2022. Antibiotic Prescribing Behavior Among Surgeon

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Background. A comparative study was conducted to evaluate prescribed antibiotic (AB) use in surgical patients with the Transtheoretical Model of Behavior (TTM) and Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB).

A survey was conducted at Thammasat University Hospital from Methods. January 1 to 31, 2019. We evaluated the appropriateness of AB uses in the surgical department reported per the hospital's Drug Use Evaluation (DUE) form. After review of the DUE, in-depth interviews were conducted to all prescribers to explore antibiotic prescribing behavior based on TTM vs. TPB, using a standardized data collection tool. Data collected included demographics, indications, appropriateness of AB uses, the individual prescriber's behavior based on TTM and TPB. The five TTM stages of change were categorized precontemplation, contemplation, preparation, action, and maintenance. In TPB assessment, we evaluated attitude toward AB uses, subjective norm to AB uses behavior, and perceived behavior control of AB uses behavior.

There were 92 AB uses from 64 prescribers; 70 (70/92; 76%) used antibiotics appropriately. The majority of AB uses (62/92; 67%) were for treatment of infections. The most common reasons for inappropriate AB uses included inappropriate AB choices for treatment and prophylaxis of SSIs (n = 11, 50%) and inappropriate duration (n = 8, 36%). Physicians categorized in higher stages of TTM (action and maintenance) were strongly correlated with appropriate AB uses, while there was no correlation between the total TPB score and appropriateness of AB uses. By multivariate analysis, the TTM action and maintenance ($a\hat{OR} = 7.95$; P = 0.02) and self-reported prescribers who considered patients as first priority (aOR = 4.02; P = 0.04) were associated with appropriate AB uses, while neurosurgical procedures (aOR = 0.13; P = 0.003) and antibiotic prescriptions for surgical prophylaxis (a $\hat{O}R = 0.15$; P = 0.04) were associated with inappropriate $\hat{A}B$ uses.

Conclusion. Antibiotic prescribers categorized by TTM stages strongly correlated with appropriate AB uses. Additional studies to assess appropriate AB prescribing behavior, based on TTM stages of change, offer an opportunity to optimize surgical care.

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2023. Antimicrobial Resistance and Stewardship Knowledge and Perception among Medical and Pharmacy Students in Nigeria

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Background. Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa and has high rates of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The practice of antimicrobial stewardship in Nigerian hospitals is very limited and the subject is rarely included in undergraduate medical and pharmacy curriculums. To further acceptance and implementation of antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASP) in Nigeria health system, baseline measurements of the knowledge and perceptions held by graduating medical and pharmacy students was deemed essential. This study evaluated the knowledge and perceptions of a cohort of Nigerian medical and pharmacy students in concepts of AMR and ASP.

Methods. This was a cross-sectional questionnaire-based study of final year medical and pharmacy students from the two largest schools in the southeastern region of Nigeria. A previously published 20-items questionnaire measuring knowledge and perceptions toward AMR and ASP was adopted for the study. Results were expressed as frequencies and percentages.

Completed questionnaires were received from 79.3% (361 of 455 students), over half (60%) were male, and mostly between 22 and 25 years old (68.7%). More pharmacy students had formal training on ASP compared with medical students (41.3% vs. 27.5%, P < 0.05). Pharmacy students (n = 84.3% and 90.5%) were significantly more knowledgeable of factors that promote the spread of AMR and interventions to combat resistance than medical students (n = 73.9% and 82.3%), P < 0.05, respectively. Interestingly, 23.3% of medical students thought pharmacists should lead ASP teams, while 5.8% of pharmacy students thought doctors should lead ASP. However, both held poor perceptions of each other's roles in the ASP team.

Knowledge of AMR and ASP among medical and pharmacy stu-Conclusion. dents in Nigeria is lacking. Inter-professional collaboration to change perceptions and drive ASP in urgently needed.

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2024. A Multifaceted Intervention to Improve Oral Antimicrobial Prescription at the Emergency Department at a Japanese Tertiary Care Center

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Background. The emergency department (ED) is one of the most important settings where antimicrobials are frequently prescribed in developed countries, and at least 30% of antimicrobials prescribed at the ED are inappropriate. Some studies revealed that various factors, especially the physician-related factors were associated with inappropriate antimicrobial use. Implementing effective strategies to modify prescribing practice is needed to optimize antimicrobial therapy at the ED.

