

Intravenous Antimicrobials

*Has **your** patient been on IV Antimicrobials (ABX) for more than 48 hours?*



A 48-72 hour Review of all IV ABX is a key priority for CW Trust

BENEFITS:

- *Improve Patient Outcomes*
- *Reduce ABX-related Harm (C.difficile, AMR)*
- *Promote earlier discharges*

OPTIMISE YOUR PATIENT'S TREATMENT OPTIONS

STOP

If no evidence of infections

SWITCH

IV-to-ORAL

CHANGE

To Narrow spectrum (targeted) antimicrobial

CONTINUE

And review again in 24 – 48 hours

OPAT

Out-patient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy

IV to PO SWITCH OPTIONS – Get your patient home early

- H** Haemodynamically stable (BP / HR normalising), Apyrexial >36hrs
- O** Oral (PO) route available, eating/drinking, no malabsorption
- M** Infection markers improving (CRP / WCC trending to normal)
- E** Exclude deep-seated infection source (requires prolonged IV ABX)

Does your patient meet the HOME criteria for IV-PO switch?

YES: convert to appropriate PO ABX to reduce risk of CDI, AMR and line-related infection

NO: review again in 24-48 hours
Refer to OPAT if long-term IV need