

Table 2. Dalbavancin Use

Indication	n (%)
Bone and joint infection (non-vertebral)	21 (40)
Vertebral osteomyelitis	14 (26)
Skin and soft tissue infection	12 (23)
Endocarditis	4 (8)
Bacteremia	7 (13)
<b>Organism</b>	
MRSA	23
MSSA	10
Coagulase-negative Staphylococcus	3
Enterococcus faecalis	2
Corynebacterium spp	2
Propionibacterium acnes	2
Polymicrobial	7
No culture	1
Negative cultures	3
<b>Dosing Regimens</b>	
1500 mg x 1	25 (47)
1500 mg x 2	16 (31)
1500 mg x1, followed by 1000 mg x1	1 (2)
1000 mg x 1	5 (9)
1000 mg weekly	1 (2)
1000 mg x1, followed by 500 mg weekly	5 (9)
<b>Treatment Setting</b>	
Inpatient	33
Infusion Center	38
Home Infusion	16
Emergency Department	1
Correctional Facility	2
<b>Reason for Selection</b>	
Dalbavancin was selected for one or more of the below reasons, all reasons given in medical record were noted so denominator is greater than 53	
History of intravenous drug use leading to concerns of PICC safety	36
Lack of safe home environment in which to receive daily IV antibiotics	13
Prior non-adherence to outpatient antibiotics	10
Prior history of contaminated/manipulated PICC	5
Clinical contraindications to alternative antibiotic options	4
Substance use, not IV	4
Patient refused PICC or daily outpatient IV antibiotics	4
Discharging to a setting that could not accommodate daily IV antibiotics	3
Inability of patient to physically manage PICC	3
Lack of outpatient options due to funding or insurance issues	2
Prior treatment failure	1
Adverse reaction to initial outpatient antibiotic	1

Footnote: PICC = peripherally inserted central catheter / IV = intravenous; Indication: Multiple indications existed for some patients, so total % of study population > 100

Table 3. Clinical Endpoints

	n (%)
Lost to follow-up	10 (19)
30-day readmission for any reason	7 (13)
90-day readmission for any reason	10 (19)
Readmission due to infection recurrence or dalbavancin adverse effects	4 (8)
Recurrence or relapse of infection at 30 days	3 (6)
Recurrence or relapse of infection between days 31-90	2 (4)
30-day mortality	0
90-day mortality	1 (2)
Adverse reaction	1 (2)

Footnote: evidence of recurrence or relapse as noted in chart

**Conclusion:** Dalbavancin was well tolerated and = a viable alternative for patients with SUD who often have social factors and preferences that make continuation of outpatient IV therapy high risk or impractical. Further data on clinical outcomes in complex infections is needed.

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**123. Treatment Patterns and Prevalence of Inappropriate and Suboptimal Antibiotic Use Among Females with Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infection in the US**

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**Background:** Urinary tract infections (UTIs) are the most common bacterial infection requiring medical care. Despite Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) 2011 guidelines on antimicrobial agent selection and duration of therapy for uncomplicated UTI (uUTI), prescribing practices vary. Few studies have used real-world data (RWD) to evaluate inappropriate and suboptimal antibiotic use among patients treated for uUTI. We examined the prevalence of potentially inappropriate and suboptimal use of antibiotics among females with uUTI.

**Methods:** This retrospective cohort study examined the first-line use of antibiotics in females (age ≥ 12 years) with diagnosed uUTI in the US, identified using RWD from IBM MarketScan (commercial and Medicare claims) Jan 1, 2013–Dec 31, 2017. Index date was the date of uUTI diagnosis. Patients were included based on criteria in Table 1 and assigned to one of two groups: appropriate and optimal; or inappropriate or suboptimal antibiotic use. As uUTI is often treated empirically, appropriate use was defined based on IDSA 2011 guidelines on drug class, dose and therapy duration; antibiotic use was considered suboptimal if there was evidence of treatment failure (Table 2).

