ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK ACTIVITY IDEAS

13-19 NOVEMBER 2017

Education

- Present at:
  - Grand Rounds
  - Department meetings
  - Nursing in-services
  - Pharmacist continuing education session
  - Pharmacy technician continuing education session
  - Consumer and community information sessions

- Topics to present
  - NAPS results
  - Areas for improvement
  - How you can reduce antibiotic resistance [as a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, consumer]

- Email – short, educational messages to staff daily on a different AMS subject. For example; what is antimicrobial stewardship (AMS); spotlight on certain antimicrobials (e.g. what vancomycin is, what it is indicated for, how to dose and monitor); infective conditions (e.g. community acquired pneumonia, urinary tract infections); surgical antibiotic prophylaxis; your hospitals antibiotic decision support and approval system (eASY, Guidance MS).

- Interactive learning workshops

Engagement

- Letter sent from the Executive to engage all clinicians
- Features on the intranet, newsletters, bulletins
- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (ACSQHC) key messages for Antibiotic Awareness Week (AAW) appearing as pop-up messages in eMR and network log-in
- Interview clinicians about the challenges of managing patients with multi-drug resistant organisms and strategies to optimise patient outcomes, upload onto the hospital’s intranet page each day during AAW
- Display – foyer display; poster display with the top 5 most inappropriately prescribed antibiotics from NAPS data; poster display with local resistance data
- Antibiotic suspension taste testing for prescribers, to consider palatability when choosing therapy for young patients as it may affect compliance
- Use social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook) to promote the week and your activities
Fun activities and games

- Game of Pokébiotic Go – antibiotics hidden around the hospital each day and clinicians had to find them and use them to 'kill' various bacteria (represented by pharmacists). Points were awarded based on susceptibilities with more points for using narrower spectrum antibiotics whenever possible. The bacteria became more resistant over the course of the week and clinicians who had found and saved the broad spectrum antibiotics were able to kill the bacteria towards the end of the week and gain the most points.
- Game of AMS taboo – taboo is a word guessing game with the objective being for a player to have their team guess the word on the player's card without using the word itself or five additional words listed on the card. The words used were relating to AMS.
- Consumer stand with cake-pops in the shape of bacteria
- Quizzes with prizes – sweets and soft plush toy microbes

Resources available

- Antibiotic Awareness Week T-shirts available from the Australian Commission
- NPS and Australian Commission Antibiotic Awareness Week promotional materials (posters, fact sheets, pull-up banner, screensaver, handouts etc.)
- NPS MedicineWise and Tropfest videos on antibiotic resistance available on https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQbp9AN4mtuqu61wnWaluGsVrpTJbDiah