We implemented a multifaceted intervention to patients discharged with oral antimicrobial agents in the ED at a Japanese tertiary care center from October 2018 to March 2019. The intervention included (1) an educational didactic session to physicians, (2) an evidence-based tool book regarding antimicrobial use for common diagnoses, (3) antimicrobial order sets for common diagnoses, (4) monthly reports of the appropriateness of antimicrobial use, and (5) post-prescription review and feedback by an infectious diseases physician. The proportion of appropriate discharge antimicrobial prescription at ED, and changes in the prescription density, measured as the number of prescription per 1,000 patient visits between pre- and post-intervention were evaluated.

Results. The total number of patient visits at the ED during the study period was 52,274. With the intervention, the mean monthly discharge antimicrobial prescription decreased from 42.7 to 34.2 per 1,000 visits (proportional reduction 0.20; P < 0.01). Overall, appropriate prescription rate significantly increased from 47.7% (742/1,555) to 77.4% (421/544) (P < 0.01). The rate of unnecessary and inappropriate discharge antimicrobial prescription accounted from 27.5% (428/1,555) and 21.7% (337/1,555) to 8.5% (46/544) and 10.7% (58/544), respectively. A substantial improvement in discharge antimicrobial prescription against intra-abdominal infections and odontogenic infections during the intervention period was observed (changes in the proportion of appropriate prescription was 0.37 [P < 0.01] and 0.51 [P < 0.01], respectively.

Conclusion. An evidence-based, multifaceted intervention led to decreasing unnecessary prescription and optimizing physicians' antimicrobial prescriptions at the ED. Disclosures. All authors: No reported disclosures.

2025. Evaluation of the Impact of an Antimicrobial Stewardship Program in a Tertiary Hospital in Northern Italy: Efficacy of a Persuasive Approach on Antibiotics Consumption and Rate of Clostridium difficile Infection

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Background. Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) situation in Italian hospitals and regions represents a major public health threat [ECDC, 2017]. Antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASPs), particularly when based on local epidemiology, have been beneficial in optimizing antibiotic therapy as well as reducing hospital rates of Clostridium difficile infection (CDI) and AMR [Akpan MR, Antibiotics 2016]..

Our ASP program has been conducted at Spedali Civili General Hospital of Brescia, Northern Italy (1300-bed tertiary hospital), between the beginning of 2016 and the end of 2017. A preliminary analysis of local epidemiological data was performed (Table 1). Seven groups ("districts") were identified according to microbiological and clinical similarities. This was a persuasive-based ASP. First, we trained physicians on general principles of AS, then guidelines for the management of "difficult-to-handle" infections were drafted based on international guidelines and local microbiological data (Table 2)..

Results. Here we show the results of pre-ASP (2015) vs. post-ASP (2018) analysis on antibiotic consumption (AC) and CDI rates. AC is expressed in DDD/100 bed-days. The overall hospital AC decreased from 84.31 to 76.84 (-9%), consistently with national recommendations [Italian National Plan against AMR, 2017]. In accordance with the local guidelines developed within our ASP, carbapenem consumption decreased from 5.77 to 4.87 -16%) and fluoroquinolones (FLQ) from 14.45 to 9.94 (-31%). At the same time piperacillin/tazobactam use increased from 5.53 to 8.46 (53%). 3°-4°G cephalosporins and glycopeptides consumption slightly reduced from 11.78 to 11.42 (-3%) and from 4.07 to 3.83 (-6%), respectively. AC of the different districts involved is reported in Table 3. CDI rates decreased from 0.0434/100 bed-days in 2015 to 0.0315/100 bed-days in 2018 (-27%) (Figure 1).

Conclusion. Our ASP was a persuasive-based program in a setting of high AMR rates. In the short term, it has shown a positive impact in improving AC (in particular of broad-spectrum antibiotics with a high risk of resistance selection and CDI) and CDI rates. Audits for local guidelines adherence and the evaluation of AC, AMR and CDI rates are ongoing as long-term quality measures for assessing the impact of our ASP.