Table 1. Key inclusion and exclusion criteria

Key inclusion criteria	Key exclusion criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adult or adolescent female (≥12 years of age)</li> <li>Diagnosis of UTI in the outpatient or emergency room setting</li> <li>Received an oral antibiotic prescription within ±5 days of the index date with days' supply of &gt;0 days</li> <li>Had ≥6 months continuous health plan enrollment with medical and pharmacy benefits prior to the index date and 1 year after the index date</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acute or semi-acute infectious conditions within 6 months before or within 14 days after index date</li> <li>Evidence of complicated UTI, defined as:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Received IV antibiotics as initial therapy (before start of oral antibiotics therapy for uUTI within ±5 days of index date)</li> <li>Selected chronic conditions within 6 months before or within 1 month after the index date                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancer (and/or chemo/radiotherapy)</li> <li>Congenital abnormality</li> <li>Cystic fibrosis</li> <li>Diabetes mellitus</li> <li>Inflammatory bowel disease</li> <li>Malignancy</li> <li>Multiple sclerosis</li> <li>Organ transplant</li> <li>Parkinson's disease</li> <li>Pressure ulcers</li> <li>Rheumatologic conditions</li> <li>Sarcoidosis</li> <li>Spinal injury</li> <li>Stroke</li> </ul> </li> <li>Underlying urologic abnormalities (within 6 months before index date) and associated medications or procedures (within 6 months before to 1 month after index date)</li> <li>Autoimmune conditions or immunosuppressant medications</li> </ul> </li> <li>An inpatient visit within 3 months before the index date or within 2 days after the index date</li> <li>Pregnancy during the baseline or follow-up period</li> </ul>

IV, intravenous; UTI, urinary tract infection; uUTI, uncomplicated UTI.

**Table 2.** Definitions applied during study

Term	Definition
Appropriate antibiotic use	<p><b>Based on the IDSA clinical guidelines, taking into consideration:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Drug class</b> - Antibiotic prescriptions were considered as the appropriate drug class if the claim was for a first-line therapy (fosfomycin, nitrofurantoin, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole) alone. Patients who had two first-line treatments at the same time (i.e. contemporaneous use of first-line treatments) were not considered as appropriate (i.e. inappropriate).</li> <li><b>Drug duration</b> - Appropriate prescription durations defined as 1 day for fosfomycin, 3 days for Fluoroquinolones and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole, and 5 days for nitrofurantoin</li> </ul>
Treatment failure	<p><b>Evidence of treatment failure defined as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>receiving intravenous antibiotics or switch to a different first line or to a second-line treatment (occurrence of a different antibiotic other than the initial treatment within 28 days of the index date) or</li> <li>having a primary diagnosis of UTI in an acute care setting (emergency room or inpatient stay within 28 days after the date of the initial UTI diagnosis)</li> </ul>
Inappropriate antibiotic use	Patients without appropriate use of antibiotic (as defined above)
Suboptimal antibiotic use	Identified if there is evidence of treatment failure (as defined above)

IDSA, Infectious Diseases Society of America; UTI, urinary tract infection.

**Results:** In total, 557,669 patients with uUTI were included in the study; see Table 3 for baseline characteristics. Overall, 88.7% had inappropriate or suboptimal antibiotic use (Table 4). Of these, 86.1% had inappropriate use only, 2.1% had suboptimal use only, and 11.9% had both. Inappropriate drug class assignment was observed in 53.4% of patients with inappropriate use, 83.7% of whom were administered fluoroquinolones (a second-line agent) as first-line therapy. Among patients with inappropriate therapy duration: most given trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole received 5- (27.2%), 7- (42.1%) or 10- (27.8%) days' supply rather than the recommended 3 days; the majority given nitrofurantoin were provided a 7- (80.5%) or 10- (13.4%) day supply rather than the recommended 5 days; and 46.2% given fosfomycin received 3-days' supply instead of the recommended 1 day.

Table 3. Baseline characteristics

	Females with uUTI (N=557,669)	
	Appropriate and optimal antibiotic use (n=63,019)	Inappropriate or suboptimal antibiotic use (n=494,650)
Age, mean (SD), years	38.8 (15.6)	42.9 (17.2)
Age group, n (%)		
12-34 years	26,823 (42.6)	164,986 (33.4)
35-54 years	24,753 (39.3)	196,332 (39.7)
55-64 years	9,257 (14.7)	94,948 (19.2)
≥65 years	2,186 (3.5)	38,384 (7.8)
US geographic region, n (%)		
North East	12,802 (20.3)	78,648 (15.9)
North Central	15,166 (24.1)	106,946 (21.6)
South	21,930 (34.8)	223,342 (45.2)
West	12,822 (20.4)	82,740 (16.7)
Other	299 (0.5)	2,974 (0.6)
Charlson Comorbidity Index, mean (SD)	0.05 (0.2)	0.07 (0.3)
Charlson Comorbidity Index group, n (%)		
0-1	62,846 (99.7)	491,567 (99.4)
2-3	164 (0.3)	2,968 (0.6)
4+	9 (<0.1)	115 (<0.1)

SD, standardized difference; US, United States; uUTI, uncomplicated urinary tract infection.

