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Memorandum

To: Medical and Pharmacy staff
From: Dr Marion Kainer, Infectious Diseases Head of Unit
CC:
Date: Thursday 6th February 2020
Subject: Cerner Electronic Medical Records (EMR) Mandatory Antimicrobial Indication Order Entry Field

Dear all staff,

As part of ongoing efforts to ensure the judicious use of antimicrobials, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care requires that antimicrobial indications are clearly documented in the medication order.

The EMR antimicrobial indication order entry field is currently mandatory for “restricted” and “highly restricted” antimicrobials, the list of which can be found in OP-GC5 “Antimicrobial Stewardship and Restrictions to Antimicrobial Use” as well as in the WH Drug Formulary available on the intranet.

As of midday on Tuesday 11th February 2020, the EMR antimicrobial indication order entry field will be mandatory for all antimicrobials, irrespective of their designated restriction classification.

At the present time this is a free-text field. We anticipate that it will be changed to a defined values list in the future.

To this end, well documented antimicrobial indications help improve communication of antimicrobial treatment between clinicians to ensure that our patients receive safe and best care.

Kind Regards,

Dr. Marion Kainer
Head of Infectious Diseases