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Antibiotic Stewardship Campaign – Clindamycin Applies to All Physicians

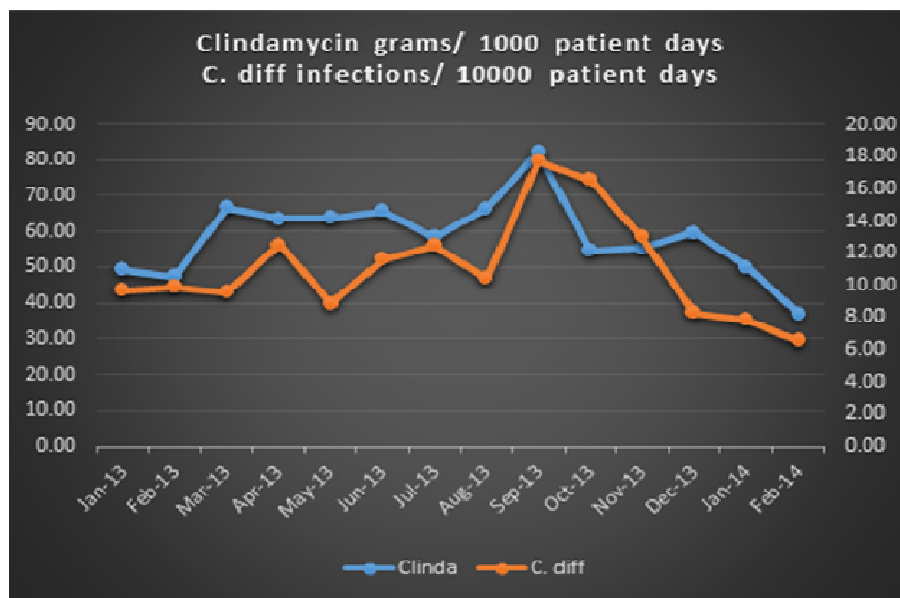
Antibiotic Stewardship Alert

A few weeks ago we launched a change in the ordering of specific antibiotics, including clindamycin, as part of an antibiotic stewardship effort. The new approach was developed after much discussion and is in line with national standards for antibiotic prescribing. The rationale for restrictions on clindamycin is directly linked to its known association with clostridium difficile enteritis - indeed the chart below shows the tight association between the use of this medication and the development of this condition here at Upstate.

Note that the use of clindamycin is not prohibited, Epic now presents a more limited range of indications for its use, and beyond that its use requires a discussion with an infection control physician.

We are now seeing cases in which physicians are intentionally bypassing this mechanism by entering a false indication (Penicillin allergic) for the use of clindamycin. Beyond the fact that the physician is intentionally disregarding an important safeguard to prevent a hospital-acquired condition, entering errant information into the record (particularly errant allergy information), is extremely dangerous. This behavior must stop, now. Please convey this message to your faculty and residents with some urgency.

If you have any questions regarding the antibiotic stewardship campaign, or the specific indications for clindamycin, please contact Dr Walleed Javaid or Dr David Lehmann.



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Changes to Initial and Reappointment of Staff

Applies to Chiefs of Service

Staff Changes Advisory

Over the next few months, you will see changes to the paperwork from Medical Staff Services you receive to recommend initial and reappointments of staff. These changes are directly in response to feedback received from Chiefs of Service at both campuses and are intended to provide clarity, and reduce the number of required signatures needed from reviewers. As these changes come out, we would like to invite additional feedback; please let Medical Staff Services (Erwine@Upstate.Edu) or myself know what works, and what doesn't, as we move to improve these processes.

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