Table 4. Patient disposition

	Females with uUTI (N=557,669)	
	Appropriate and optimal antibiotic use, n	Inappropriate or suboptimal antibiotic use, n
Inappropriate or suboptimal antibiotic use, n	63,019	494,650 (88.7)
Inappropriate only		425,669 (86.1)
Suboptimal only		10,162 (2.1)
Inappropriate and suboptimal		58,819 (11.9)
Inappropriate use, n		484,488
Inappropriate due to drug class		258,514 (53.4)
Inappropriate due to therapy duration		225,974 (46.6)
Inappropriate drug class, n		258,514
Fluoroquinolones as first-line therapy		216,453 (83.7)
β-lactam agents as first-line therapy		8,127 (3.1)
Two treatments on one day		463 (0.2)
Other inappropriate first-line therapy		33,935 (13.1)

uUTI, uncomplicated urinary tract infection. Data n (%) unless otherwise stated.

**Conclusion:** In the treatment of uUTI, the prevalence of inappropriate and/or suboptimal antibiotic use is very high which may have subsequent implications for patient health outcomes.

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**124. Six-year Longitudinal Analysis of an Inpatient Infectious Diseases Telemedicine Service at a Community Hospital**

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**Background:** Telemedicine (TM) has emerged as a viable solution to extend infectious disease (ID) expertise to communities without access to this specialty.<sup>1</sup> TM allows clinicians in rural settings to connect with specialists at distant sites and provide the best care for their patients, often eliminating the need for hospital transfers. Here, we describe the experience from one of the longest standing inpatient Tele-ID consult services using live audio-video (AV) visits with the assistance of a telepresenter.

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**Methods:** Longitudinal data were collected from a 126-bed rural hospital in Pennsylvania that had no access to ID consultation before 2014. Live AV consults during business hours began in 2014 and telephonic physician to physician consults were made available 24/7. All ID consult data were extracted from the hospital electronic health record between 2014 to 2019. Key outcomes assessed included the number of consult encounters, total hospital length of stay (LOS), discharges to home, transfer to tertiary care centers, and readmission rates at 30 days.

**Results:** Most consulted patients were Caucasians, and females with an average age of 64.7 years (Table 1). The number of unique consult encounters increased annually from 111 in 2014 to 469 in 2019 (Table 1). The Charlson Comorbidity Score and Elixhauser Comorbidity Index also increased each year beginning in 2016 (Table 1). By contrast, LOS decreased each year as did the 30-day readmission rate (Table 2). Most patients were not transferred (average 89.4% over 6 years) to tertiary care centers and more than half were discharged to home each year (Table 2).

Table 1: Characteristics of Patients Consulted for ID Care (2014-2019)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total	Average
Total Encounters	111	177	258	263	399	469	1677	280
Caucasian (%)	NA	NA	220 (85.2)	225 (85.5)	355 (88.9)	398 (84.9)	1198	85.6%
Female (%)	55 (49.5)	87 (49.2)	141 (54.7)	144 (54.8)	212 (53.1)	250 (53.3)	889	53.0%
Age (Years)	64.2	65.8	62.9	64	64.8	66.2	*	64.7
BMI	NA	NA	34.3	32.1	32.7	32.8	*	33.0
Charlson Comorbidity Score	NA	NA	4.9	5.8	6.5	7.0	*	6.1
Elixhauser Comorbidity Index	NA	NA	2.9	4.6	5.8	6.6	*	5.0

NA = Not Available  
\* = Not Applicable

Table 2: Primary Outcomes of Consulted Patients (2014-2019)

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Total Encounters	111	177	258	263	399	469
Transferred (%)	7 (6.3)	18 (10.2)	34 (13.1)	29 (11.0)	37 (9.2)	63 (13.4)
Discharged to Home (%)	60 (57.7)	88 (55.3)	150 (67.0)	148 (63.2)	214 (59.1)	265 (65.3)
30 Day Readmission (%)	23 (22.1)	21 (13.2)	34 (15.2)	33 (14.1)	66 (18.2)	61 (15.0)
LOS, Days	10.2	9.9	8.5	8.3	8.3	8.2

**Conclusion:** This longitudinal 6-year observation study of an inpatient TM ID service at a rural hospital showed remarkable annual growth in consult encounters (total growth >400%). Despite increasing patient acuity, overall hospital LOS decreased over time (10.2 to 8.2 days). Patient transfers to tertiary care centers remained low (average 10.5% over 6 years) as did 30-day readmissions (average 16.3% over 6 years).