# Laboratory use of authorisation codes to influence prescribing

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### Restricted antibiotics

- When?
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- Why?
  - Carbapenem use
  - C diff rate
- Who?
  - Nobody knows...



# Restricted Antimicrobial List for ward-based Prescribing

Issued by NHS Fife Antimicrobial Management Team

### Restricted antimicrobials

- Preserving efficacy
  - Carbapenems
  - Temocillin
  - Linezolid
  - Daptomycin
- C diff risk
  - Cephalosporins

- Antimicrobials that suggest complicated management decisions
  - Echinocandins
  - Vori / posaconazole
  - Teicoplanin
  - Fidaxomicin
  - Tigecycline

Restricted Antimicrobial	Approved use
Anidulafungin	Patients under the care of a Consultant in Critical Care
Caspofungin	Patient under the care of a Consultant Haematologist
Cefalexin	Microbiologist or Infectious Disease Consultant approval required
Cefotaxime	Patient under the care of a Consultant Paediatrician
Ceftazidime	<ul> <li>Patient has a proven/suspected pseudomonal chest infection, has failed to respond to alternative antipseudomonal agents <u>and</u> is under the care of a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine.</li> <li>Patient under the care of a Consultant Paediatrician</li> </ul>
Ceftriaxone	Suspected meningitis / meningococcal sepsis
Cefuroxime	<ul> <li>Only as per Orthopaedic surgery prophylaxis guidelines for a maximum of 24 hour duration.</li> <li>Empirical treatment of sepsis in obstetric patients</li> </ul>
Daptomycin	Microbiologist or Infectious Disease Consultant approval required
Ertapenem	Microbiologist or Infectious Disease Consultant approval required
Fidaxomicin	Microbiologist or Infectious Disease Consultant approval required
Fosfomycin	<ul> <li>Microbiologist or Infectious Disease Consultant approval required</li> </ul>
Linezolid	Patients under the care of a Consultant in Critical Care     Patient with a MRSA infection under the care of a Vascular Surgeon
Meropenem	<ul> <li>Patient under the care of a Consultant Haematologist or a Consultant in Critical Care</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose for suspected necrotising fasciitis; further doses require Microbiologist approval</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> dose for suspected neutropenic sepsis; further doses require Microbiologist approval</li> </ul>
Piperacillin-tazobactam	<ul> <li>Neutropenic sepsis</li> <li>Patients under the care of a Consultant in Critical Care</li> <li>Cystic fibrosis or Bronchiectasis (when advised by a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine or Paediatrics)</li> </ul>
Posaconazole	Patient under the care of a Consultant Haematologist
Rifaximin	<ul> <li>Patient under the care of a GI Consultant and only for the prevention of hepatic encephalopathy (2<sup>nd</sup> line agent)</li> </ul>
Teicoplanin	<ul> <li>Patient under care of ECAS or Hospital at Home</li> <li>Surgical prophylaxis – single dose as per protocol</li> </ul>
Tigecycline	Microbiologist or Infectious Disease Consultant approval required
Voriconazole	Patient under the care of a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine or a Consultant Haematologist     Patient under the care of a Renal Consultant only for fungal PD peritonitis

### Meropenem

- Patient under the care of a Consultant Haematologist or a Consultant in Critical Care
- 1<sup>st</sup> dose for suspected necrotising fasciitis; further doses require Microbiologist approval
- 1<sup>st</sup> dose for suspected neutropenic sepsis; further doses require Microbiologist approval

#### Ceftazidime

- Patient has a proven/suspected pseudomonal chest infection, has failed to respond to alternative antipseudomonal agents <u>and</u> is under the care of a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine.
- · Patient under the care of a Consultant Paediatrician

### Piperacillin-tazobactam

- Neutropenic sepsis
- · Patients under the care of a Consultant in Critical Care
- Cystic fibrosis or Bronchiectasis (when advised by a Consultant in Respiratory Medicine or Paediatrics)

