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IQIC 101 Session 4

Agenda:

- Antibiotic harms – Whitney Hartlage, PharmD
- SMART goals discussion - All
- Wrap-up

Recap



What if I miss something?



What will cause more harm?

IDSA ASB Guidelines

"We make a strong recommendation because there is high certainty for **harm** and low certainty of any benefit from treatment of ASB in older adults"



Antibiotic Harms

Estimating Daily Antibiotic Harms

Umbrella Review and Meta-Analysis

Public Health Ontario

Santé publique Ontario

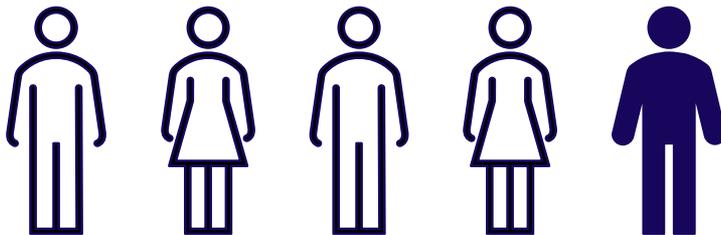
 **35** Systematic Reviews

 **71** Short vs. Long Antibiotic Duration Trials

 **92%** studies evaluated respiratory tract and urinary tract infections

 **23,174** patients evaluated

4,565 Harm events = **19.6%**



Each Additional Day Can Cause Harm

5 vs 3 Days   **9%** ↑ odds ratio
Of adverse events

7 vs 3 Days   **19%** ↑ odds ratio
Of adverse events



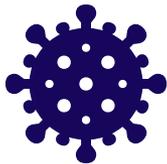
Antibiotic Harms



1) Adverse drug events



2) Super infections



3) Antimicrobial resistance



4) Drug interactions



Adverse Drug Events (ADE) by Setting

Hospital, Community, Mixed

- 20% of patients
- Most common:
 - 1) Central nervous system
 - 2) Gastrointestinal
 - 3) Hepatic
- Dermatologic: 13% increased odds with each additional day

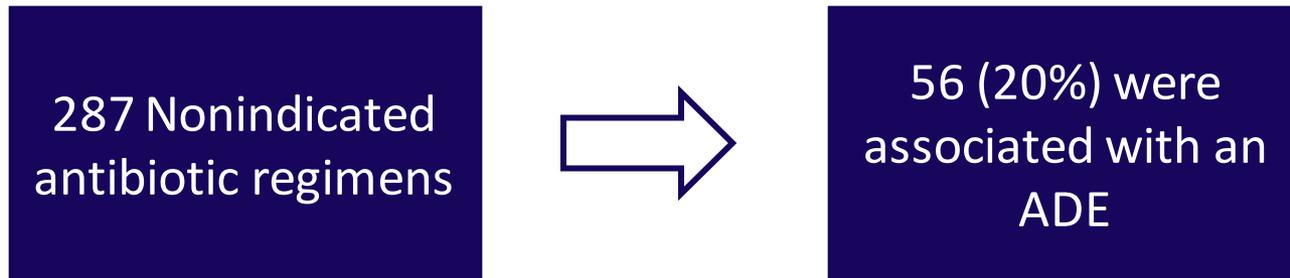
Hospital

- 16% of patients
- Most common:
 - 1) Gastrointestinal
 - 2) Renal
 - 3) Hematologic abnormalities
- Prolonged hospitalization in 24% of ADE patients



ADE in Nonindicated Antibiotics

- "The study investigators determined that **287 (19%) of antibiotic regimens were not clinically indicated**, most commonly because of treatment of **asymptomatic bacteriuria** or treatment of noninfectious lower respiratory tract conditions"



