

Introduction and Legal Notice

The Fraser Health Antimicrobial Stewardship Program (ASP) has developed this Handbook to support clinicians in managing common infections. The ASP is committed to promoting appropriate antimicrobial use within the facilities owned and operated by, or under contract with, Fraser Health Authority (“FHA”). Appropriate antimicrobial use optimizes patient care and outcomes, slows the emergence of antimicrobial resistance, and improves the efficiency of our health care system.

This resource is developed by the ASP in conjunction with local subject matter experts and Fraser Health Authority stakeholders. It may be revised based on the most recent literature, including applicable national guidelines, taking into account our local antimicrobial resistance. Consequently, prior to use, please ensure you have the latest revision.

This resource is endorsed by the ASP in conjunction with the inter-disciplinary Regional ASP Committee and the Fraser Health Division of Infectious Diseases. We have attempted to verify that all information is correct. However, with ongoing clinical advances things may change. If there is any doubt about the information in this Handbook, please verify the information by contacting the ASP.

We recognize that on occasion departure from suggested practices in this Handbook will be necessary. We are interested in knowing why the departure is necessary. We appreciate learning the challenges faced by our clinicians in managing infections, as well as new approaches and data as they become available so that we may update this Handbook as needed. To ensure appropriate communication to patient care team members, it is recommended that clinicians document the reasons for departure from this Handbook in the patient’s chart.

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