Using the HELP System to Improve Patient Care

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Two Examples of Improved Care using the HELP Clinical Information System

- 1. Antibiotic Use
- 2. Adverse Drug Event Monitoring



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LDS Hospital O.R. Schedule Tuesday 1/18/2000 as of 1/18/2000.10:25

OR	Room	Est Time	Age	Pat Name	Procedure	Surg	Anes
5.1	PACU	0836	32F	Patient 1	Argon Laser Cervix	Surg 1	Anes 1
5.2 abx	OR5	0955	43F	Patient 2	TAH, Poss BSO	Surg 2	Anes 1
5.3	N3SS	1140	40F	Patient 3	D & C	Surg 2	Anes 1
5.4 abx	N3SS	1230	33F	Patient 4	Exc Vag Wall Cyst	Surg 2	Anes 1

abx - A parenteral prophylactic antibiotic is commonly given for this patient's surgery. If given, prophylactic antiobitics should be started 0-2 hrs. before surgery and discontinued within 24 hrs after surgery.

SURGICAL WOUND INFECTIONS

	Mortality (%)	Length of stay (days)	Cost of Hospitalization(\$)
Case patients	6.80	14.53	\$18,621
Matched cohort patients	1.12#	4.66+	\$ 6,030+
Attributable difference		5.34*	\$ 4,935*

#p<.001 by chi square, *p<.00001 by paired t test, +p<.00001 by t test
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IHC Antibiotic Assistant & Order Program							
000000000 Doe, Jane Q » Max 24 br W/BC-21 01 (21 3	E606	67yr 27/99 14·55	F Max 24br	Dx:ABD S	EPSIS 38.7↑ (38.1	2)	
Patient's Diff shows a left shift max 24hr bands = $22 \uparrow (11)$							
» RENAL FUNCTION: Decreased, CrCl = 50, Max 24hr Cr= $1.0↓$ (1.1) IBWeight: 58kg							
» ANTIBIOTIC ALLERGIES: /	Ampicillin,						
» CURRENT ANTIBIOTICS:							
1. 07/29/99 5DAYS	TROVAFI	LOXACIN (1	rovan),	VIAL 300.	Q 24 hrs		
2. 08/01/99 2DAYS	AMPHOT	ERICIN B (I	FUNGIZON	√E),	VIAL 35		Q 24 hrs
Total amphotericin given =	70mg K=	= 3.6mg/dl	08/03/98	MAG=	2.5mg/dl	08/03/99	» » »
IDENTIFIED PATHOGENS		SITE		COLLECT	ED		
p Gram negative Bacilli		Peritoneal	Fluid	07/27/99.2	17:12		
Yeast		Peritoneal	Fluid	07/27/99.2	17:12		
Torulopsis glabrata		Peritoneal	Fluid	07/27/99.2	17:12		
» THERAPEUTIC SUGGESTI	ON	DOSAGE	ROUTE	INTERVA	L		
Imipenem	500mg		IV	*q12h	(infuse ov	er 1hr)	
Amphotericin B	35mg		IV	q24h	(infuse ov	er 2-4hrs)	
Suggested Antibiotic Duration: 10 days							
*Adjusted based on patient's renal function.							
P=Prelim; Susceptibilities based on antibiogram or same pathogen w/ suscept.							
<1>Micro <2>OrganismSuscept, <3>Drug Info, <4>ExplainLogic, <5>Empiric Abx,							
<6>Abx Hx <7>ID Rnds, <8>Lab/Abx Levels, <9>Xray, <10>Data Input Screen,							
<esc>EXIT, <f1>Help, <0</f1></esc>	>UserInput,	<.>Outpa	tientModel	s, <+orF	12>Change	Patient	
T↓, ORDER:<*>Sugges	sted Abx,	<enter>Other</enter>	er Abx, <	/>D/C Abx,	< - >Moo	dify Abx,	

LOGIC USED TO HELP SELECT SUGGESTED ANTIBIOTICS

Patient should receive IV antibiotics. Suggested antibiotics are not one of patient's known antibiotic allergies. Renal function dictates that dosage should be adjusted. Coagulase negative Staph. In sputum or urine was not considered a pathogen. Cultures show fungi or yeast that were not considered pathogens. Aminoglycosides potentiate ototoxicity if administered with loop diuretics. Amphotericin B is suggested for serious fungus infections. S. maltophilia is generally not pathogenic unless found in sterile site. A staph or gram+ cocci reported in the blood was considered a contaminant. *Ceftazidime is usually suggested until gram negative bacillus is identified. Suggested antibiotics should include Rx for possible abdominal anaerobes. Suggest fluconazole for C. albicans in non immunosupressed patients. Prophylactic antibiotics are not suggested for this patient at this time. Identified pathogens are covered by the suggested antibiotic(s). Suggested antibiotic(s) are least expensive of the appropriate antibiotics.

