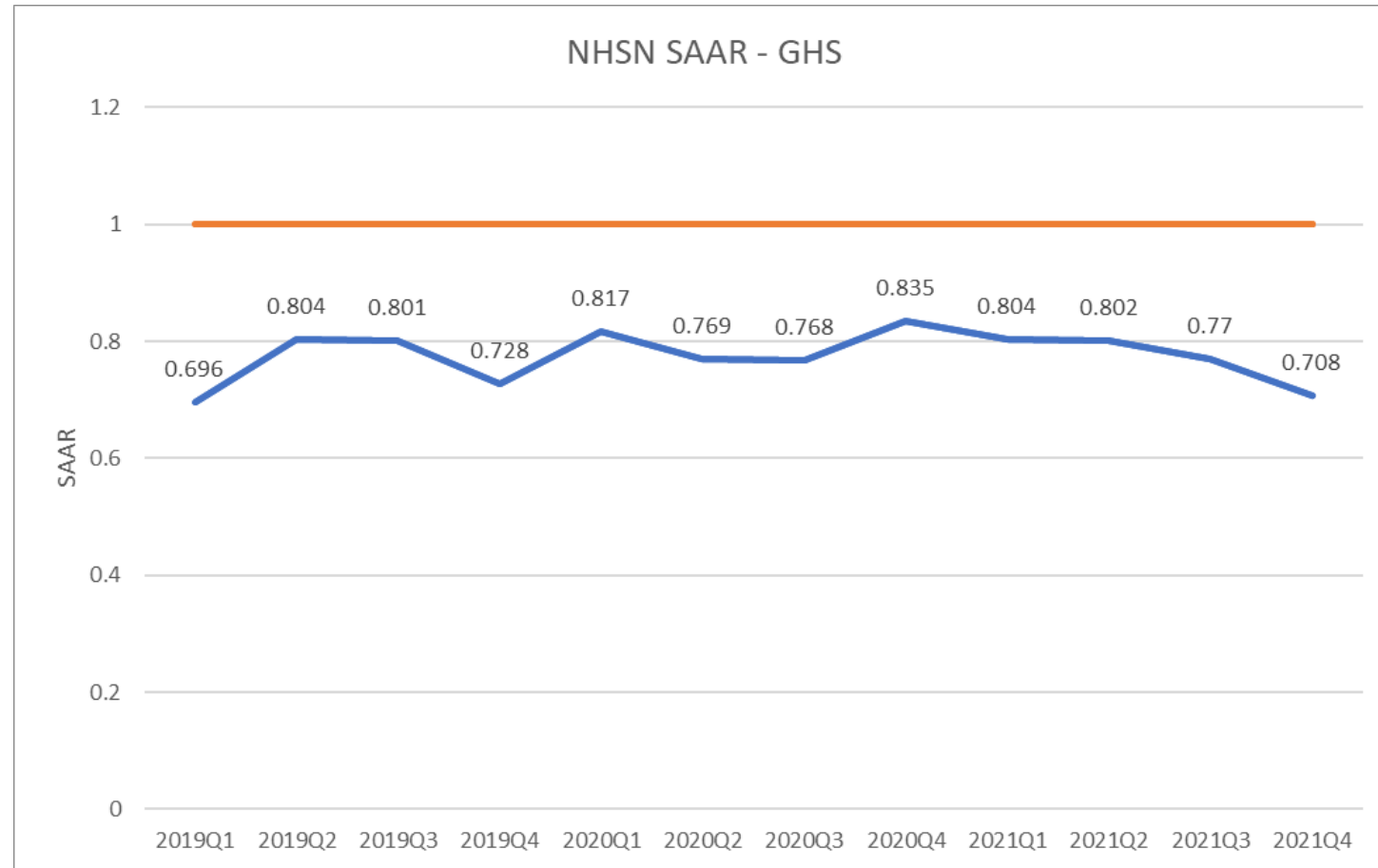
# NHSN Antibiotic Utilization (AU)

