



Includes appropriate selection, dosing, route, and duration of antimicrobial therapy. The purpose is to optimize the use of antimicrobials to achieve the best patient outcomes, reduce risk of infections, stabilize levels of antibiotic resistance & promote patient safety.

Antimicrobial Stewardship

- ✓ NS Health has an inter-disciplinary antimicrobial stewardship program (AMS)
- ✓ The program includes interventions to optimize antimicrobial use
- ✓ The program is evaluated on a regular basis and results are shared with stakeholders
- ✓ NS Health Antimicrobial Stewardship policy & procedure for IV to PO Stepdown is available [NSHA MM-SR-025](#)
- ✓ NS Health has the [Antimicrobial Stewardship Program intranet site](#). Please visit for more details!
- ✓ Patients & families, please visit our AMS patient & family section of our website: <https://library.nshealth.ca/AntibioticAwareness>
- ✓ We recommend all health care providers download the free Firstline (formerly Spectrum) app in the App Store: Firstline app or visit: <https://firstline.org/nsha/>



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