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BUT.....

- We don't often detect the microorganism that's causing the infection: Most of our antimicrobial use is empiric – based on a best guess of what bug is likely to be causing the infection
- Antimicrobial stewardship: Sensible use of antimicrobials to ensure infection is treated properly, unnecessary use is avoided, unintended consequences of antimicrobials minimised and antimicrobials are preserved for use by future generations





































- 1. Promote IV to PO switch No IV line = no IV line infection
- 2. Do your bit to prevent HAI No HAI = No treatment for HAI needed
- 3. Highlight long treatment courses on ward rounds
- 4. Question when patients return from theatre on antibiotics when surgery wasn't done for suspected infection
- 5. Remind prescribers if your patient has a history of *C. difficile* infection



