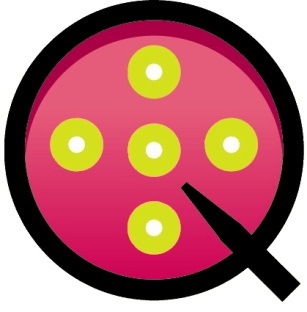
**Why have I been contacted by an auditor?**

for Prescribers

**What should I know about this audit activity?**

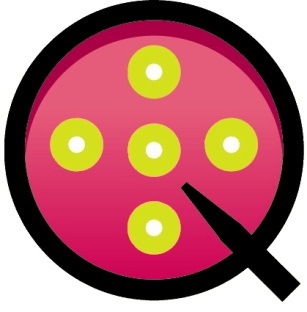
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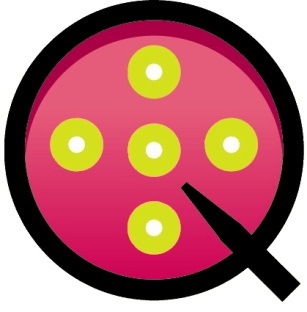
**THE 5x5 ANTIMICROBIAL AUDIT**



The 5x5 Antimicrobial Audit is used to collect information on empirical antimicrobial prescribing practices at *<Your Facility>.* The audit questions particularly focus on whether or not an indication for antimicrobial therapy has been documented, and if the choice of agent is concordant with either local or national antimicrobial prescribing guidelines.

The audit tool and its supporting components have been developed by the Clinical Excellence Commission, based on the work of the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group. Auditing will start on *<Start Date>* in *<Audit Wards/Teams>.* Use of the 5x5 Antimicrobial Audit is supported by *<Name (Title) of relevant clinical leaders or executive sponsors/ supporters e.g. Director of Medical Services, Head of Department>.*





The audit design involves a combination of both data collection and intervention, whereby trained auditors may be prompted to contact a medical team in clinically appropriate scenarios. This contact will usually be initiated to:

* Clarify the indication for antimicrobial therapy (where not clearly documented in the notes, chart or eMR)

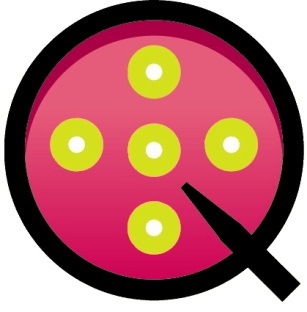
AND/OR

* Recommend guideline concordant antimicrobial therapy (where no reason has been provided for diverging from the prescribing guidelines)

AND/OR

* Discuss some other aspect of patient care, outside the scope of the audit.

**What happens to the results?**



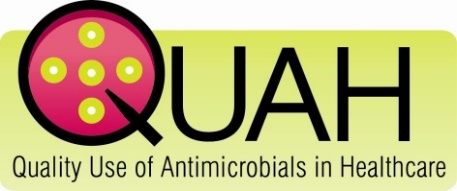
**Why has my patient been audited?**

The primary aim of the audit is to capture proportional results for two antimicrobial prescribing indicators:

1. Documentation of an indication
2. Concordance with guidelines (OR non-concordance with a documented reason)

Prescribers will receive regular feedback of results at a local level, via *<e.g. ward and clinician meetings, bulletin board posters and email>*. Results will also be reported to *<relevant committee and/or reporting lines>*.

Patients from the target audit population are randomly selected and then assessed for eligibility by trained auditors. A patient is likely to be eligible for the audit if they are receiving systemic antimicrobial therapy for an acute indication, and the infective pathogen was unknown at the time of prescribing.



For more information, please contact the Audit Coordinator for *<Your Facility>*:

***<Name (Title)>***

***<Contact Details>***