

“Facility Name” Policy and Procedure		
Title: Antibiotic Time Out	Control No.:	Version: 2
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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to institute an antibiotic time out by reassessing therapy after 72 hours and 7 days. Once additional information is available, including microbiology, radiographic, and clinical information, a decision can be made on whether to continue the same therapy.

Policy: It is the policy of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee of “Facility Name”, in an attempt to decrease antimicrobial resistance, to perform a 72 hour antimicrobial review for the purposes of drug bug mismatch, and de-escalation based on relevant cultures. It is also a policy of the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee of “Facility Name” to perform a second antimicrobial review after 7 days of therapy for the purposes of therapeutic duration.

Procedure:

- A. At the point of order entry the pharmacist will attach an intervention to each antimicrobial with a follow-up date of 72 hours. After review of relevant cultures, labs, progress notes, and radiographic studies if the necessity of the antimicrobial is in question, the pharmacist will contact the ordering physician with a recommendation. This recommendation will be concerning antimicrobial de-escalation, and/or drug bug mismatch. The pharmacist will record all correspondence in the intervention.
- B. After the 72 hour review is complete a follow-up will be forwarded to the 7th day of therapy. Unless the prescriber’s progress note states a duration of therapy, the pharmacist will contact the prescriber and procure a stop order or obtain a therapeutic duration. If the prescriber does not provide a duration this will be escalated to the Antimicrobial Stewardship Committee for further review. The pharmacist will then update the intervention to reflect this information.

References:

1. "About Antimicrobial Resistance." *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 18 Sept. 2015. Web. 1 July 2016.
2. The Joint Commission Medication Management Standards, July 2017. MM.09.01.01- *The hospital has an antimicrobial stewardship program based on current scientific literature.*