Table 1. Antimicrobial resistance (non-susceptibility) rates of selected pathogens, invasive isc

	Spedali Civili General Hospital	Italy *	Europe *	United States *
% methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus	33,1	33,6	17,7	45
% 3G cephalosporin resistant Escherichio coli	25,5	29,8	14,9	15
% 3G cephalosporin resistant Klebsiello pneumonioe	39,2	55,8	25,7	12
% carbapenem resistant Klebsiella pneumoniae	19.5	33,9	6,1	3
% piperacillin/tazobactam resistant Pseudomonos aeruginosa	14,8	30,7	18,8	7
% ceftazidime resistant Pseudomonos aeruginosa	12,5	23	14,4	19
% carbapenem resistant Pseudomonos aeruginosa	15,9	23,5	18,2	10

Variables	Non-Transplant (N=379)	Transplant (N=93)	P value*
	Demographics	110.00	
Age in Years (Mean, SD)	54, 14	54, 14	0.1002
Male (%)	185, 49.3%	51, 54.8%	0.3418
Race:			
White	210, 56%	70, 75.3%	0.0058
Black	121, 32.3%	19, 20.4%	
Asian	8, 2.13%	1, 1.1%	
Other	36, 9.6%	3, 3.2%	1
Candida Score (Mean, SD)	1.14, 1.05	0.98, 0.99	0.1738
Candidemia Risk High	38, 10%	4, 4.3%	0.0823
ICU	331, 88%	47, 52.2%	<.0001
	linical characteristics	-	
Co-morbidities:			1
Renal Failure	214, 58.5%	63, 67.7%	0.0478
HIV	8, 2.13%	3, 3,23%	0.2994
Malignancy on chemotherapy	42, 11.2%	26, 28%	<.0001
Antibiotics 248hrs preceding test	367, 97.87%	90, 96,77%	0.4632
Feverhypothermia (Tmax >38 or <36 °C)	157, 41.87%	33, 35,48%	0.2619
Neutropenia (ANC < 1000 cells/cc)	22, 5.9%	15, 16.1%	0.001
Severe Sepsis*	85, 22.7%	19, 20.4%	0.6424
Vasopressor Required	103, 27.5%	15, 16.1%	0.0242
Ventilator Required	264, 69.7%	28, 30.1%	<.0001
Presence of CVC	186, 49.6%	33, 35%	0.0146
Presence of prosthesis or ICD	22, 5.8%	7, 7.5%	0.5354
TPN	90, 24%	18, 19.8%	0.3921
Tube Feeding	193, 51.5%	28, 30.8%	0.0004
Surgery	173, 48.1%	35, 38.5%	0.1986
Abdominal Infection	30,8%	0,0%	0.0053
GI perforation	32, 8.5%	3, 3.3%	0.0891
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ID consult	256, 67.55%	71, 76.34%	0.0994
	Outcomes		•
Antifungal started	202, 53.3%	62, 66.67%	0.0200
Antifungal discontinuation after negative T2	199, 52.51%	60, 64.52%	0.0370
In-patient Mortality	128, 34%	13, 14%	0.0002
30-Day Mortality	28,7.5%	7, 7.5%	0.979

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	2015	2016	2017	2018	Δ% 2015- 2018		2015	2016	2017	2018	Δ % 2015 2018
Spedoli Civili General Hospital (units involved in the ASP)					Osteoarticular						
piperadilin/tasobactam	5.53	7.04	7.90	8.46	55%	piperacilin/tasobactam	1.15	1.06	1.93	2.25	96%
5-4 G cephalosporins	11.70	12.66	10.00	11.42	-3%	3-4 G cephalosporins	7.30	7.26	3.03	4.12	-64%
carbapenemes	5.77	6.24	5.51	4.87	-16%	carbapenemes	0.58	1.26	1.54	1.82	239%
fuoroquinolones	14.45	13.57	11.51	9.94	-51N	fluoroquinolones	13.13	13.62	10.27	9.52	-27%
glycopeptides	4.07	3.95	3.71	3.53	-6%	glycopeptides	5.52	9.92	10.16	7.72	60%
Cardiothoracic						Oncohematological					
piperadilin/tasobactam	4.20	4.52	4.90	6.50	55%	piperacilin/tasobactam	5.51	5.95	3.94	6.99	11179
5-4 G cephalosporins	5.75	6.72	6.62	7.31	27%	3-4 G cephalosporins	21.16	30.14	15.77	17.56	-17%
carbapenemes	2.40	2.42	2.23	2.17	-10%	carbapenernes	10.02	12.10	2.19	9.54	-5%
fuoroquinolones	10.16	8.65	5.01	7.60	-25%	fluoroquinolones	24.95	23.69	21.52	25.55	-7%
glycopeptides	3.36	2.69	3.02	2.75	-19W	glycopeptides	0.37	0.59	7.40	11.65	39%
Cervicospinal						Internal Medicine					
piperacillin/taxebactam	1.69	1.57	1.77	2.53	SON	piperacillin/tasebactam	8.07	10.68	11.37	13.31	65%
5-4 G cephalosporins	6.20	7.51	7.02	6.91	115	5-4 G cephalosporins	15.67	16.50	15.59	17.01	14%
carbapenemes	3.12	3.69	2.54	2.29	-27%	carbapenernes	7.60	7.96	7.24	6.71	-12
Everequinelenes	10.90	11.55	10.51	9.16	-2%	fluoroquinelenes	16.98	16.22	14.20	14.98	-12%
glycopeptides	2.02	2.60	1.76	2.41	-15%	glycopeptides	3.53	3.90	3.20	3.44	-3%
Abdominopelvic						Intensive Care					
piperacilin/taxebactam	4.51	6.32	8.30	7.42	64%	piperacilin/tasebactam	14.72	16.25	16.67	21.53	46%
3-4 G cephalosporins	9.52	8.56	7.80	6.20	-35%	5-4 G cephalosporins	21.45	27.29	24,54	15.94	-26%
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2026. A Current Status of Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs in Korean Large Hospitals: A Nationwide Survey in 2018