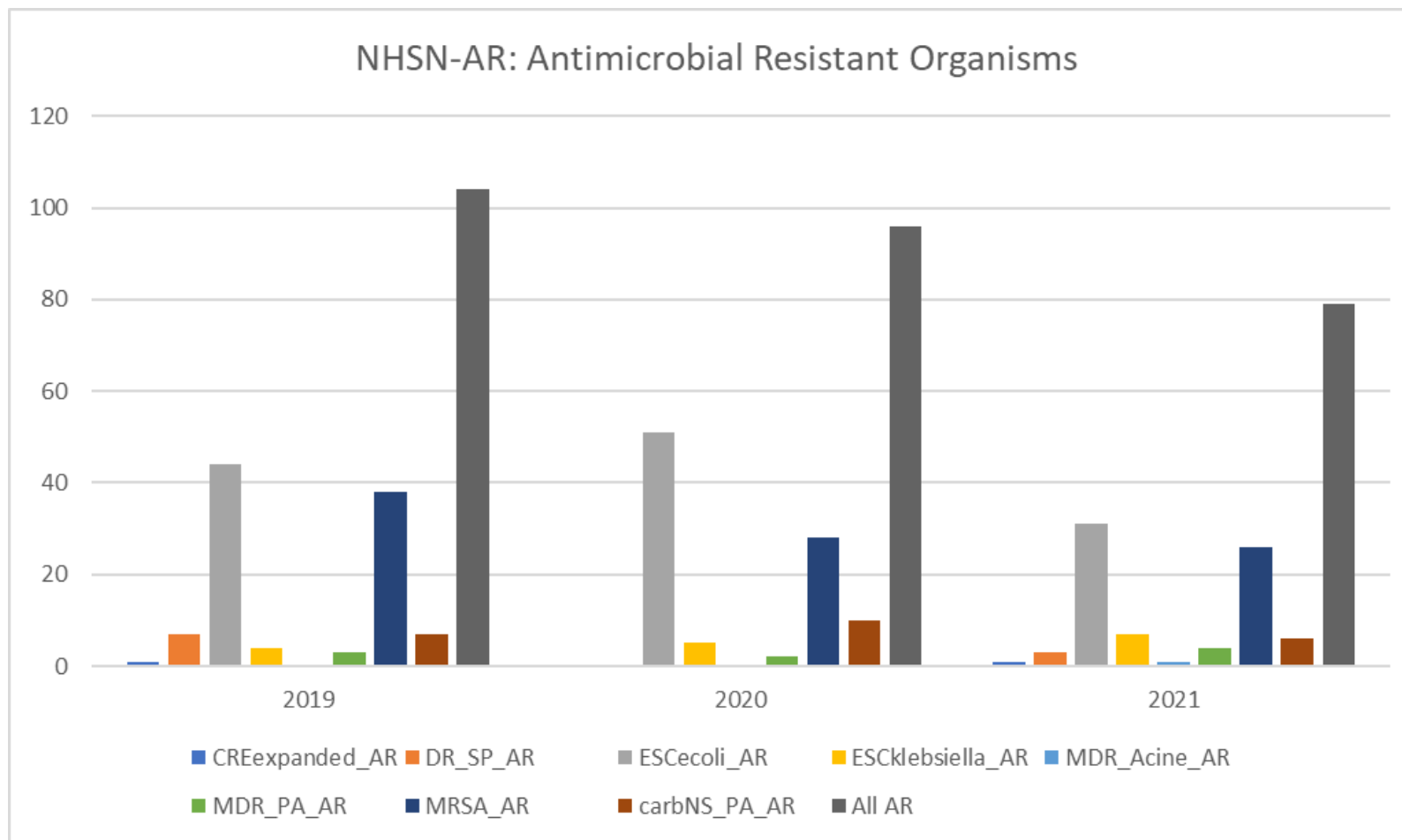
Data can be broken down

- Unit level
- Antibiotic

We saw:

- Lower SAAR with Broad spectrum
- Higher SAAR with Narrow spectrum
- Increase rates with some antibiotics due to flu/COVID





## NHSN Antibiotic Resistance (AR)

- Data can be used to capture trends in resistance
- Antibiograms

# Opportunities to decrease antibiotic use

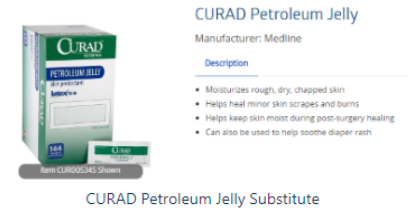
## Bacitracin:

- Converting from prophylactic use of Bacitracin to petrolatum-based ointments

### Bacitracin Ointment

Bacitracin ointment single unit of use packets are on back order. As part of our antibiotic stewardship efforts we are converting from prophylactic use of Bacitracin to petrolatum based ointments. Petrolatum-based ointments are more cost effective and safer to use. Individual packets of petrolatum jelly (Lawson 94187), Vaseline or Aquaphor are effective substitutes.

Current studies suggest that petrolatum-based ointments are equally effective in healing clean wounds when compared to antibiotic based ointments. Prophylactic use of antibiotic ointment does not decrease the rate of infection and puts patients at risk for allergic contact dermatitis and antibiotic resistance.



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# Summary

- IPs play a consulting role through providing information on best practices occurring in healthcare.
- This information leads to general assessments and detailed reviews.
- The ASP gathers feedback and develops the protocols and education used to facilitate change.