Adverse Drug Events (ADE) Increases with Duration

4%↑
Odds ratio/day

Adverse drug events

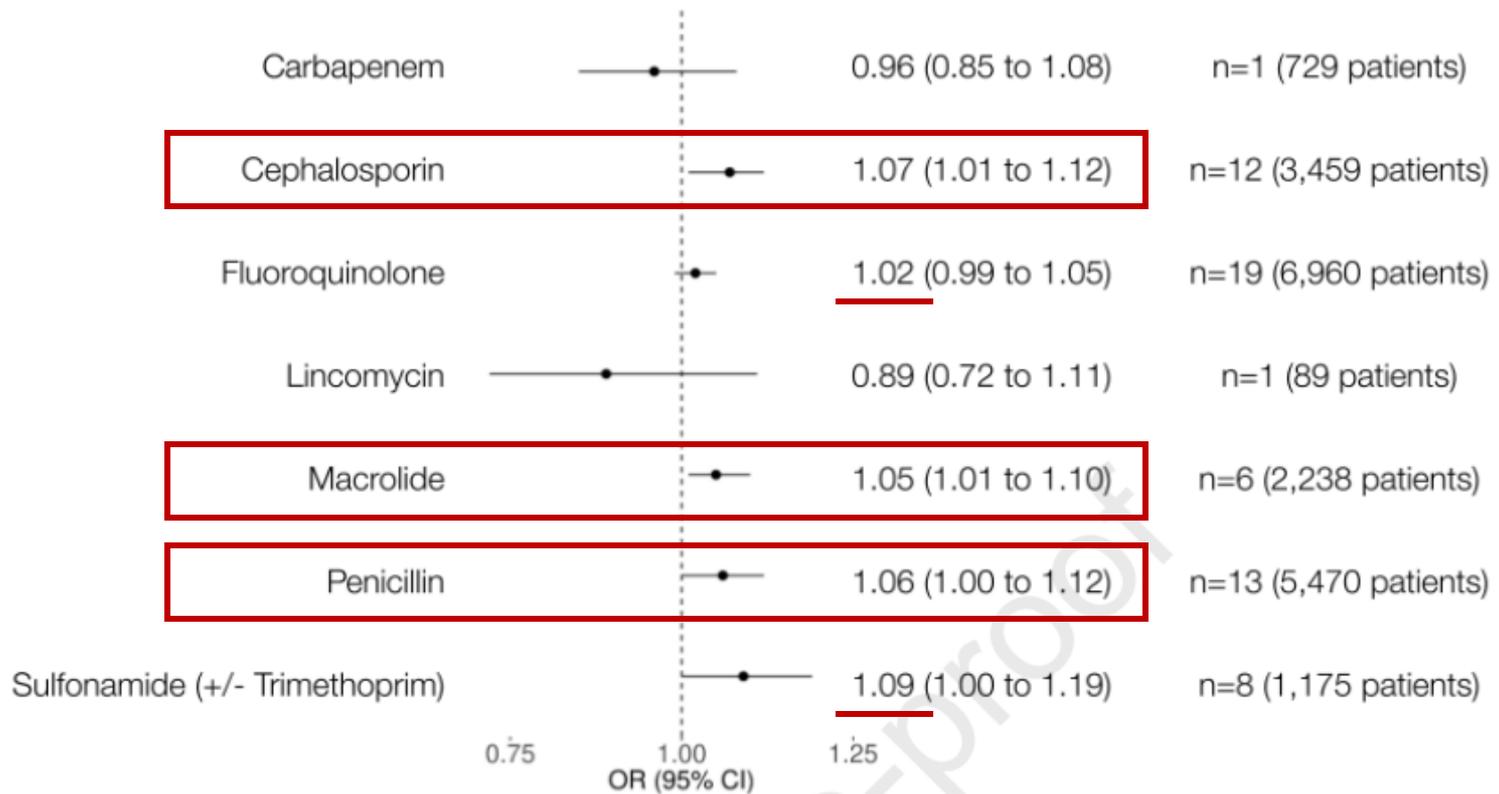
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Severe adverse drug
events



