Document the indication for antimicrobial use in the prescription

ANTIMICROBIALS ARE A PRECIOUS RESOURCE

Help keep antimicrobials working by documenting a meaningful indication for their use in each prescription

This facilitates:

• Thoughtful antimicrobial prescribing

• Communication between healthcare providers, and with patients

• Timely reassessment of the appropriateness of antimicrobial use

• Reduced patient harm from inappropriate antimicrobial use

• Decreased errors through prescription misinterpretation

• Justification of non-guideline compliant prescribing

• Quality improvement initiatives including auditing

United to preserve antimicrobials

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