> The antibiotic suggestions should not replace clinical judgement. Press the 'Enter' key for next screen...

LDS HOSPITAL EMPIRIC ANTIBIOTIC ASSISTANT

00000000	Doe, John	Q E605	22yr	M Dx:TRAUMA, M SITE = Blood	NULTIPLE F	FX	
			Inpatie	nt / Hospital-acquired			
		PAST 5	YEARS		PAST	6 MONTHS	
ORGANISM		#	(%)	ORGANISM	#	(%)	
Staph. Coagulase neg.		208	(61)	Staph. Coagula	se neg. 14	(50)	
Enterococcus		28	(8)	Escherichia col	8	(29)	
Escherichia coli		27	(8)	Enterobacter cl	oaca 2	(7)	
Staph. Aureus		18	(5)	Staph. Aureus	1	(4)	
Pseudomonas aerugino	osa	13	(4)	Pseudomonas a	aeruginosa	1 (4)	
	TOTAL 2	94	(86)	TOTAL	26	(94)	
ANTIBIOTIC		(%) C	OST/24hr	ANTIBIOTIC	(%) (COST/24hr	
Vancomyc+Amikacin	(99)	\$116.33		Vancomyc+Tobramyci	(100)	\$ 46.67	
Vancomyc+Ticar/cla	(99)	74.53		Vancomyc+Amikacin	(100)	116.33	
Vancomyc+Tobramyci	(98)	46.67		Vancomyc+Piperacil	(100)	74.97	
Vancomyc+Ceftazidi	(98)	57.03		Vancomyc+Ceftazidi	(100)	57.03	
Vancomyc+Aztreonam	(98)	60.24		Vancomyc+Aztreonam	n (100)	60.24	
EMPIRIC ANTIBIOTIC SUGGESTION: Vancomyc+Tobramyci							
»ANTIBIOTIC ALLERG	IES:	None rep	orted				
»RENAL FUNCTION: Normal, CrCl: >120, Max 24hr Cr= $.6\downarrow$ (.7) IBWeight: 67kg							
Enter <*> to order suggested antibiotics, press <enter> to continue</enter>							

Computerized Antibiotic Assistant

Took only 3.5 seconds for computer to gather data while it took a human 14 minutes using usual methods

Antibiotic allergies decreased from 13% to 6%

Adverse Drug Events (ADES) decreased 2.5% to 0.7%

Excess doses decreased from 36% to 16%

Mismatched micro-lab susceptibility went from 18% to 2%

Excess time on antibiotics decreased from 5.9 to 2.7 days

Computer-Assisted Antibiotic Management Ann Intern Med 1996; 124:884-890



Adverse Drug Events

Most common adverse event in hospitals Generic screen for quality Low voluntary reporting (U.S.) Costly to system and patients Agencies Use - WHO, FDA, JCAHO Many are Preventable

Identification of ADEs

<u>Period</u>	<u>ADEs</u>	<u>PATs</u>
May 88 - April 89	9 (0.04%)	25,142
May 89 - April 90	373 (1.6%)	23,297
May 90 - April 91	560 (2.3%)	22,247
May 91 - April 92	509 (2.3%)	21,963
Evans et a	I, 1993 AMIA Fall	Meeting

Adverse Drug Events

	Mortality (%)	Length of stay(days)	Cost of Hospitalization(\$)
Case patients	3.50	8.19	\$10,584
Matched cohort patients	t 1.05#	4.36+	\$ 5,350+
Attributable difference		1.94*	\$ 1,939**

#p<.001 by chi square, *p<.062 by paired t test, **p=.147 by paired t test, +p<.05 by t test</pre>

Evans et al, 1994, AMIA Fall Meeting



ADE and DOSING ERRORS

42% of ADEs are a result of drug-dosing errors Leape et. al. N Engl J Med 1991

Dosing errors occur in 45% of pts with renal failure Cantu, et. al. Am J hosp Pharm 1992

Renal failure is a major risk factor for ADEs Jick. Am J Med 1977

30% of Type A ADEs due to over doses in renal failure.

Evans, et. al. SCAMC 1992