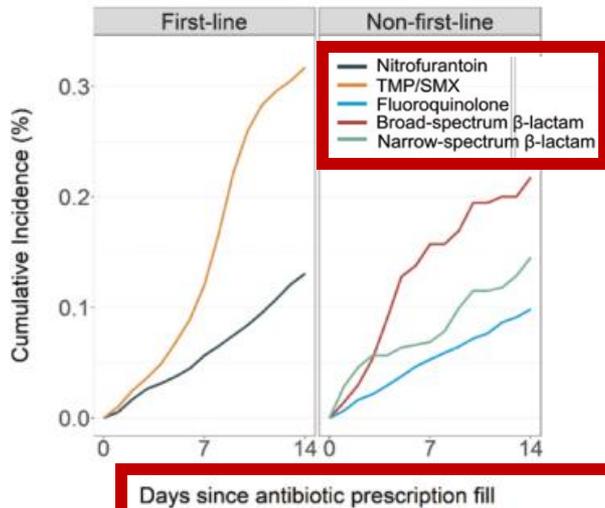
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Odds ratios of adverse events by antibiotic class

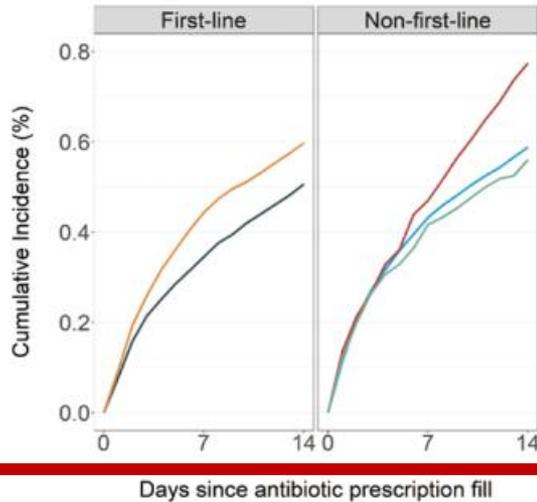


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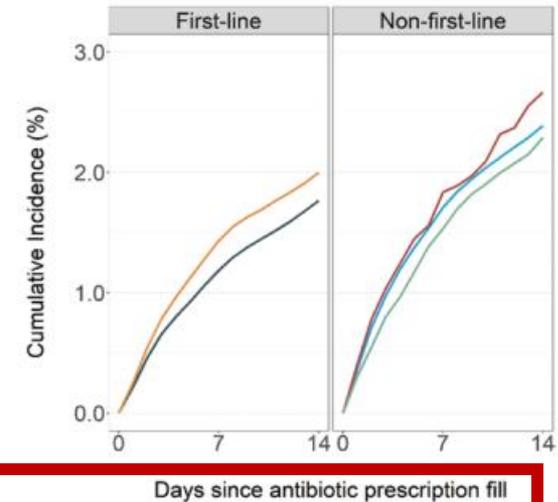
A Skin rash