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Background. The aim of this study was to examine the current status of antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP) in large hospitals in South Korea, identifying problems and hurdles for implementation of proper ASP, and providing a reference for the proposal of ASP policies.

Methods. The questionnaire was designed based on the "Seven Core Elements of Hospital Antibiotic Stewardship Programs" from Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention of the U.S. and modified from the questionnaire of the previous survey on ASP in Korea, 2015. The survey targeted all the hospitals with 500 beds or more in South Korea in 2018. The online-based survey using SurveyMonkey platform was conducted for 3 weeks from June to July 2018. Only one ASP-associated physician per hospital participated in the survey.

Results. The response rate to the survey was 88.4% (84/95). The median number of medical personnel participating in ASP was 4 [interquartile range (IQR) 2.25–5], most of which were infectious diseases specialists (median 2, IQR 1–2). Besides, some pediatric infectious diseases specialists, pharmacists, etc. were participating in the ASPs. Only 6.0% (5/84) of hospitals had full-time workers for ASP. Restrictive measures for designated antibiotics was a widely accepted ASP strategy among Korean hospitals (88.1%, 74/84) and the median number of designated antibiotic classes was 16 (IQR 11–19). An 11.9% (10/84) of hospitals introduced monitoring and intervention program against inappropriate antibiotic combination therapy. The proportion of hospitals which had interventions for inappropriate long-term antibiotic use and parenteral to oral conversion strategy were 9.5% (8/84) and 1.2% (1/84), respectively. Lack of time, personnel, and appropriate reward were perceived as the major barriers to establishing ASP in Korean hospitals.

Conclusion. ASP in Korean hospitals were mainly carried out by 1–2 infectious diseases specialists and it heavily depended on restrictive measures for designated antibiotics. Supporting manpower and establishment of the appropriate reward system is necessary for improvement of ASP in Korean hospitals.

	Total (n=84)
Hospital information	
No. of inpatient bods (%)	
500 - 999	68 (81.0)
≥ 1.000	16 (19.0)
Hospital types (%)	
University-affiliated hospital	63 (75.0)
Other teaching hospital	16 (19.0)
Non-teaching hospital	5(6.0)
No. of ICU* bods (%)	
<20	7 (8.3)
20-29	18 (21.4)
≥30	59 (70.2)
Human resources	
No. of infectious diseases specialists (%)	
0	10 (11.9)
1	21 (25.0)
2	31 (36.9)
3	13 (15.5)
≥4	9 (10.7)
No. of medical personnel participating in ASP, median (IQR)	
Infectious disease specialists	2 (1-2)
Pediatric infectious disease specialists	0 (0-0)
Pharmacists	0 (0-0)
Laboratory microbiology specialists	0 (0-0)
Other specialists	0 (0-0)
Clinical fellows	0 (0-1)
Residents	0 (0-0)
Nurses	0 (0-0)
Presence of full-time worker for ASP (%)	5 (6.0)
The leader of ASP (%)	
Infectious disease specialists	69 (82.)
Pediatric infectious disease specialists	2 (2.4)
Other specialists	13 (15.5)
Presence of antimicrobial management committee (%)	63 (75.0)
Reward for operating ASP from the administration (%)	18 (21.4)

