ANTIMICROBIAL SIDE EFFECTS

Don’t forget to tell your patients all the expected side effects before you start antimicrobial medication and document it! We have learned that patients appreciate what to look for and what the risks/benefits are. Johns Hopkins Antibiotic Guide App or Sanford are great resources for this.

ANTIBIOTIC TIMEOUT CME

Stanford has great free CME’s on appropriate antibiotic use.
https://online.stanford.edu/courses/som-ycme0014-optimizing-antimicrobial-therapy-timeouts-cme
https://med.stanford.edu/cme/learning-opportunities/antimicrobialstewardship.html

NEW JHACO CLINIC REQUIREMENTS

Starting January 2020, The Joint Commission is implementing new requirements for Antimicrobial Stewardship in clinics. This means that we are tasked with ensuring that outpatient clinicians use antibiotics appropriately. You can get a head start by taking some of these very informative CME courses. Stay tuned for more on this in the coming months.

Question of the Month

What is the best way to obtain an outpatient ID consult or simply ask ID an outpatient question?

Use E-consults! Enter E-consults in the subject line in cerner and select Infectious Disease. If urgent, call operator to contact ID on call.

Did you know?

If your patient fails multiple rounds of antibiotics for a bacterial pneumonia and the cocci titer is negative, it could still be Coccidioidomycosis!

For all persistent pneumonias, we recommend that you repeat the cocci titer, obtain sputum for fungal culture, obtain a quantiferon and an HIV test. If no diagnosis obtained then consider bronchoscopy for sampling and biopsy.

Remember to do a tick check when out and about during summer months.

ID website for resources:
http://www.venturafamilymed.org/rotations/infectious-disease