C Nausea / vomiting



D Abdominal pain



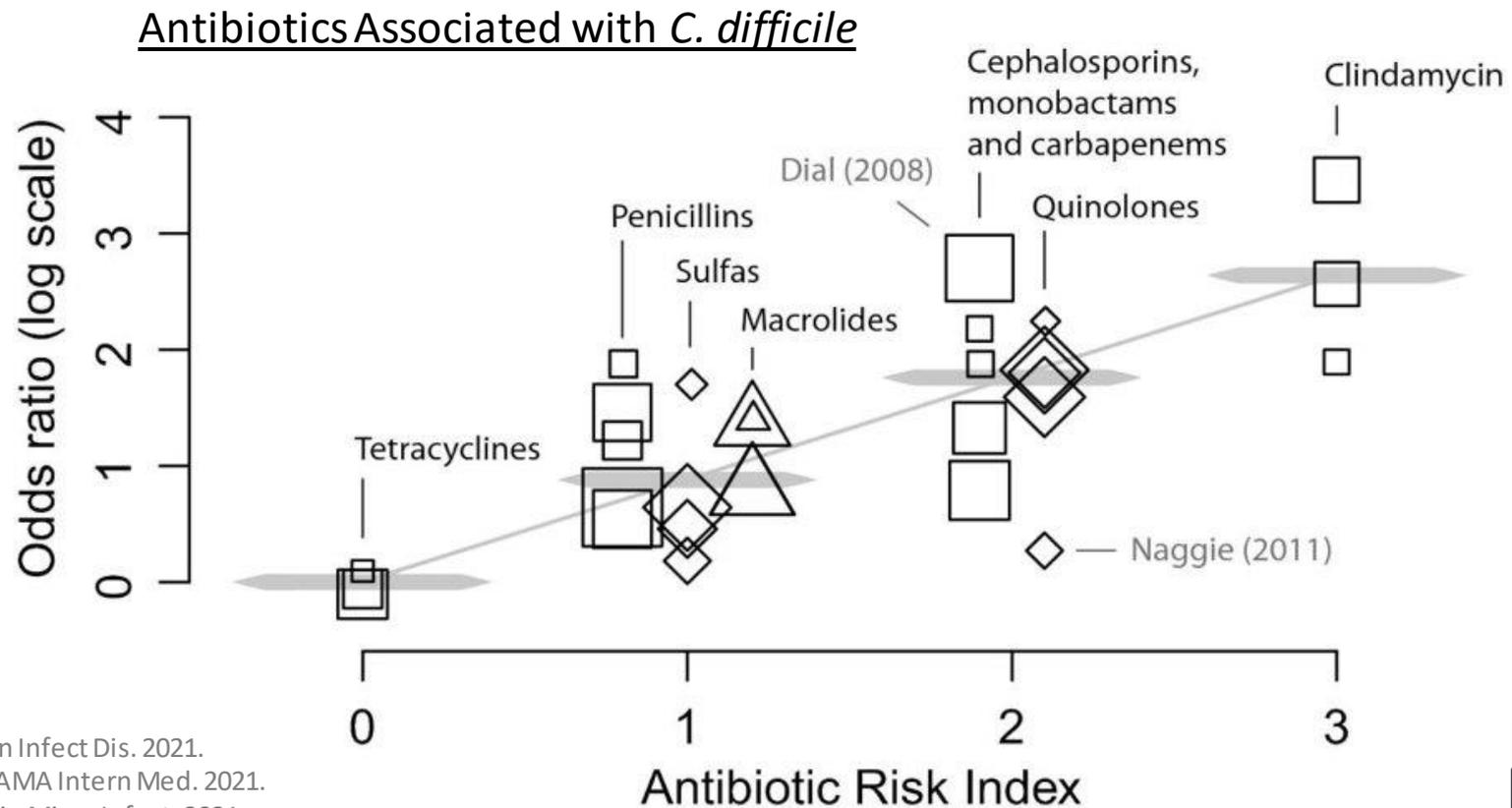
- Increased risks compared to nitrofurantoin

| | TMX/SMX | FQ | B-lactams |
|------------------|---------|----|-----------|
| Hypersensitivity | ↑ | | |
| Acute renal fail | ↑ | ↑ | |
| Skin rash | ↑ | | ↑ |
| Urticaria | ↑ | | |
| Abdominal pain | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |
| Nausea/vomiting | ↑ | ↑ | ↑ |



Super Infections

- *Clostridioides difficile* infection
 - 9-13% increase in relative risk with each additional day of therapy



Butler et al. Clin Infect Dis. 2021.

Tamma et al. JAMA Intern Med. 2021.

Curran et al. Clin Micro Infect. 2021.

Brown et al. Antimicrob Agents Chemother. 2013.