Abbreviations: ASP, antimicrobial stewardship programs; ICU, intensive care units; IQR, interquartile range

Table 2. Strategies of antimicrobial stewardship programs

	Total (n=84)	Hospital with IDS (n=74)	Hospital without IDS (n=10)	P^{ϵ}
Monitoring for antibiotic consumption, quantitative evaluation (%)				
Regular monitoring	42 (50.0)	40 (54.1)	2 (20.0)	0.088
Irregular monitoring	11 (13.1)	9 (12.2)	2 (20.0)	0.613
Monitoring level for antibiotic consumption (%)				
Antibiotic ingredient name	40 (47.6)	36 (48.6)	4 (40.0)	0.741
Antibiotic brand name	17 (20.2)	16 (21.6)	1 (10.0)	0.679
Data collection for antibiotic consumption (%)				
With computerized program	23 (27.4)	22 (29.7)	1 (10.0)	0.272
Request to hospital data processing department	25 (29.8)	23 (31.1)	2 (20.0)	0.716
Regular report of antibiotic consumption (%)	35 (41.7)	35 (47.3)	0 (0)	0.004
Target audience of regular report of antibiotic consumption (%)				
Hospital administration	17 (20.2)	17 (23.0)	0 (0)	0.201
High prescribers of antibiotics	13 (15.5)	13 (17.6)	0 (0)	0.345
Whole hospital staffs	6 (7.1)	6 (8.1)	0 (0)	1.000
No existence of regular report	49 (58.3)	39 (52.7)	10 (100)	0.004
Monitoring for compliance with guideline of antibiotic use (%)	15 (17.9)	14 (18.9)	1 (10.0)	0.682
Monitoring for compliance with use of antibiotic recommended by IDS (%)	21 (25.0)	21 (28.4)	0 (0)	0.060
Monitoring for C. difficile infection rate (%)	57 (67.9)	52 (70.3)	5 (50.0)	0.279
Monitoring for adverse event by antibiotic use (%)	57 (67.9)	68 (91.9)	5 (50.0)	0.003
Abhreviations: IDS infectious diseases specialist				

*comparison between hospital with IDS and hospital without IDS

B. Action

	Total (n=84)	Hospital with IDS (n=74)	Hospital without IDS (n=10)	P^b
Restrictive measures for designated antibiotics (%)	74 (88.1)	68 (91.9)	6 (60.0)	0.016
Prospective audit and feedback (%)				
For patients using specific antibiotics	41 (48.8)	39 (52.7)	2 (20.0)	0.089
For patients having specific diseases	4 (4.8)	4 (5.4)	0 (0.0)	1.000
For patients in specific departments or wards	10 (11.9)	10 (13.5)	0 (0.0)	0.600
Frequency of prospective audit and feedback (%)				
Everyday	16 (19.0)	15 (20.3)	1 (10.0)	0.679
Every 2-21 days	10 (11.9)	10 (13.5)	0 (0)	0.600
Irregular	18 (21.4)	17 (23.0)	1 (10.0)	0.682
Monitoring and intervention on antibiotic use (%)				
Inappropriate antibiotic combination therapy	10 (11.9)	9 (12.2)	1 (10.0)	1.000
Inappropriate long-term antibiotic use	8 (9.5)	7 (9.5)	1 (10.0)	1.000
Inappropriate perioperative antibiotic use	36 (42.9)	34 (45.9)	2 (20.0)	0.177
Inappropriate antibiotic administration	8 (9.5)	8 (10.8)	0 (0)	0.587
Inappropriate antibiotic dosage	17 (20.2)	17 (23.0)	0 (0)	0.201
High-risk antibiotics for C. difficile infection ^a	5 (4.8)	0 (0)	4 (5.4)	1.000
Automatic stop order (%)	13 (15.5)	12 (16.2)	1 (10.0)	1.000
Formulary restriction (%)	13 (15.5)	12 (16.2)	1 (10.0)	1.000
Automated intervention system linked with antimicrobial susceptibility results (%)	10 (11.9)	9 (12.2)	1 (10.0)	1.000
Computerized clinical decision support program (%)	35 (41.7)	34 (45.9)	1 (10.0)	0.040
Intravenous to oral conversion strategy (%)	1 (1.2)	1 (1.4)	0(0)	1.000
Antibiotic rotation/cycling (%)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1.000

Abbreviations: IDS, infectious diseases specialis

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^b comparison between hospital with IDS and hospital without IDS