

Antimicrobial Usage

Policy

The Antimicrobial Usage Guidelines are written by the Antimicrobial Stewardship Subcommittee (previously known as the Antimicrobial subcommittee) of the Medicines Advisory Committee, Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB). The Terms of Reference for this committee are available on the Clinical Pharmacology department intranet site.

Purpose

To ensure that antimicrobials are used effectively to treat infections and minimise the spread of resistant organisms.

Scope

All clinical staff at Canterbury DHB.

Associated Documents

Infection Prevention & Control Guidelines for the Control Of Multidrug Resistant Organisms

CDHB Antimicrobial Guidelines in the Pink Book 2016 (20th Edition). Also available on the Canterbury DHB Intranet and on mobile devices e.g. smart phones.

Hospital Health Pathways (previously 'The Blue Book'). Also available on the CDHB Intranet and for mobile devices e.g. smart phones.

Antimicrobial Susceptibility Patterns (2015). Microbiology Department, Canterbury Health Laboratories, Canterbury DHB. (Distributed in hardcopy annually and available on the intranet).

Guidelines

Refer Clinical Pharmacology Intranet for policy document:

<http://cdhbintranet/medicalandsurgical/clinicalpharmacology/Documents/Antimicrobial%20Usage%20Policy.pdf>

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