



Initiate urgent treatment of life-threatening conditions



Obtain samples for culture before starting therapy



Use *Therapeutic Guidelines: Antibiotic\**



Educate and involve patients and carers



Document prescription, reason and review date



Review treatment and seek advice when necessary



Switch treatment when indicated

For more detail see the Antimicrobial Stewardship Clinical Care Standard [www.safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs](http://www.safetyandquality.gov.au/ccs).

\* access at [www.tg.org.au](http://www.tg.org.au)

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**ANTIBIOTIC**  
AWARENESS WEEK

*Antibiotics: Handle with Care.*

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SOLUTION**

## **MIND ME** The Antimicrobial Creed

**M**

Microbiology guides therapy wherever possible

**I**

Indications should be evidence-based

**N**

Narrowest spectrum required

**D**

Dosage individualised, and appropriate to the site and type of infection

**M**

Minimise duration of therapy

**E**

Ensure oral therapy where clinically appropriate