### How does it work?

Microbiologist

Duration

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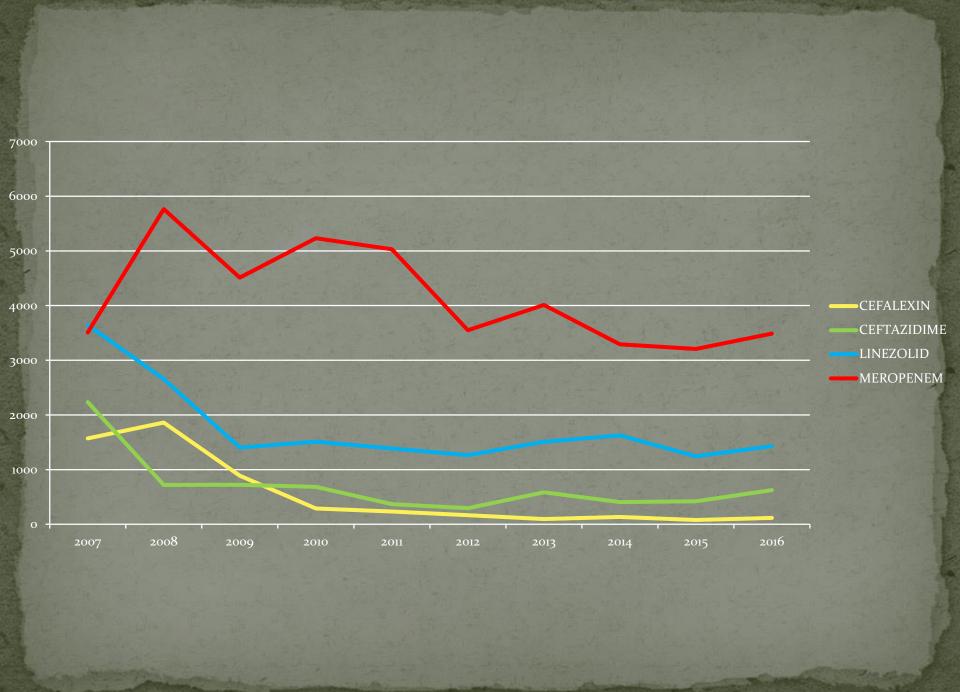
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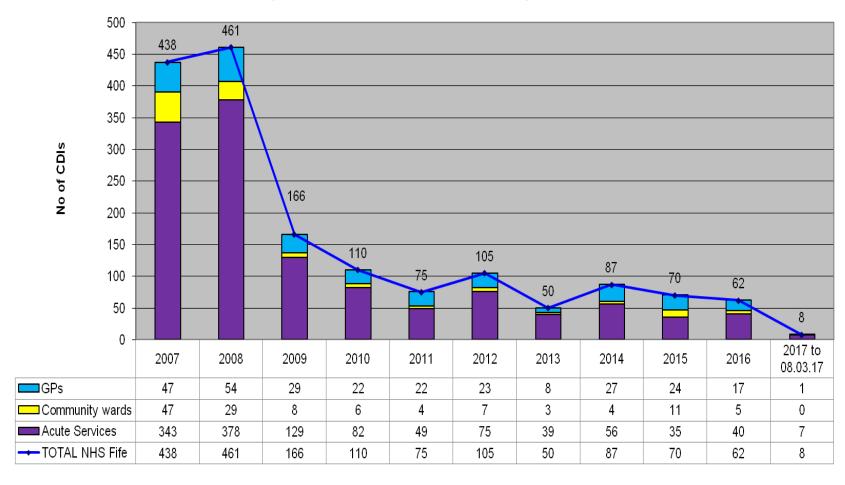
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### Pharmacy

- Antibiotics issued according to code
- No extra doses of restricted agents dispensed
- Reviewed by ward pharmacists



### Clostridium difficile Infections (CDIs) 2007-2017 (Up to 8th March) by NHS Fife Total & Acute Services, Community wards, & GPs



### Other benefits

- Standardised practice
- Prescription review

### Drawbacks

- More work for Microbiology?
- Training time / resources?
- Can we be hacked?

# Why does it work?

- Small-ish Health Board
- One main acute site
  - Scaling up may be more difficult
  - ePrescribing may help
- Engagement crucially with pharmacy and pharmacy stores staff

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