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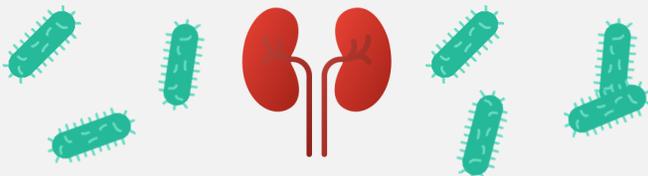
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Finalized Guideline for Complicated Urinary Tract Infections

The Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) has released the finalized guideline for the treatment of complicated urinary tract infections (cUTIs). A notable change is the classification of uncomplicated versus complicated UTIs. Uncomplicated UTIs are now being simplified to patients whose infection is confined to the bladder in afebrile men and women, while cUTIs are defined as infection beyond the bladder in men or women. Additionally, the guidelines provide empiric recommendations for treatment of cUTIs as well as recommendations for narrowing antibiotics or switching from intravenous to oral therapy.



[Read the full guideline here!](#)

Cascading Susceptibility Report: Pros and Cons

Antimicrobial susceptibility cascade reporting is a common tool employed by antimicrobial stewardship programs to minimize the use of broad-spectrum agents. This selective visibility of antimicrobial options can help promote narrower or more clinically appropriate treatments compared to alternatives also tested but not released for viewing.

There are some potential cons associated with cascading report, such as complex implementation and required input from multiple stakeholders. A recent publication highlighted both advantages and limitations of cascade reporting, which are important considerations for programs evaluating its adoption as a stewardship tool.

[Click here to read the article!](#)



KASIC Cases

Each week, a fictional case describing a common antimicrobial stewardship opportunity is posted on X (formerly Twitter) and LinkedIn. Participants are encouraged to answer the poll first and then review the best answer along with an explanation.

Ready to test your antimicrobial stewardship knowledge?

Try out the latest case:

A patient is diagnosed with a hepatic abscess. Blood cultures reveal *Morganella morganii* resistant to imipenem but susceptible to ertapenem.

Can ertapenem be used for outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy?

- A. Yes
- B. No

[Click here for the BEST answer](#)

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If You Have ID Providers, Do You Need ID Pharmacists Too?

A new multicenter study suggests you do. With the growing complexity of ID care, clinicians are regularly faced with intricate, high-stakes decisions. While quick “curbside” consults with ID pharmacists are common, their impact has not been widely measured.

A recent multicenter observational study involving 7 ID pharmacists at academic medical centers (AMC) and 3 from non-AMC settings tracked 1518 curbside inquiries in a 6-month period. The result? **In 89% of cases, ID pharmacist recommendations resulted in a change in clinical management.** This finding highlights the important role of ID pharmacists in collaborative decision-making.

[Click here to read the study!](#)

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