

Antibiotic Stewardship Time-Out

48-72 hour antimicrobial review

Infectious Disease

PHYSICIAN REFERENCE

Ask

- Is infection still likely? What is the source? Are cultures/imaging available?

Optimize

- Narrow spectrum, stop duplicates, adjust dose for organ function, convert IV to oral when appropriate.

Define

- Document indication and intended duration/stop date; pursue source control.

Clinical safety note

Use this as a memory aid, not a prescription. Verify current guidelines, local protocols, contraindications, renal/hepatic dosing, pregnancy status, interactions and patient-specific factors before treatment.