Greater Days and Number of Antibiotics Increases Risk of CDI

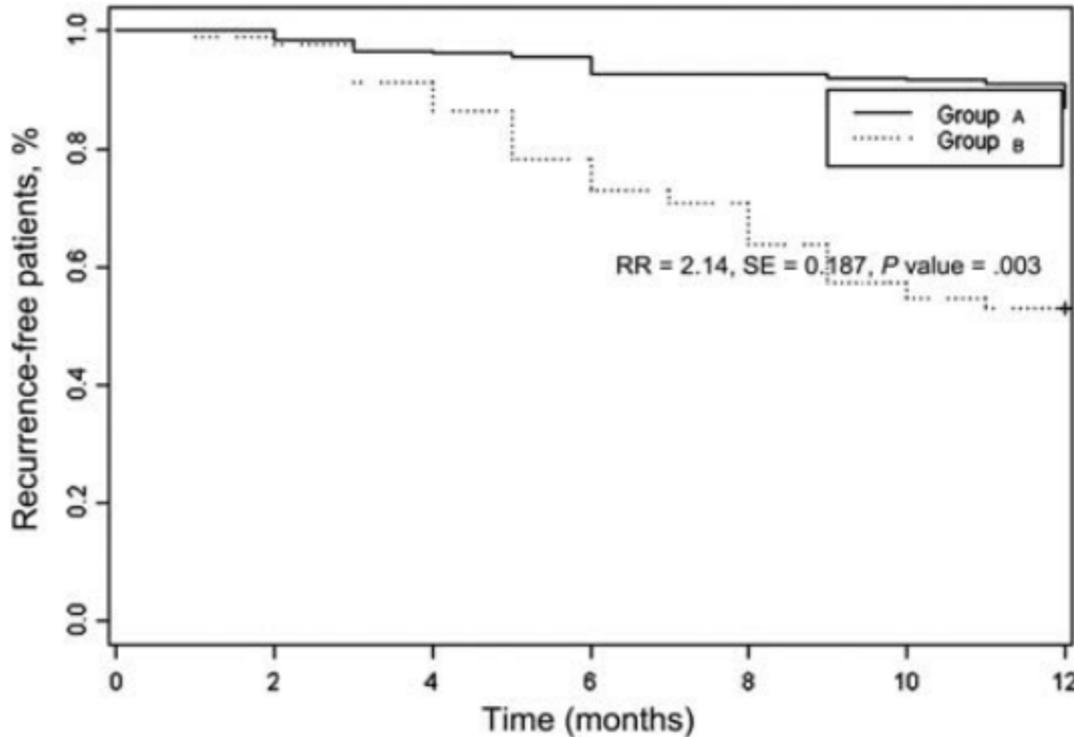
| Characteristic | CDI positive n (%) | CDI negative n (%) | Crude hazard ratio ^{a,b} (95% CI) | Adjusted hazard ratio ^{a,c,d} (95% CI) |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|--|
| Defined daily doses ^e , median (IQR) | 14.8 (21.2) | 7.2 (12.3) | — | — |
| <3.0 | 18 (7) | 1502 (15) | Ref | Ref |
| 3.0 to 7.79 | 49 (20) | 3702 (37) | 1.1 (.7, 2.1) | 1.2 (.7, 2.1) |
| 7.80 to 21.0 | 89 (37) | 2952 (30) | 2.9 (1.8, 4.8) | 2.8 (1.7, 4.6) |
| >21.0 | 85 (35) | 1757 (18) | 5.3 (3.2, 8.8) | 5.3 (3.1, 9.0) |
| Antibiotic days, median (IQR) ^f | 14.0 (23.0) | 7.0 (9.0) | — | — |
| <4 | 22 (9) | 2208 (22) | Ref | Ref |
| 4 to 7 | 41 (17) | 3071 (31) | 1.5 (.9, 2.4) | 1.4 (.8, 2.4) |
| 8 to 18 | 87 (36) | 3097 (31) | 3.4 (2.1, 5.4) | 3.0 (1.9, 5.0) |
| >18 | 91 (38) | 1537 (16) | 9.8 (6.0, 16.0) | 7.8 (4.6, 13.4) |
| Number of antibiotics, median (IQR) ^f | 3.0 (4.0) | 2.0 (2.0) | — | — |
| 1 | 31 (13) | 3744 (38) | Ref | Ref |
| 2 | 54 (22) | 2507 (25) | 2.7 (1.8, 4.3) | 2.5 (1.6, 4.0) |
| 3 or 4 | 70 (29) | 2505 (25) | 3.7 (2.4, 5.7) | 3.3 (2.2, 5.2) |
| 5 or more | 86 (36) | 1157 (12) | 11.6 (7.7, 17.4) | 9.6 (6.1, 15.1) |

