

Provincial Drugs & Therapeutics Antimicrobial Stewardship Subcommittee

To:	Health PEI Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Nurses
From:	PD&T Antimicrobial Stewardship Subcommittee (ASSC)
Date:	May 11 th , 2026
Re:	Status of Select Antimicrobial Stewardship Guidelines

Purpose

To inform clinical staff about the status of several Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) guidelines and provide interim guidance while updates are pending.

Background

Health PEI's AMS program is committed to providing **accessible, evidence-informed guidance** to support optimal antimicrobial use. Maintaining up-to-date clinical guidelines is essential to ensure safe and effective patient care.

Current Situation

A recent audit of AMS guidelines identified several that have not been formally reviewed in recent years:

- **Portions of the Sepsis guideline** including:
 - Intra-abdominal infections
 - Urinary tract infections
 - Meningitis and encephalitis
 - Sepsis of unknown source
- **Urinary Tract Infection guideline**
- **Gram-Positive Cocci in Clusters Bacteremia guideline**
- **Duration of Therapy guideline**

It is recognized that reviewing/updating AMS guidelines requires the clinical expertise of a dedicated Infectious Diseases physician/Medical Microbiologist. At present, guideline updates remain on hold due to the absence of Infectious Diseases or Medical Microbiologist resources for the AMS Program within Health PEI.

Interim Guidance

Until updates can be completed, the above guidelines and associated order sets will be clearly labeled with the following disclaimer:

****ARCHIVED GUIDELINE**** This guideline was developed based on evidence and practice standards available at the time of publication. Recommendations may no longer be current. Clinicians should consult other clinical guidelines and use judgment when making treatment decisions.

This recommendation was endorsed and approved by ASSC and PD&T

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