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Attention NHSN AUR Module Users!

Webinar: NHSN Antimicrobial
Use Option SAAR Rebaseline on
January 28, 2026, at 2:00 PM CST

- Overview of the SAAR
- Updates to the SAAR models
- Comparison of current 2017/2018 baseline/new 2023 baseline
- Live Q&A session

Access the webinar using
Microsoft Teams

[Join the meeting here](#)

Meeting ID: 257 704 060 485 96

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Can't make it? A replay
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on

**February 5, 2026, at 11:00
AM CST**

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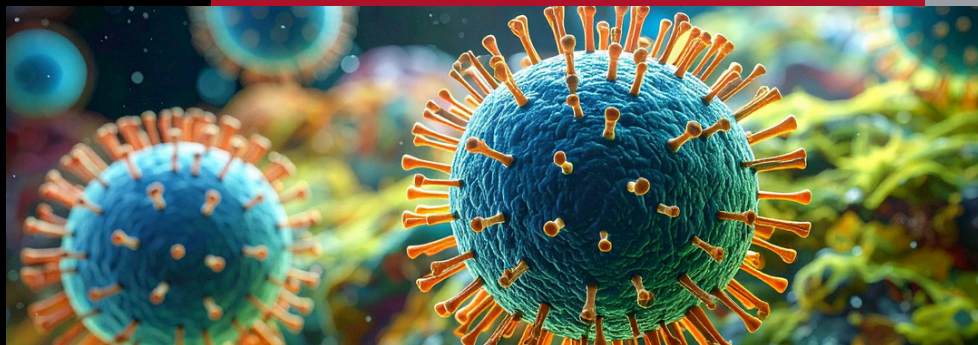
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NEBRASKA ASAP YEAR IN REVIEW 2025

Thank you for making Antibiotic Stewardship a priority in 2025 and we look forward to 2026!

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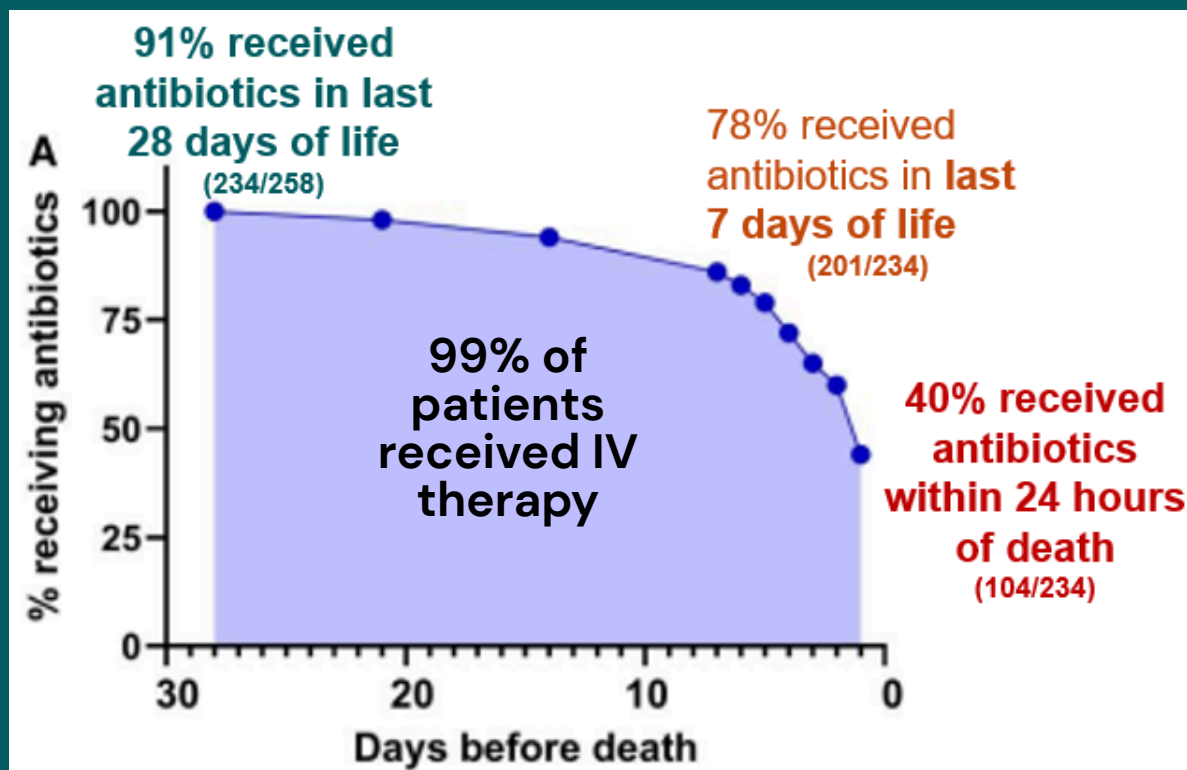
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MAJOR ARTICLE

Factors Influencing Antimicrobial Choice and Duration During the Last Month of Life in Hospitalized Patients

Fergal Howley,^{1,2} Eva Jones,^{2,3} Ciara Anderson,¹ Ryan Fagan,³ Sam Grennan,^{1,2} Bettina Korn,⁴ Liam Townsend,^{1,5} Ciaran Bannan,^{1,5} and Aoibheann Conneely^{2,5,6}

This study published in November 2025 highlights a high burden of antibiotic therapy, in particular broad-spectrum antibiotics near the end of life. The most common antibiotic given was piperacillin/tazobactam and nearly a third of patients received a carbapenem in the last 28 days of their life, despite only 3% of patients being colonized with ESBL-producing gram-negative bacteria. Antibiotics are often continued despite comfort-focused goals and documentation of futility.



Overall, there are many opportunities for stewardship:

- Early palliative care involvement
- Explicit documentation of antimicrobial goals
- Proactive antibiotic stewardship team review of end-of-life patients

[Article Link](#)

LONG-TERM CARE

MULTISOCIETY GUIDANCE FOR INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN NURSING HOMES

MODY L, ADVANI S, ASHRAF MS, ET AL. ICHE NOVEMBER 2025

This guidance endorsed by SHEA, APIC, IDSA, PALTmed, and AGS provides recommendations for Antimicrobial Stewardship on pages 19-21 and addresses:

- Who should be involved in supporting a nursing home's antimicrobial stewardship program?
- What strategies are effective for improving antibiotic use in nursing homes?
- What are effective strategies for implementing policies and metrics of success?
- What are the protocols for identifying, assessing, and potentially deprescribing antibiotics for newly transferred residents?

[Click Here to
Review the
Guidance](#)

TRUE OR FALSE?!?? TOP MYTHS OF DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES



Looking for up-to-date education to meet
your annual education Core Element?

Originally presented at the Nebraska Hospital
Association's annual Quality Conference in 2025, this
55-minute presentation by Nebraska ASAP covers:

- Shorter durations of antibiotic therapy
- Importance of de-labeling penicillin allergies
- Fewer tests through diagnostic stewardship

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