Conclusion: CDI patients received greater cumulative doses, numbers, and days of antibiotics relative to non-cases



Treating ASB could increase the risk of subsequent UTI

Probability of being recurrence-free between the two groups



- Group A: not treated (n=312)
- Group B: treated (n=361)

12 months after enrollment: 41 (14.7%) of patients in non-ASB treated group and **169 (73.1%) in the treated ASB group** showed symptomatic UTI



Antibiotic Exposure and Development of New Resistance

| | Cefepime (n=61) | Meropenem (n=103) | Piperacillin- tazobactam (n=108) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Pathogens, n (%) | | | |
| <i>Achromobacter</i> species | 6 (9.8) | 2 (1.9) | 1 (1) |
| <i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i> | 12 (19.7) | 11 (10.7) | 5 (4.9) |
| <i>Burkholderia cepacia</i> | 0 (0) | 2 (1.9) | 0 (0) |
| <i>Citrobacter</i> species | 3 (4.9) | 0 (0) | 8 (7.8) |
| <i>Enterobacter</i> species | 8 (13.1) | 9 (8.7) | 44 (42.7) |
| <i>Escherichia coli</i> | 14 (23.0) | 2 (1.9) | 10 (9.7) |
| <i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i> | 2 (3.3) | 0 (0) | 4 (3.9) |
| <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> | 3 (4.9) | 4 (3.9) | 14 (13.6) |
| <i>Morganella morganii</i> | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |
| <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> | 1 (1.6) | 1 (1.0) | 0 (0) |
| <i>Providencia</i> species | 0 (0) | 1 (1.0) | 0 (0) |
| <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> | 11 (18.0) | 67 (65.0) | 13 (12.6) |
| <i>Serratia</i> species | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 8 (7.8) |
| <i>Stenotrophomonas maltophilia</i> | 1 (1.6) | 3 (2.9) | 0 (0) |
| Other rare gram-negative pathogen | 0 (0) | 0 (0) | 1 (1.0) |

- Bacterial pathogens that developed new resistance
- Urine source = 38%

4% increased risk of new resistance for each additional day of any antipseudomonal beta-lactam exposure



Drug Interactions

- Warfarin
 - Most significantly: trimethoprim/sulfamethoxazole** , metronidazole, fluconazole
 - Variable and patient specific: fluoroquinolones, macrolides
- Combination of drugs that prolong QTc interval
- Anti-seizure medications
- Statins
- **AND MORE!**



Align Patient Safety and Stewardship

Use data or cases to improve quality and patient safety

- Without information on testing and prescribing patterns, clinicians may not be aware of their role in inappropriate testing or prescribing

Transparency and patient engagement

- Openly discuss risks for harms with patients and families
- Makes them partners in their own safety

Hard to completely eliminate → limit unnecessary exposures to antibiotics

- Shorten duration of therapy
- Optimize use of first line agents



Conclusions

- Each additional day of antibiotic therapy is associated with **significant antibiotic harm**
- Antimicrobial-associated ADEs should be considered when **weighing decisions to initiate or discontinue** antibiotic therapy



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