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.
* access at www.tg.org.au
The Antimicrobial Creed

- Microbiology guides therapy wherever possible
- Indications should be evidence-based
- Narrowest spectrum required
- Dosage individualised, and appropriate to the site and type of infection
- Minimise duration of therapy
- Ensure oral therapy where clinically appropriate