

## **MINDME**

**The Antimicrobial Creed** 

microbiology guides therapy wherever possible

indications should be evidence based

N narrowest spectrum required

D dosage appropriate to the site and type of infection

M minimise duration of therapy

**E** ensure monotherapy in most cases

Source: Therapeutic guidelines: antibiotic. Version 14. 2010

**ACTION** Obtain cultures before starting therapy **ACTION** Use Therapeutic Guidelines: Antibiotic\* **ACTION Document indication** and review date **ACTION** Review and reassess antibiotics at 48 hours **ACTION** Consider IV to oral switch **ACTION** Seek advice for complex cases

**Educate patients** about antibiotic use

**ACTION** 

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<sup>\*</sup>Source: Therapeutic guidelines: antibiotic. Version 14, 2010