According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), antibiotic resistance is one of the world’s most pressing public health problems. People of all ages can lower this risk by talking to their healthcare providers and using antibiotics appropriately.

Two major reasons that antibiotic resistance occurs are overuse (such as taking antibiotics for viral illnesses, i.e. colds) and misuse (such as skipping doses or not completing the full course of antibiotics). Studies have demonstrated 50% of all antibiotic use is either unnecessary or inappropriate.

Taking antibiotics when they are not needed can do more harm than good. Widespread inappropriate use of antibiotics is fueling an increase in drug resistant disease causing bacteria. Almost every type of bacteria has become stronger and less responsive to antibiotic treatment when it really is needed. These antibiotic resistant bacteria can quickly spread among families, schools and co-workers, thus threatening the community with a new strain of infectious disease that is more difficult to cure and more expensive to treat.

Some of the more common antibiotic resistant infections that affect Indiana citizens include Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), *Clostridium difficile* (CDI), *Streptococcus pneumoniae*, and Tuberculosis. Presently, there are additional diseases emerging as threats to the health of Hoosiers.
The Antibiotic Use and Resistance Resource Manual which follows includes information from the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), CDC, Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC), Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID), World Health Organization (WHO), Society for Hospital Epidemiology of America (SHEA), Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC), Indiana Coalition for Antibiotic Resistance Education Strategies (ICARES), and Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA), and other state health departments. These resources include links to a variety of information from fact sheets, brochures, posters, and other sources for the general public, schools, and other organizations/facilities; including detailed medical guidelines for healthcare professionals. We hope this information will be helpful in reducing your risk of infection and providing healthcare personnel with the most current information on Antibiotic Resistance.

This manual is divided into categories with subtopics under each. By selecting a category in the table of contents, you will be directed to the resources (links) available for that specific subject.

The inclusion of documents, lectures and specific products in this Antibiotic Use and Resistance Resource Manual does not constitute an endorsement of any product or company by the ISDH.

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- **Anti-B’s Coloring Sheet, Texas State Dept. of Health Services**
- Antibiotic Resistance, FDA
  [http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForConsumers/ByAudience/ForWomen/ucm121845.pdf](http://www.fda.gov/downloads/ForConsumers/ByAudience/ForWomen/ucm121845.pdf)
- **Antibiotic Safety, APIC**
- Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work, CDC
- **Antibiotic Resistance Questions and Answers, CDC**
- Hospital vs. Home Setting Precautions for Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria
  Fact Sheet, Texas State Dept. of Health Services
- **Antibiotic Resistance in Indiana, ICARES, Marion Co. Health Dept.**
- Information for Everyone, CDC
  [http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/specific-groups/everyone.html](http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/specific-groups/everyone.html)
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Healthcare Guidelines


- IDSA Clinical Practice Guideline for Acute Bacterial Rhinosinusitis in Children and Adults, March 20, 2012
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General Information

- Alliance for the Prudent Use of Antibiotics (APUA)
  http://www.tufts.edu/med/apua/

- Campaign to Prevent Antimicrobial Resistance in Healthcare Settings, CDC

- CDC's Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work Program - Information for Outpatient Healthcare Providers

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- Antimicrobial Stewardship for the Community Hospital, CDC
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  bedside-meeting-furthers-evidencebased-infection-control-
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  Environmental Disinfection, ICT, February 2012
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- *Get Smart About Antibiotics Week 2012*, CDC, ICT, November 2012

- *Get Smart for Healthcare Slides*- CDC
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- **Guide to the Elimination of MRSA Transmission in Hospital Settings, APIC, 2010**
- **Guide to MRSA in Long-Term Care Settings, APIC, 2009**
- **Management of Multidrug-Resistant Organisms in Healthcare Settings, 2006, CDC and HICPAC**
- **Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings, 2002, CDC**
- **Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care, 2009, WHO**
- **2007 Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings, CDC and HICPAC**
- **Clinical Practice Guidelines for *Clostridium difficile* Infection in Adults; 2010 Update by SHEA and IDSA (May 2010)**
- **Guide to the Elimination of *Clostridium difficile* in Healthcare Settings, APIC Guide 2008**
- **SHEA Guideline for Preventing Nosocomial [HAI] Transmission of Multidrug-Resistant Strains of *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Enterococcus*, (SHEA, May 2003)**

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- ***Clostridium difficile* in Long-Term-Care Facilities for the Elderly** SHEA, November 2002
- **Guide to the Elimination of Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) in the Long-Term Care Facility** APIC Guide, 2009
Hand Hygiene Information

- [Clean Care is Safer Care, World Health Organization Campaign](http://www.who.int/handhygiene/clean_care_is_safer_care/en/)
- [General Hand Hygiene Posters, Department of Veterans Affairs](http://www.va.gov/handhygiene/posters.php)
- [Hand Hygiene in Healthcare Settings, CDC](http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/Guidelines.html)
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- Hand Hygiene Educational Training, CDC
  [http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/training.html](http://www.cdc.gov/handhygiene/training.html)
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