



Laboratory's Role

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Team- Who is on your committee?





Pharmacy



Laboratory



Infection Prevention



Quality



Informatics



Inpatient, ER, and Clinic RN



Inpatient physician

Susceptibility Testing- What do you report?

- Most Susceptibility testing is done in panels
- We build rules to suppress antibiotics based on culture type based on guidelines from CLSI, etc
- Does anyone build rules for antimicrobial stewardship? Such as report a smaller number of antibiotics on initial report, to support AMS efforts



Data- How is lab data used for AMS?

DECREASE DURATION/USE OF VANCOMYCIN

 MRSA screen performed on all patients with initial Vancomycin order. If negative, Vancomycin is discontinued and replaced with alternate antibiotic

DECREASE DURATION/USE OF AZITHROMYCIN

• Urine antigen testing performed on pneumonia patients

NARROW ANTIBIOTIC SPECTRUM

 Susceptibility testing results used to narrow antibiotic coverage or de-escalate therapy



Tips- What tools does your facility use that make AMS easier?

Epic report- Length of Stay, Antibiotic Therapy days, etc

Epic pharmacy daily note- Antibiotic review and recommendations

