

ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP

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*"Getting patients the right antibiotics
when they need them."*

New Prescribing Privileges!



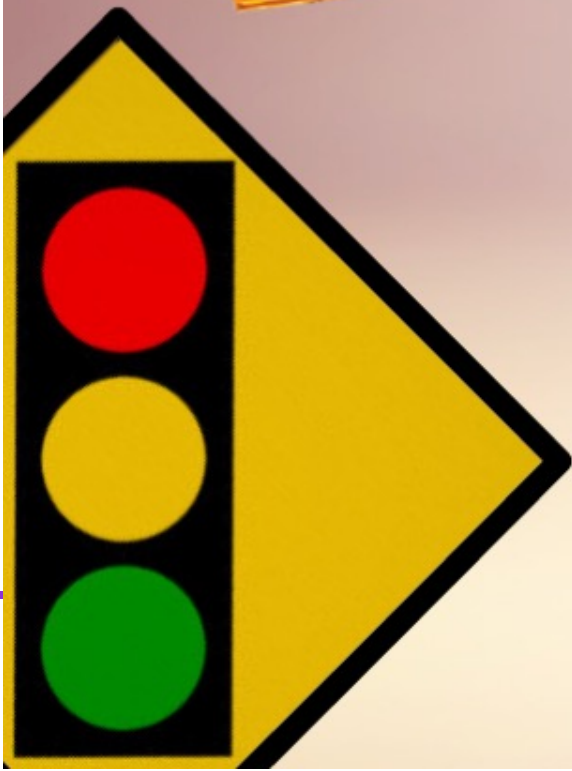
Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP)





Symptom- Free Pee: LET IT BE

A national initiative to stop inappropriate
antibiotic use for asymptomatic bacteriuria
in long-term care residents.



For more direction and guidance:
www.ammi.ca
#SymptomFreeLetItBe



10 Key Points

1. Medication (antibiotic) prescribing is a privilege
2. Antibiotics have potential benefits and harms
3. Over 50% of prescribed antibiotics are unnecessary
4. Verify diagnosis before prescribing for stable patients
5. Avoid treatment delay in unstable patients
6. Avoid over-testing (esp. urine cultures)
7. Do not treat based on culture results only
8. Avoid fluoroquinolones and clindamycin
9. Seek help from colleagues for complicated patients
10. Always reassess patients who are on antibiotics